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City of Halifax

Board of Control minutes

Nov. 1, 1917 to Apr. 30, 1918

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Administrative History: The Board of Control was established in the 1913 City Charter, taking over as the executive committee of Council, until it was repealed in May 1919. It was composed of the Mayor and four controllers. Controllers were members of Council elected by the whole City for two year terms. The Board could fix regular meeting times or could meet as often as necessary, often three times per week at noon. All meetings of the Board were open to the public, and were chaired by the Mayor.

The impetus to change the structure of municipal government came from the Special Committee on Board of Control, created by Council in 1910, and a special committee on Civic Administration of the Halifax Board of Trade. Pressured by the Board of Trade, City Council held a plebiscite on April 26, 1911, which favoured civic reform. Aldermen resisted the pressure to reform, but the provincial Legislature passed a bill forcing a Board of Control on the City of Halifax in May 1912, although it was not proclaimed until April 1913 (NS Statutes 2Geo.V c.77), and the first city elections under the new system were held on April 30, 1913. Controllers, like aldermen were elected every two years, and, unlike aldermen, received an annual \$1000 stipend, as they were expected to be more involved in the business operations of the City.

The Board had responsibility for the duties that had previously been assigned to the following standing Committees: The Committee of City Works; The Police Committee; The Committee on Cabs; The Committee on Finance; The Committee on City Prison; The Committee on Laws and Privileges; The Committee on Tenders; The Committee on Charities; The Committee of Firewards.

During the Board of Control era of government, City Council's power was greatly reduced, as was its size (2 aldermen per ward). Aldermen met irregularly, when the controllers, who were also voting members of Council, brought forward policy proposals and financial recommendations. Council could only reject a Board of Control recommendation twice with two-thirds majority. This centralized power in the Board of Control and often pitted aldermen against controllers.

Increased city spending brought opposition to the Board of Control system of governance, with several proposals to replace it narrowly defeated in the spring of 1918. Animosity between newly elected mayor A.C. Hawkins and aldermen resulted in 10 of 12 aldermen resigning mid-1918, essentially leaving city governance to the mayor and controllers, until the Nova Scotia Legislature passed a bill in the spring of 1919 to hold a plebiscite on doing away with the Board of Control. The April 30 1919 plebiscite brought a return to the old aldermanic system and municipal elections were held on May 28, 1919 and the alderman sworn in on June 3.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

FORWARDED 1st, 1917.

Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock,

at the Mayor and Controller's Office,

Minutes

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to

April 30th 1918.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 1st, 1917.

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

(Controller Taylor is called away from the meeting).

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Shade Trees.
- Tower Road - Capt. Hicks.
- Ex-Policeman Hugh Scott.
- Fodder Tenders.
- Dublin Street Sewer.
- B. J. Mulcahy, Superintendent City Home.
- Sunday Selling in Small Shops.
- Sydney Locke.
- City Home Tenders for Supplies.
- T. C. Allen & Co.- Account for Annual Civic Report 1915-16.
- Home for Neglected Colored Children.
- Cunard Street Sidewalk.

SHADE TREES.

Read report Superintendent Richard L. Power of the Public Gardens, as follows:-

Public Gardens, Halifax, N. S.,
October 31st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report on a tree in front of premises #27 Inglis Street. Alderman Foley reported the tree to me as an obstruction to traffic of teams, etc. I examined it and found the tree showed signs of where teams had struck it. I started to cut off the branches that were interfering, when the owner objected, so I left it as it was. If this is not attended to, it will mean that the City may be liable to damage. The branch is useless to the tree as it is scarred and injuring the tree. I would suggest that the owner be sent a copy of the Shade Tree Act, where the City can cut trees interfering with traffic.

Richard L. Power.

Mr. Power is instructed to trim the tree under the provisions of Section 623 of the City Charter, and a copy of the law is ordered to be forwarded to the occupant of premises #27 Inglis Street.

*R. L. Power ✓
W. E. McMillan ✓*

November 1st, 1917.

Humphrey Mellish, K. C., being present at the meeting on another matter, called attention to a tree near #33 Hollis Street, the branches of which hang too low over the sidewalk.

The Superintendent of the Public Gardens is instructed to trim the tree.

TOWER ROAD - CAPT. HICKS.

Read letter Capt. John Hicks, as follows:-

The Oaks, Bower Road,
October 31st, 1917.

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

The Tower Road, south of Inglis Street, remains full of holes and the crop of grass on either side of the road will soon be useless as a crop, but becomes daily more unsightly and disreputable looking.

John Hicks.

Referred to the City Engineer.

EX-POLICEMAN HUGH SCOTT.

Read application Ex-Policeman Hugh Scott for reinstatement as a member of the Police Force.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

FODDER TENDERS.

Again read report Clerk of Works, October 30th, 1917, re tenders for fodder for the various civic departments. Also read report Clerk of Works, October 31st, as follows:-

City Works Department,
October 31st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

As requested, I interviewed Mr. F. W. Fraser in connection with his tender for forage, and attach hereto his letter, in which he states that if contract is awarded him he will supply No. 2 Western Oats, that being the same grade offered by Messrs. S. C. Thompson.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

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Halifax, N.S., Oct. 30th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

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I hereby agree to supply No. 2 Western Oats for Contract, if awarded to me.

F. W. Fraser.

Humphrey Mellish, K. C., representing S. C. Thompson, one of the tenderers for fodder, appears before and addresses the Board, claiming that none of the tenderers should be privileged to alter their tender after being opened by the Board without calling for new tenders from all concerned.

Moved by Controller Murphy that the tender of F. W. Fraser, being the lowest, be recommended to the City Council for acceptance. Motion passed unanimously.

DUBLIN STREET SEWER.

Charles A. Norton appeared before the Board, asking when sewer construction in Dublin Street will be commenced. The City Engineer is requested to report.

B. J. MULCAHY, SUPERINTENDENT CITY HOME.

Controller Hines verbally reported that B. J. Mulcahy, who has been on leave of absence from duty for a number of months on account of illness, reported this morning that he is feeling better, and prepared to resume his duties at once. Approved.

Controller Hines also reported that Mr. Mulcahy expressed his gratefulness to the City for their kind treatment of him during his indisposition.

Controller Hines is authorized to arrange with James H. Dow for relieving him after one week's notice from his temporary employment as Acting Assistant Superintendent.

SUNDAY SELLING IN SMALL SHOPS.

Read letter and resolution Social service Council, as follows:-

The Social Service Council of N. S.,
Halifax, N.S., October 29th, 1917

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

The enclosed resolution was passed by the

Council ✓

Engineer ✓

Council ✓
B J Mulcahy ✓
Cont - Hines ✓
Jas H Dow ✓

November 1st, 1917.

Social Service Council of the Province last Friday. It is gratifying to note that action has been taken in regard to the matter complained of and that things were evidently more as they ought to be on the Lord's Day just passed.

F. E. Barrett, Secretary.

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RESOLVED that this Social Service Council of the Province of Nova Scotia heartily endorses the movement on foot to stop the selling now widely carried on in the City of Halifax on Sunday contrary to the provision of the Lord's Day Act; and pledges its support to the efforts of the Lord's Day Alliance and of the Evangelical Alliance to secure active steps being taken by the Board of Control to rectify the present thoroughly unsatisfactory conditions.

Filed.

Controller Murphy submits the following report:-

Halifax, November 1st, 1917.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

It would seem the instructions recently issued with regard to the observance of the Sunday closing law is being interpreted along very broad lines and in a more general way than contemplated in the Act. I do not feel it was ever intended that obtaining such necessities as bread milk, etc. should be prevented, but rather that the abuses by the sale of such articles as could well be done without was and is the purpose of this Act. Assuming this to be the correct interpretation I would suggest that the Police be instructed to confine their efforts to such stores as are offering for sale articles other than the simple necessities of food mentioned above, and that the smaller stores confining themselves purely to these necessities be not interfered with.

John Murphy,
Controller.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the report is unanimously adopted.

The City Solicitor is requested for his opinion as to Controller Murphy's recommendation.

SYDNEY LOCKE.

Read letter Sydney Locke on various matters.

Filed.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Read report Secretary of the City Home re tenders for supplies, as follows:-

*Cont. Taylor ✓
Chief of Police ✓
City Solicitor ✓*

November 1st, 1917.

City Home, Halifax, N. S.,
October 30th, 1917.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit the following report re tenders for supplies at City Home as per your resolution of 30th inst.

Flour.

	Time	70%	80%
Gunn & Co., Ltd.	3 mos.	\$11.50	\$11.30
" " " "	6 mos.	11.60	11.40
" " " "	12 mos.	11.95	11.75

Only tender received. Increase of \$2.30 per bbl. on 265 bbls. - \$609.50 to April 30th.

Dry Goods.

W. Y. Kennedy, only tender, 6 mos. There is very little increase in prices compared with last 6 mos. tender, except in grey cotton. The quantities required are larger as we require more goods during the winter months. The increase on grey cotton is 5¢ per yard on 650 yards - \$32.50.

Milk.

Wm. Rogers, only tender received. Option of 3 mos., 6 mos. or one year. at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ qt., an increase of 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢ per qt. over last year's price - increase on 6 mos. to April 30th, \$299.75.

Butter.

Smith & Proctor, only tender received. 3 mos., 44¢ per lb., 6 mos. 44¢ per lb., 1 year, 42¢ per lb. Increase to April 30th, at 42¢ per lb., - \$259.00.

Fresh Fish.

Leonard Fisheries, Ltd. - only tender received, being for a period of three mos. at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per lb. being an increase of \$25.00.

Meats.

- W. A. Maling & Co., for 3 mos. -

7500 lbs. of fore beef	@ 20¢ per lb.	\$1500.00
3000 " " hind	" @ 17¢ " "	510.00
75 " " lamb	@ 28¢ " "	21.00
80 " " veal	@ 25¢ " "	20.00
100 " " fr. pork	@ 26¢ " "	26.00
200 " " c. beef	@ 17¢ " "	34.00
		<u>\$2111.00</u>

- J. A. Leaman & Co., for 3 mos.-

7500 lbs. of fore beef	@ 18¢ per lb.	\$1350.00
3000 " " hind	" @ 21¢ " "	630.00
75 " " lamb	@ 32¢ " "	24.00
80 " " veal	@ 26¢ " "	20.80
100 " " fr. pork	@ 34¢ " "	34.00
200 " " c. beef	@ 18¢ " "	36.00
		<u>\$2094.80</u>

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- H. L. Williston, for three mos. -

7500 lbs. fore beef	@ 16¢ per lb.	\$1200.00
3000 " hind "	@ 18¢ " "	540.00
75 " lamb	@ 30¢ " "	22.50
80 " veal	@ 24¢ " "	19.20
100 " fr. pork	@ 30¢ " "	30.00
200 " c. beef	@ 18¢ " "	36.00
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		\$1847.70

- J. A. Leaman & Co., for 6 mos. -

15000 lbs. fore beef	@ 20¢ per lb.	\$3000.00
6000 " hind "	@ 24¢ " "	1440.00
150 " lamb	@ 35¢ " "	52.50
160 " veal	@ 26¢ " "	41.60
200 " fr. pork	@ 34¢ " "	68.00
400 " c. beef	@ 20¢ " "	80.00
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		\$4682.10

- H. L. Willison, for 6 mos. -

15000 lbs. fore beef	@ 17¢ per lb.	\$2550.00
6000 " hind "	@ 19¢ " "	1140.00
150 " lamb	@ 30¢ " "	45.00
160 " veal	@ 24¢ " "	38.40
200 " fr. pork	@ 30¢ " "	60.00
400 " c. beef	@ 18¢ " "	72.00
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		\$3905.40

James O'Bryan,
Secretary.

The report is considered clause by clause.

Flour.

It is decided not to accept any of the tenders for flour, but to recommend to Council that the City Home purchase its flour for the next month as required in the open market at the cheapest prices obtainable.

Dry Goods.

It is decided to recommend the acceptance of the tender of W. Y. Kennedy for six months.

Milk.

It is decided to recommend the acceptance of the tender of Wm. Rogers for six months' supply.

Butter.

Tender of Smith & Proctor for six months accepted.

Fresh Fish.

Tender of Leonard Fisheries, Ltd. for three months accepted.

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Meats.

Tender of H. L. Williston for six months accepted.

Tenders for supply fo groceries for the City are received and opened as per schedules, from J. Tobin & Co., totalling \$2,060.20, and Wentzell's Ltd., totalling \$2,059.05/

It is recommended that the tender of Wentzell's Ltd, being the lowest, be accepted.

T. C. ALLEN & CO.- ACCOUNT FOR ANNUAL CITY REPORT 1915-16.

On motion of Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy, it is decided to recommend for payment when funds are available, the account of T. C. Allen & Co., \$371.85, for printing Annual Civic Report, 1915-16, of which \$174.85 is chargeable to Printing and Stationery Account, and \$197.00 to Water Department.

Controller Murphy desired to be recorded as opposed to the ordering of 250 extra copies of the City Engineer's annual report over and above the 500 copies of the joint report customarily published, and recommended further that a quantity of matter which he considered useless be left out of the report so that its bulk, and therefore the expense, may be cut down.

HOME FOR NEGLECTED COLORED CHILDREN.

In respect to the resolution passed at meeting October 30th, 1917, recommending a contribution of \$500.00 towards a home for neglected colored children, it is decided to recommend to Council that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft legislation empowering the City to make such a grant.

CUNARD STREET SIDEWALK.

Controller Murphy reported that the cost of altering curb and gutter and sidewalk and bitulithic paving at the corner of Cunard and Gottingen Streets, for the purpose of

Council ✓

Clerk's work ✓
Engineer ✓
Auditor ✓
Council ✓

Council ✓
Auditor ✓
Solicitor ✓

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changing the grade to conform to Dr. Little's shop at the corner, is estimated at about \$201.00.

*Engineer ✓
Council ✓*

Referred to the City Engineer for report in writing to be submitted at a special meeting of the Board tomorrow morning. Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

Street Carts Overhauling.
City House Repairs for December - Progress Indlers.
Canadian Road Widening - McFarlane's Property Depreciation.
Sydney Trucks - Gas Works - Dominion Coal Co. - City Taxes
Taxes.
Foster Highway.
William's High Road.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer, Section 1 - Change Road to
Jubilee Road.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer, Section 2 - Change Road to
Jubilee Road.
Fire Garage, Albert's House, Hollis Street.
Improvement on Macintosh's - Ch. G. Grogan.
New Garage - Waste Construction Co. contract.
Cemetery.
Market Street Sewer.
Trades and Street Lines.
Cable.
Sewer.
Lights Out.
Sewerage.

W. H. DAVIESON, CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF CONTROL, HALIFAX.

W. H. Davison, Chairman, Board of Control, Halifax, Nova Scotia, appeared before and addressed the Board, and submitted the following correspondence:

Halifax, October 30th, 1917.

W. H. Davison, Esq.,
City Hall,
Halifax, N.S.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd inst., regarding the proposed widening of the road at the corner of the street and the street, and the fact that the same has been referred to the Board of Control for their consideration. The Board of Control will be held on Monday, November 1st, 1917, at 10 o'clock, and it is my duty to advise you of the fact that the Board will be held on that date. The Board will be held on that date, and it is my duty to advise you of the fact that the Board will be held on that date.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 6th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Liquor Inspector Tracey as Provincial Constable.
Report City Prison for October.
Traffic on Streets - Street Cars Stopping at Near Crossings - Spring Garden Road One-way Street.
Street Cars Overcrowding.
City Home Report for October - Produce Tenders.
Chebucto Road Widening - McFatrige Property Expropriation.
Sydney Locke - Gas Works - Dominion Coal Co. - City Water Pipes.
Fodder Supplies.
Policeman Hugh Scott.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer, Section 1 - Oakland Road to Jubilee Road.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer, Section 2 - Oakland Road to Chain Rock.
Fire Escape, Alberta House, Hollis Street.
Superannuation Assessments John Quigley.
City Market - Keefe Construction Co. contract.
Abattoir.
Gunard Street Grade.
Grades and Street Lines.
Coal.
Chairman.
Lights Out.
Accounts.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR TRACEY AS PROVINCIAL CONSTABLE.

W. S. Davison, Chairman Returned Soldiers' Reception Committee, appeared before and addressed the Board, and submitted the following correspondence:-

Halifax, October 30th, 1917.

W. S. Davison, Esq.,
City.
My Dear Davison:-

I have the petition which you handed me asking to have E. S. Tracey, appointed a Provincial Constable, up for consideration with my colleagues - the members for Halifax. The view is taken that the request for this appointment ought to come from the City Council of Halifax. He is their official, and if they approve and request such an enlargement of his jurisdiction and authority as this office would confer, the members for Halifax will recommend the appointment.

G. E. Faulkner.

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Halifax, November 5th, 1917.

His Worship Mayor Martin,
City.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the petition recently presented to you for signature, asking that Inspector Tracey be appointed a Provincial Constable, I attach herewith a letter from Mr. Geo. E. Faulkner, M. P. P., in which he says that owing to Mr. Tracey being a city official, a request to make him Provincial Constable should be made through the City Council of Halifax. Would you therefore bring this request up at the first meeting of the Council. We trust the Council will approve of this appointment, as during the past fortnight it has developed that liquor is being held outside of the City limits and is being brought in at different times, and with Mr. Tracey as Provincial Constable it could be stopped.

W. S. Davidson,
Chairman Returned Soldiers'
Committee.

Approved, Controller Murphy recorded as voting
against.

His Worship the Mayor is called from the meeting.

The chair is taken by Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell.

REPORT CITY PRISON FOR OCTOBER.

Read report Governor City Prison for the month of
October. Filed.

TRAFFIC ON STREETS - STREET CARS STOPPING AT NEAR
CROSSINGS - SPRING GARDEN ROAD A ONE-WAY STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office
November 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

We beg to report on the resolution of the Board of Control with reference to having the street cars stop on the near side of the intersecting streets instead of on the far side, and on the advisability of making Spring Garden Road from Barrington Street to Crafton Street a one-way street, as follows:-

With regard to the first proposition, the Tram Company have in use at present about forty-six closed cars, Of these, only ten have doors on the front vestibules opening to the left. On the paved streets there would be little difference from the point of view of the convenience of the passengers, whether the cars stopped on the near or the far side, but elsewhere in town, if the cars stopped on the near side, and the passengers were

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obliged to alight from the rear platform, it would mean there would be no crossing for them to step on, and this would mean, more especially during the winter and spring months, great inconvenience and discomfort to them. If the cars were equipped with doors opening to the left so that passengers could get off the front platform, there might be some argument in favor of having the cars stop at the rear crossings.

The Tram Company are at present altering the closed cars, so that the doors will open in this manner, and in our opinion, the question of changing the stopping place should be postponed until all the cars are thus equipped.

With regard to the second matter, your Board is aware that traffic conditions are extremely congested and bad at the intersection of Spring Garden Road and Barrington Street. The stationing of traffic policemen there some time ago has been of great service, more especially in regard to safety of the public, but owing to the congestion the convenience of the public is not served on account of the delay. There is a proposition at present before the Board of Control to acquire a strip of St. Paul's Cemetery so as to widen this part of Spring Garden Road. Should this be done, it would probably be possible to allow the traffic both ways on this street without inconvenience or danger, but at present, it is our opinion in the interests of the safety and convenience of the public, that vehicular traffic on Spring Garden Road between Grafton Street and Barrington Street, with the exception of the street cars and funerals, should be only allowed to proceed in an easterly direction, and that all vehicles wishing to go to the westward of Barrington Street, should be obliged to go up Flowers Street or Morris Street.

G. W. Taylor,
Controller.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The clause of the report relating to the stopping of street cars at the rear side of the street is filed.

With respect to the clause relating to traffic on Spring Garden Road, the City Solicitor is instructed to prepare and submit the same at Thursday's meeting, an ordinance regulating vehicular traffic on Spring Garden Road, between Grafton and Barrington Streets, providing that with the exception of street cars and funerals, such traffic shall only be allowed in an easterly direction, and that all vehicles wishing to go to the westward on Barrington Street, shall be obliged to go up Flowers Street or Morris Street.

*Solicitor ✓
Engineer ✓
Council ✓*

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STREET CARS OVER-CROWDING.

Controller Hines called attention to the over-crowding of street cars. On a recent evening about 10 o'clock, an over-crowded car going up Buckingham Street, stopped six times on account of excessive load, and each time the car slipped back down the hill because the brakes would not hold. Passengers boarded the car in spite of the conductor, who tried to keep them off. He thought cars going up Buckingham Street should not take more passengers than could be seated.

** H. Wallis ✓
Tram Co*

The Secretary is instructed to call the attention of of the Tramway Company to the complaint.

CITY HOME REPORT FOR OCTOBER.

Read report City Home for the month of October, including a recommendation that tenders be invited for supply of 1,000 bushels of potatoes and 50 bushels of turnips, usually called for about the 20th of November.

*Council ✓
Cont. Hines ✓*

The report is approved, and Controller Hines authorized to purchase from the City Prisons such quantity of potatoes and turnips as that institution has to spare.

CHEBUCTO ROAD WIDENING - McFATRIDGE PROPERTY EXPROPRIATION.

Read report and expropriation resolution submitted by the Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's office,
November 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have taken all the preliminary steps required by the City Charter for the purpose of expropriating the land required from William McFtridge for the purpose of widening Chebucto Road at the said property, and beg to submit the accompanying resolution, which, when passed, and the money paid into Court, and the description, plan and resolution filed in the office of the Registrar of deeds, will vest the title of the property in the City.

In my opinion, while the widening of the street will take a certain amount of Mr. McFtridge's property, it will, nevertheless, enhance the value of the remainder of

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the said property. The area required is about 1090 square feet, and the assessed value of the same is 12¢ per square foot.

I would recommend that the City pay into Court the sum of \$125.00 for the land to be taken.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

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WHEREAS the City of Halifax requires the land and premises hereinafter described for the purpose of widening and straightening Chebucto Road, and the City engineer has duly prepared a plan of the said land and premises, together with a description of the same, and submitted the said report, description and plan to the City Council for its approval, and the said report, description and plan were duly approved by the City Council on the 4th day of October, 1917, and a copy of the same has been filed in the office of the City Engineer, as required by law;

AND WHEREAS on the 13th day of October, 1917, a notice containing a description of the land and premises so required was duly served on William McFatriage, claiming to be the owner of the said land and premises, together with a notice of the intention of the City to expropriate the said land from the said owner after the expiration of the time required by law from the date of the service of such notice;

AND WHEREAS a notice containing a description of the said land so required and a notice of the intention of the City Council to expropriate the said land and premises after the expiration of the time required by law from the date of such expropriation was duly published by the City Engineer in the Acadian Recorder, Evening Mail and Daily Echo, three newspapers in the City of Halifax, for two weeks by two insertions each week, namely, on the 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th days of October, A. D., 1917;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the said land the premises be and the same are hereby expropriated, which said land and premises are described as follows:-

All that lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on the south side of Chebucto Road in the City and County of Halifax, the said lot being more particularly described as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the official south line of Chebucto Road, the said point being 243 feet more or less westerly from the west line of Chebucto Ree Lane; thence westerly by the said official south line of Chebucto Road 130 feet more or less or to the western boundary of property belonging to the said William McFatriage; thence northerly by the said western boundary until it meets the existing south line of Chebucto Road 130 feet more or less or to the eastern boundary of the said McFatriage property; thence southerly by the said existing eastern boundary of the said McFatriage property to the place of beginning.

The above described lot being all that property shown enclosed by red lines on a plan entitled "Plan of

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McFatrige property on Chebuoto Road" signed by H.W. Johnston, Acting City Engineer, and dated the fourth day of October, A.D., 1917, and filed in the City Engineer's Office at Halifax at Plan #3988.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Clerk be, and is hereby authorized and instructed by an on behalf of the City of Halifax, to pay into the Supreme Court of Halifax, for the said land and premises, the sum of \$125, the said sum being in the judgment of the City Council a reasonable value for the said property, and that the City Engineer notify the said William McFatrige of the said expropriation and of the said payment into Court.

Council ✓

Approved.

SYNDY LOCKE - GAS WORKS - DOMINION COAL CO.- CITY WATER PIPES.

Engineer ✓

Read letter Sydney Locke re Gas Works, Dominion Coal Company and City water pipes.

Referred to the City Engineer.

FODDER SUPPLIES.

Council ✓

Read letter F. W. Fraser, agreeing to supply fodder for various City departments at his tender price until the contract is awarded by the City Council on November 6th. Approved.

POLICEMAN HUGH SCOTT.

Chief of Police ✓

On recommendation of Controller Taylor, Ex-Policeman Hugh Scott is reinstated as a member of the Police Force, appointment to date from November 1st.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER, SECTION No. 1 - OAKLAND ROAD TO JUBILEE ROAD.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Certificate #6.

I beg to recommend payment to the Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton Bros. of the sum of \$1,277.88 on account of their contract for the construction of the section of the North West Arm sewer between Oakland Road and Jubilee Road.

Estimated value of work done	\$66,364.25
Less 15% retained	9,945.64
	<hr/> \$56,409.61
Paid on certificates 1 to 5	55,131.73
Balance recommended	<hr/> \$ 1,277.88

H. W. Johnston, Acting City Engineer.

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The account is passed for payment.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER, SECTION NO. 2 - OAKLAND
ROAD TO CHAIN ROCK.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's office,
November 5th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Certificate #3.

I beg to recommend payment to the Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton Bros. of the sum of \$12,714.30 on account of their contract for constructing the North West Arm sewer from Oakland Road to Chain Rock.

Estimated value of work done	\$21,356.50
Less 10% retained	2,135.65
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	\$19,220.85
Paid on certificates 1 and 2	6,506.55
Balance recommended	<hr/>
	\$12,714.30

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

FIRE ESCAPE ALBERTA HOUSE, HOLLIS STREET.

Read letter Telephone Company, as follows:-

Halifax, November 6th, 1917.

John T. Murphy,
Controller.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a letter from the Acting City Engineer, to the effect that the Board of Fire Escapes requires us to place an outside fire escape on the building owned by us just at the south of our Head Office on Hollis Street.

At the present time this building is occupied by a tenant, who, I understand, is taking in roomers. On enquiry I find it is almost impossible to get iron fire escapes at the present time, and absolutely impossible to get them within the time limit set by the City Engineer. I find, also, that the expense will be close on \$1,000. As we contemplate tearing this building down in the very near future, and replacing it with a modern brick structure, I would like to know if it would not be possible to have action postponed with respect to this matter, as in view of all the circumstances, it seems hardly worth while to expend this large amount of money, which will be of no value to anybody when the building is torn down.

J. H. Winfield.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

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SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS JOHN QUIGLEY.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's office,
November 6th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I am asked by Mrs. Quigley, widow of our late storekeeper, to ask the Board and Council to refund, as provided by the City Charter, the money paid into the Superannuation Fund by her late husband. She will be obliged if this can be done as soon as possible.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to the Trustees of the Officials' Superannuation Fund for report.

CITY MARKET - KEEFE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY CONTRACT.

Controller Murphy submits the following memorandum re contract between the City and the Keefe Construction Company in connection with City Market:-

The Board has had under careful consideration the dispute with the M. E. Keefe Construction Company, respecting the contract for the Public Market, and has finally decided to adjust the question on the following terms:-

First. That the City will take over the Market, with the floor as it is at present.

Second. The M. E. Keefe Construction Company agrees that the City retain the sum of one thousand dollars, of the two thousand dollars withheld, paying over to them the balance of one thousand dollars, which they will accept in full settlement of the contract as entered into.

During the discussion of same, the M. E. Keefe Construction Company submitted to the City an account for the sum of two thousand dollars. This sum, they claim, is to compensate them for damages incurred, due to delay on the City's part in removing excavated rock. The Board declined to entertain any such claim or to acknowledge any responsibility on the City's part, as the question raised is one entirely between the City Engineer, Mr. Doane and the Contractor. According to the Contractor is was based on verbal discussions with the City Engineer, and would therefore form no part of the contract or involve the City in same. The Contractor finally agreed to allow the question of this claim to stand until Mr. Doane's return, when he will take it up with him.

The memorandum is approved, and the City Clerk instructed to request S. P. Dumaresq, architect, to submit to this Board at Thursday's meeting, a confirmation by the Keefe Construction Company in writing, of the terms

*City Treasurer ✓
Council ✓*

*A copy of this
extract signed
by M. E. Keefe
Construction Co
to be on
Keefe on
Nov 9th 1917
S P M
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*S P Dumaresq ✓
(Nov 6/17-2 copies)
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to 2000 to Council
Council Dec 6/17 ✓*

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of the agreement.

ABATTOIR.

The report of the Acting City Engineer re contract for abattoir (see Board of Control minutes October 16th, 1917, p. 449, and October 23rd, 1917, p. 471) having been referred to Controller Murphy for report as to the position of the funds for the abattoir, Controller Murphy recommends that the reports of the Acting City Engineer be adopted, and the contract awarded and financed under the provisions of Chapter 86 of the Acts of 1917.

Approved.

CUNARD STREET GRADE.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
6th November, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control asking for a report in writing on the grades of the new concrete curb and sidewalk on the south side of Cunard Street near the corner of Gottingen Street, that when Dr. Little, the owner of the property at the south-west corner of Cunard and Gottingen Streets, proposed erecting a new building on this site, I met him there and told him that the level of the curb on the south side of Cunard Street when built would be at the same level as that on the north side, and that the inside of the sidewalk would be about four inches higher. Subsequently, when work on the building was ready to be started, Mr. Noonan, his architect, telephoned the office and was given the same grade.

This grade was not followed in the construction of the building, and the level of the floor of the entry to the store on Cunard Street is five inches below the curb level of the north side of the street at the west side of the entry and nearly four inches at its east side.

In constructing the new curb and sidewalk on the south side of Cunard Street, the circular granite curb at the corner of Gottingen Street was reset, and the west end of this is about one-half an inch lower than the north side, and nearly three inches lower than the old level of the curb at this point. The grade runs from here to Creighton Street at about the same level as the curb on the northside of the street. This curb and gutter has been completed and also the sidewalk from Creighton Street to the west side of Dr. Little's building, and five squares of concrete in front of the building.

The grades as given and laid down for the south side of the street are, in my judgment, the best and proper

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ones, and the level of the entrance to the building is below the level as given to the owner and architect.

It has been suggested that the curb and sidewalk might be lowered to give relief at the entrance to the building. If this were done, it would be necessary to reset the granite circular curb and gutter at the corner and lower it at the west end five inches, and reset the concrete curb and gutter from this point to the west end of the building about sixty-seven feet. The sidewalk on Gottingen Street would have to be lowered for at least ten feet south of Cunard Street, and the bitulithic pavement relaid between the gutter and rail at the corner. If the grade were lowered in this manner, the curb would be one-half an inch lower than the floor of the entry at the west side and two and three-eighths inches lower at the east side. This would cost about \$200.00. The sill of the doorway is one-half an inch higher than the outer edge of the floor of the entry at its west end, and three and one-half inches higher than at the east end. It is also higher than the main floor of the shop, and is reached from the latter by a ramp. The floor of the entry could be raised and sloped upwards from the door-sill to meet the sidewalk grade as laid, or a step could be made from the level of the sidewalk to the floor of the entry. In either of these cases there would be a liability of rain and waterdrifting in, and they are only suggestions which may help the owner in remedying conditions.

It must be understood that the City would in no way be liable if either were carried out and did not prove satisfactory, as it is a matter entirely within the discretion of the owner to take such steps as he may judge best. As before stated, I believe that the grade adopted is the correct one.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

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On motion of Controller Murphy, the City Engineer is instructed to ^{alter} ~~correct~~ the conditions of the grade at the corner of Cunard and Gottingen Streets, on condition that Dr. Little contributes the sum of \$100.00 towards the cost.

At request of the Board, Controller Murphy agrees to obtain from Dr. Little an undertaking in writing to pay such sum.

GRADES AND STREET LINES.

*Engineer ✓
Council ✓*

On motion of Controller Murphy, the City Engineer is instructed to give all grades and street lines issued from his office in writing, and to file a duplicate thereof in his office.

COAL.

In answer to enquiry by Controller Murphy, the Acting

November 6th, 1917.

Engineer ✓

City Engineer states that he will report at Thursday's meeting on the coal purchased and disposed of by the City.

CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair.

LIGHTS OUT.

Controller Hines called attention to the darkness in the City streets since the publication of the military orders for the obscuring of lights, and asked if there was nothing could be done to better the situation.

His Worship the Mayor replied that the City is in no way responsible, being obliged to carry out the orders of the War Department.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts, chargeable to various services, are passed for payment.

County Jail Fence.

City share of cost of constructing a wall about the County Jail, under Chapter 38, Acts, 1916 \$1136.16

Temperance Law Enforcement.

Account R. H. Murray, prosecuting Temperance Law violations, August and September, 1917 \$39.25

Police Department.

Capt. C. Hunter	Services	\$ 6.00
W.T. Francis Furnishing Co.	Desk, etc.	45.00
Howard McFatridge	Services	2.75
Eastern Bicycle Co.	Tube, etc.	3.65
Chief of Police	Laundry	1.75
Royal Print & Litho	4 City Directories	18.00
Maritime Tel. Co.	Monthly account	18.59
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		\$95.74

Citizens' Free Library.

T.C. Allen & Co.	Envelopes	2.50
Annual Review Pub. Co.	Annual Review	4.75
C.D. Cazenove & Son	Books	1.42
H.H. Marshall	Herald	6.00
Royal Print & Litho	Directory	4.50
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		\$19.17

City Prison

J.J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	34.44
Bauld Bros.	Groceries	56.50
G.C. Hartlen & Co.	Beef, oxheads	18.40
S.C. Thompson	Feed	30.24
Robt. Taylor	Slippers, etc.	8.00
Boutilier's	Salt cod	6.00

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Neil Fox	Harness supplies	8.35
J. & M. Murphy, Ltd.	Drygoods	32.12
G. H. Kinsman	Repairs	86.52
Pine Hill Con. Home	Boots	5.50
Rhodes, Curry Co., Ltd.	Lumber, etc.	22.76
Irwin & Sons	Drugs	16.70
Maxwell's Ltd.	Suits (uniforms)	140.00
Maritime Tel. Co.	Rental	5.50
N.S. Tram Co.	Current	6.48
Clayton & Sons	Cloth for trousers	72.60
W.I. Hubley	Bag sugar	10.00
D.J. McIntosh	Horseshoeing	10.30
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	1.50
J. & M. Murphy	Needles, buttons	1.44
M.A. Hynes	Pant making	10.00
		<u>\$583.35</u>

City Home.

Gunn & Co. Ltd.	Flour	305.55
Wentzell's Ltd.	Groceries	541.46
H.L. Williston	Meats	582.76
A. Wilson & Son	Fresh fish	50.17
Smith & Proctor	Butter	187.52
Jas. Watson	Milk	116.43
Davis & Fraser	Meas Pork	93.25
S.C. Thompson	Forage	26.58
A. Fordham & Co.	Leather	8.00
W.Y. Kennedy	Drygoods	314.78
N.S. Tram Co.	Light	38.93
Maritime Tel. Co.	Phones	7.50
The Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	3.90
R.J. Whitten & Co.	Potatoes	45.00
H.H. Banks	"	30.00
Blackadder Bros.	Advertising	7.80
Halifax Herald	"	7.53
W. McFatridge	Rope	26.25
A.J. McNutt	Repairs	2.90
Dr. R.F.O'Brien	Prof. services	2.00
H. McFatridge	Horseshoeing	4.75
Baldwin & Co.	Crockeryware	3.51
Alfred Carter	Repairs	1.60
J. McD. Taylor	Sundries	2.25
Dr. McAuley	Lunacy certificate	5.00
John Starr Son & Co.	Batteries	.80
Hillis & Sons, Ltd.	Strainer	1.70
T.C. Allen & Co.	stationery	2.10
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	31.62
Amherst Boot & Shoe Co.	Boots	77.40
B.J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	177.42
Salaries	Pah sheet October	984.25
N.S. Hospital	Maintenance, 3 mos.	3690.71
S.C. Thompson	Straw	59.32
		<u>\$5642.96</u>

Construction Account.

The Piercey Supply Co.	Lumber	259.84
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Hardware	15.75
Jas. Donohue	Metal wori	65.13
F. Reardeon	Glazing	13.60
B.J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	164.80
		<u>\$509.17</u>

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin
MAYOR.

L. Fred Warraghan
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CITY CLERK.

Council ✓

City of Halifax \$1,554.40 in account of settlement for
Lavatories for Alexander McKay (Russell Street) School

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 8th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- School for the Blind Pupils - City Medical Officer.
- Morris Street Sidewalk - Fire Department Account.
- Alexander McKay (Russell Street) School Lavatories.
- Trees, Morris Street.
- Cash Statements City Treasurer for October.
- Works Department Progress Payments.
- Sir Sandford Fleming Bequests to Charity.
- Fire Department - Tenders - Engine "Chebucto" - Horton
Ladder - Gerrish Street Engine House.
- North Street Water Extension.
- Young Street School Site Building Lots.
- Water Turned Off.
- Market Building for Political Meeting.
- Spruce Hill Lake Residence for Gate Keeper.
- Traffic Ordinance, Spring Garden Road.
- Civic Estimates 1918-19.
- Accounts.

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND PUPILS - CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

On motion of Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller
Hines, the City Clerk is requested to write to Dr. W. B.
Almon, City Medical Officer, requesting an immediate re-
port from him as to the physical disability of Charles Romo
and Harold McInnes, applicants for admission into the
School for the Blind as a charge against the City of Hal-
ifax.

Dr W B Almon ✓

MORRIS STREET SIDEWALK - FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNT.

Read account from the City of Halifax against the Fire
Department, \$296.18, for cost of concrete sidewalk in front
of the Morris Street Engine House.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer and Controller Murphy
for report.

ALEXANDER MCKAY (RUSSELL STREET) SCHOOL LAVATORIES.

Read offer Trustees of the Sinking Fund to loan the

November 8th, 1917.

City of Halifax \$1,394.40 on account of contract for lavatories for Alexander McKay (Russell Street) School.

Approved.

The following resolution is also submitted and approved:-

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have agreed to loan the City of Halifax an amount to produce the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-four 40/100 (\$1,394.40) Dollars, required for additional lavatory accomodation in the Alexander McKay (Russell St) School;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds a stock certificate of the Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905, for fifteen (15) shares thereof. The rate of interest to be five per cent, and the date October 1st, 1917. The period thirty-four (34) years from that date, and the price of the said loan to be .93.

TREES, MORRIS STREET.

Read report Superintendent Public Gardens, recommending the trimming of trees in front of #66 Morris Street.

Approved, and the Superintendent of the Public Gardens instructed to do the work.

CASH STATEMENTS CITY TREASURER FOR OCTOBER.

Read cash statements City Treasurer for the month of October. Filed.

WORKS DEPARTMENT PROGRESS PAYMENTS.

Progress payments recommended by the Acting City Engineer for various services, are passed as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 7th, 1917.

Water Construction.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to T. McAvity & Sons of the sum of ten hundred and forty dollars (\$1040) being the amount of their contract in full for supplying valves-

50	6-in. valves at \$16	\$800.00
4	12-in. " " \$60	240.00
		<u>\$1040.00</u>

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Council ✓

*Dept. of Power
City Engineer ✓*

Council ✓

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The City Clerk is instructed to write to Mr. Harcourt for extracts from Sir Sandford Fleming's will bearing on the matter, and any other information necessary to enable the City to deal with the communication.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - TENDERS - ENGINE "CHEBUCTO" - HORTON LADDER - GERRISH STREET ENGINE HOUSE.

Read reports Chief of the Fire Department and Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

Office of Chief of Fire Department,
November 4th, 1917.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:- I beg leave to make the following report for the month of October -

1. There were 11 alarms of fire from the following causes:- chimneys 4, fire place 1, defective flue 2, false 1, spontaneous combustion 1, unknown 1, stove pipe 1.

Insurance at risk	\$160,000.00	
Loss by insurance		\$21,500.00
Loss without insurance		400.00
Total losses		<u>\$21,900.00</u>

2. I recommend that tenders be invited for the supply of four uniform overcoats for the permanent men of the Department and also twelve rubber coats.

Oil cloth tenders.

3. In reference to tenders for oilcloth for the Central Engine House, which were referred to Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department for report, after going over all tenders carefully, we recommend the acceptance of the tender of Brander & Morris, at \$127.00, which we consider the best value for the price named.

Fire Engine Chebucto.

4. We recommend that the tender of John Simon be accepted for the purchase of the old steam fire engine Chebucto at \$475.00, this being the highest tender.

Horton Aerial Ladder.

5. We recommend that the tender of Wm. McFartridge be accepted for the purchase of the Horton Aerial Ladder at \$110.00, it being the highest tender.

E. Condon,
Chief H. F. D.

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City Engineer's Office,
November 8th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of

November 8th, 1917.

the Board of Control referring tenders for the fire engine Chebuco, Horton Aerial Ladder and the old fire station known as the Gerrish Street Engine House, to Controller Hines, the Chief of the Fire Department and the City Engineer for report.

With regard to the fire engine and Horton ladder, I think this is a matter for the Chief of the Fire Department to report as to the advisability of accepting or rejecting the tenders, although I may say that I consider the scrap value of the fire engine to be less than the amount of \$475 offered for it.

Tenders for the Gerrish Street enging house are -

John Simon	\$2550.00
Chas. Brister & Son	2225.00
W.H. Isnor & Sons	300.00

I am submitting herewith a plan of the property, and from it will be seen that the area is about 1970 square feet. The assessed value of the land is 15¢, which would bring the assessed value of the lot to about \$300. The building is in a very dilapidated condition and has been so for some time. The City has several times tried to seel this property bur has been unable to get what was considered a fair offer for it. It is at present, and has been for some time, rented for \$125.00 a year. The property is too small for use as a school house or for other City purposes, as in case it were decided to put a police lock-up or library or other public building in this vicinity it would be better to erect the same on land already belonging to the City in the vicinity of the West Street engine house. I do not see that any object can be gained by the City retaining the property.

It has been suggested that this property prevents the extension of Gerrish Street, but I cannot foresee any conditions that wiuold necessitate the latter, as the block between Harris and West Streets is so short that there is no room for another street between the two. In any case, it if were extended, there would be a blind end at Agricola Street instead of Maynard Street.

I would recommend that the property be sold to John Simon & Co. for the amount of their tender, \$2550.00

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The reports are adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval, with the exception of the clauses in reference to the Horton-McDonald Aerial Ladder, which are deferred for further consideration.

NORTH STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 8th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the

Council ✓
B/c ✓

November 8th, 1917.

Board of Control covering letter from W. W. Foster for water extension on North Street, that the proposed extension will be on the high service and the estimated cost of the extension to supply the house Mr. Foster is building, \$220.00. I would recommend that the extension be made on a special rate of \$13.20.

Council ✓

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOTS.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 7th, 1917.

Council ✓

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In accordance with the instructions of your Board I wrote Mr. E. S. Giffen on October 23rd, and had the letter delivered at his house, telling him that if I did not hear from him before the 26th of October saying he would complete the purchase of lot #4 of the young St. School Site building lots, I would recommend its sale.

Council ✓

This letter, like mine of the 14th and 25th of July to him on the same subject, has not been answered. I beg therefore to repeat the recommendation contained in my report of October 23rd, that lot #4 be sold to Harry Falkner, for \$325.00.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER TURNED OFF.

On motion of Controller Hines, the City Engineer is all instructed toin/cases in future, report to the Chief of the Fire Department before water is turned off any of the City services.

~~Chief Fire Dept~~
Engineer ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓

MARKET BUILDING FOR POLITICAL MEETING.

His Worship the Mayor stated he thought it possible a request would be made for the use of the market Building for the holding of a political meeting to be addressed by Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister, and others, and asked the opinion of the Board as to what would be a proper charge for one night.

Engineer ✓
Mayor ✓

After discussion, His Worship is instructed to let the building, if required, at the best price obtainable by him.

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SPRUCE HILL LAKE RESIDENCE FOR GATE-KEEPER.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 8th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that there were only two tenders received for the construction of a residence for the gate house keeper at Spruce Hill Lake - Falconer & McDonald, \$2249.00 and Charles Umlah, \$2800.00.

Council ✓

The tender of Falconer & McDonald is the lowest, but on first sight it seems high for the work. Since receiving it, I have had careful estimates made and obtained other prices, and in my opinion it is a reasonable figure.

It is necessary that some provision be made immediately for a dwelling for the gate keeper, and I would recommend that the tender of Falconer & McDonald be accepted.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved, Controller Murphy dissenting, and Controller Finlay withholding his vote for the present.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE - SPRING GARDEN ROAD.

Read traffic ordinance submitted by the City Solicitor, providing for a one-way street, Spring Garden Road, between Barrington and Grafton Streets, as follows:-

Ordinance to amend ordinance #4 on Streets -

Be it enacted by the Council of the City of Halifax as follows:-

Council ✓

Ordinance #4 of the City of Halifax on Streets is amended by adding thereto the following section, immediately following section 56 (d):-

56 (e). No vehicle except a hearse or other vehicle in attendance upon a funeral, or a street car, or fire apparatus shall traverse Spring Garden Road in a westerly direction between Barrington and Grafton Streets.

Approved, and ordered to be forwarded to City Council with the recommendation that it receive two readings at this evening's meeting.

CIVIC ESTIMATES 1918-19.

His Worship the Mayor requested that the Board prepare and take up the consideration of the civic estimates for 1918-19 at an early date, and the City Clerk is instructed

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to write the Controllers and heads of Departments accordingly.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts chargeable to various services are submitted and passed for payment, as follows:-

City Health Board \$236.29; Works Department \$11128.27, General Accounts \$5906.88, Fire Department \$1273.71.

City Health Board.

Halifax Wet Wash	Washing	9.00
Robinson's Ltd.	Hire of teams	8.00
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	85.25
Farquhar Bros.	Electric light bulbs	10.56
King Edward Stables	Conveyance patients	31.50
Royal Print & Litho	Directory	4.50
T.C.Allen & Co.	Office supplies	3.05
John Starr, Son & Co.	Batteries	1.10
Kinley's Ltd.	Drugs	36.85
Acadian Recorder	Advertising	19.90
Halifax Herald	"	5.03
R.N.Starback & Son, Conn.	Charts and forms	12.17
Tramways & Power Co.	Light	8.64
Morton & Thompson		.75
		<u>\$236.29</u>

Works Department.

Water Maintenance	1044.62
" Construction	381.49
Sewerage	1437.73
Streets	1168.66
Internal Health	117.78
Teams and stables	426.49
City Hall Lighting	16.95
Street Lighting	2337.50
Loan Widening Streets	4.50
Fuel	3771.01
Telephones	81.28
Fleming Park	15.40
Permanent sidewalks	22.04
Cleaning Pavés Streets	4.20
City Property	298.62
	<u>\$11128.27</u>

Council

Fire Department.

T.C.Allen & Co.	Stationery	2.75
H.R.Bergmann & Co.	Sylvets	.75
Burns & Kelliher	Stantions	1.65
Austen Bros.	Extinguisher bottles	7.20
C.Brister & Son	Auto supplies	20.15
American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.	Stream gauge	42.50
Neil Fox	Harness	6.00
Farquhar Bros.	Plumbing	9.23
City Home	Wood	1.20
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	59.74
Herald	Advertising	9.41
Robt. Horner	Horseshoeing	6.40
C.H.Jordan	"	9.25
W. & A. Moir	Repairs	39.70
Melvin & Co.	Hardware	1.02
John McInnes & Son	Lumber	47.63

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J. C. Merlin & Son	Lumber	10.94
Dr. H. McFatriage	Horseshoeing	18.40
O. C. Marriott	"	15.40
F. W. McNally	Plumbing	2.35
A. J. McNutt	Carriage work	12.00
J. D. Lavers & Co.	Painting	228.00
Royal Print & Litho	Directories	9.00
David Roche	Painting	11.80
Wm. J. Regan	Harness work	17.25
Stroud & Eveleigh	Carriage work	2.80
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	11.24
Tram Co.	Light and power	59.56
Telephone Co.	Phones	53.84
Ungar's Laundry	Work	9.04
S. C. Thompson	Fodder	448.78
James Taylor	Mason work	36.74
J. Starr Son & Co.	Wire, etc.	37.99
B. M. Smith & Co.	Towelling	1.00
Dr. Corston	Attendance on Engineer	10.00
Eastery Bicycle Co.	Jack	13.00
		<u>\$1273.71</u>

General Accounts.

Halifax Industrial School	Maintenance boys qr. ending Oct. 31	
	Truants	294.94
	Juv. offenders	<u>231.12</u>
		526.06
St. Patrick's Home	Maintenance boys qr. ending Oct. 31st	
	Truants	628.28
	Juv. offenders	<u>360.70</u>
		988.98
School for the Deaf	Maintenance 4 pupils, 1917	500.00
School for the Blind	Maintenance 15 pupils	1412.50
Maintenance Neglected children		755.90
T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationery & printing	
	City Engineer	174.85
	City Collector	3.50
	City Assessor	3.45
	City Clerk	<u>125.05</u>
		306.85
A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd.	Books, etc.	
	City Clerk	9.90
	City Assessor	64.25
	City Collector	<u>3.85</u>
		78.00
Halifax Herald	Advertising	18.65
Blackadder Bros.	"	16.31
H. H. Marshall	Herald, City Clerk	6.00
W. H. Isnor & Sons	Horse hire, Assessor	40.00
Jos. Spencer	Coffin, etc.	6.00
Office Specialty Co.	Transfer cases	.40
Royal Print & Litho	Directories	31.50
A. Milne Fraser	Repairs typewriter	.50
E. M. Veith	Allowance for Oct.	10.00
E. S. Tracey	Expenses N. S. Tem. Act	33.82
Municipality of a Halifax	County Jail Fence	1136.16
R. H. Murray	Legal costs, pros. N. S. Tem. Act	<u>39.25</u>
		<u>\$5906.88</u>

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR

L. J. Wray
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 8th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this evening at 8 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

DEATH OF CITY STOREKEEPER JOHN QUIGLEY.

Read report Trustees of the Officials' Superannuation Fund, as follows:-

Office of the City Treasurer,
November 8th, 1917.

His Worship Mayor Martin
and Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Officials' Superannuation Fund held this day in the Office of the Mayor, it was unanimously resolved to recommend to Council that the sum of \$336.73 be refunded Mrs. Quigley as the amount paid into that Fund by her late husband.

James J. Hopewell,
Sec.-Treasurer.

Approved and recommended to City Council.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin

CITY CLERK.

Council ✓

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 13th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Street Lamps not Lighted.
- Fire Escapes - Safety to Life.
- City Market - Keefe Construction Co. Contract.
- City Prison Wall and Gate.
- Police Department Salaries.
- Acadian School Property - C. W. Outhit Building.
- Victoria General Hospital Account.
- Cunard Street Grade.
- Fire Department - Pay of Callmen Serving Overseas.
- Legislation Affecting the City.
- Sir Samuel Cunard Memorial.
- Peddlers' Licenses.
- Temperance Law Enforcement.

STREET LAMPS NOT LIGHTED.

Read complaint of Mrs. A. R. Cossey of street lamp at the junction of Pryor Street and Prince Arthur Street being not lighted on several occasions.

His Worship the Mayor stated complaints had been made to him of street lamps on Connolly Place, off Cunard Street, not being lighted.

Referred to the City Electrician and City Engineer.

FIRE ESCAPES - SAFETY TO LIFE.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 12th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

The owners of the following premises who were notified on July 12th that fire escapes would have to be installed within three months, have not yet taken any action with regard to doing this work -

Gardencrest Apartments,	Summer Street.
Kingsley Apartments	South Street.
York and Lancaster Apartments	" "
Manley Apartments	Cor. Morris & Hollis

*Electrician
Engineer*

*Electrician
Engineer*

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The Military Hospitals Commission is dealing with the matter of Pine Hill College, and the School for the Blind is getting tenders for the work at their building.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion as to whether it is necessary that the members of the Board of Control should make personal inspection of the premises reported upon before serving upon the owners the formal notices under the Fire Escapes Act, or as to whether inspection and report by their officials under their authority is sufficient, and in either case to submit proper forms of notice to be sent.

Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓

CITY MARKET - KEEFE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY CONTRACT.

The City Clerk submits a copy of an extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Control held on the 6th day of November, 1917, (see page 508) re contract between the City and the Keefe Construction Company in connection with the City Market, which Mr. M. E. Keefe, for the Company, signed on November 9th, 1917.

It is decided to recommend the memorandum of agreement to the City Council for approval, and the City Solicitor is requested to submit in writing a more formal memorandum of agreement and a proper form of receipt, at Thursday's meeting of the Board.

Solicitor ✓
Council ✓

CITY PRISON WALL AND GATE.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 12th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control asking for a report on the cost of replacing the present wooden east fence at the City Prison with a permanent structure.

I have had plans made for a reinforced concrete wall. The original plan was for a wall 12 feet above the surface, but the Governor of the Prison states that a 14 foot

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wall is necessary. The estimated cost of a 14 foot wall, including wooden gates, is \$1480. If prison labor can be used, this would be reduced to \$1200. The estimated cost of a 12 foot wall is about \$150 less.

The season is now too far advanced to make it advisable to build a wall this year; in any case, there is only about \$680 in the City Prison Improvement Fund. The gates and fence can be repaired so as to last through the winter.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The report is approved, and Controller Taylor authorized to have temporary repairs effected.

POLICE DEPARTMENT SALARIES.

Read application Michael Lawless, Police Patrol Driver, for an increase in pay of \$100.00.

Read petition signed by forty-seven members of the Police Force for an increase of \$200.00 a year in the salary of each member of the Force, as follows:-

Halifax, November 7th, 1917.

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

Gentlemen:-

We, the members of the Halifax Police Force, do hereby petition you for an increase in our salaries of \$200.00 a year for each member of the Force.

We have talked the matter over carefully among ourselves, and we find that owing to the increased cost of living that it is absolutely impossible for us to meet our living expenses on the salaries now paid us. We are agreed that the least increase we could possibly get along with would be \$200.00. The majority of us are married men with families to support and we find that the average monthly rent paid by each of us amounts up to \$18.00, which is about the lowest rent obtainable in the City of Halifax today.

We would call your attention to the fact that 3rd year men on the present basis receive only \$850, less 5% paid to the Superannuation Fund, leaving \$807.50, deducting from this \$216.00 for rent leaves a balance of \$591.50 a year, which is less than \$50.00 a month to clothe and feed our families. We submit to you, Gentlemen, that it is an impossibility for us to live on this amount and keep out of debt.

Deferred for consideration with the estimates for 1918-19.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY - C. W. OUTHIT BUILDING.

His Worship the Mayor stated that W. Stetson Rogers,

Engineer ✓
Gov City Prison ✓

B/c ✓
for estimates ✓

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Auctioneer, had requested permission to put a "For Sale" sign on the Acadian School Building. Approved.

*W S Rogers ✓
Engineer ✓*

The City Engineer is instructed to notify Charles W. Outhit, the occupant of the Acadian School property, to vacate on May 1st, 1918.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

The City Clerk submits account of the Victoria General Hospital for care and treatment of patients which the Hospital claimed to be chargeable against the City for the month of October. Of the twenty patients claimed to be charges against the City, nine were found to have less than five years' residence in the City. The Hospital's account amounted to \$218.00, from which the City deducts for non-resident patients ^{#104.00} \$98.00, leaving a balance due the Hospital of ^{#114.00} \$120.00. The account as corrected, shows:-

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ec ✓*

Halifax, October 31st, 1917.

City of Halifax

To Victoria General Hospital, Dr.

1917.			
Oct. 8	To Hospital treatment	<u>Disputed.</u>	
	Late Annie Bauld		4.00
	William Stonley		5.00
	Mrs. Emma Ryan		1.00
	Dora F. Osborne	6.00	6.00
	Lena Doherty		2.00
	Bessie Simms		14.00
	Mrs. Nettie Publicover	12.00	12.00
	Mary Hines	14.00	14.00
	Violet Lively	3.00	3.00
	Harry Clarke		2.00
	Mrs. Bessie Pangburne		18.00
	Nora Zwicker	16.00	16.00
	Dora Bell	11.00	11.00
	Monica Sprucer	22.00	22.00
	Frank Clover (deceased)	14.00	14.00
	David Purcell		6.00
	Gladwin Joudrey		12.00
	Marian Dauphinee	6.00	6.00
	Mrs. Margaret Leme		25.00
	Mrs. Margaret Smith		25.00
	Residence in Halifax disputed.....	98.00	218.00 ^{218.00}
		104.00	98.00 ^{104.00}
			\$120.00 ^{114.00}

It is decided to recommend to Council the payment of the account at ^{#114.00} \$120.00, and the City Clerk is instructed under Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1917, to dispute the several claims amounting to ^{#104.00} \$98.00. *h7 w ✓
ec ✓*

*Council ✓
Letter ✓
Hospital ✓*

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CUNARD STREET GRADE.

Read letter Dr. F. R. Little re altering the grade of Cunard Street sidewalk, as follows:-

Halifax, November 9th, 1917.

H. W. Johnston, Esq.,
Acting City Engineer,
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 8th to hand, in reply I would say I am willing to pay \$100.00 towards the cost of the extra work on the south side of Cunard Street, on condition that it is made as you stated in your letter, namely, that the curbstone will be lowered five inches, and that the five slabs now in place will be made to suit the entrance of the store on Cunard Street.

Enclosed you will find cheque for \$100.00, which is not to be used till after the next meeting of the Board of Control: their decision in the matter to be final.

Trusting that everything is satisfactory and that the work will be commenced Monday, November 12th, I am,

Yours truly,
F. R. Little.

Approved and the City Engineer instructed to proceed with the work.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - PAY OF CALLMEN SERVING OVERSEAS.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

Halifax, November 13th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Some question exists as to whether the callmen of the Fire Department, serving overseas, are being treated fairly with having their pay entirely cut off. This is a question which was up some time ago, and I feel it is deserving of further consideration. I would therefore recommend that the question be referred to Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department for a report as to whether something could not be done on same.

John Murphy,
Controller.

Approved.

PEDDLERS' LICENSES.

Controller Murphy reports that Ordinance No. 21, "Petty Trades", provides that peddlers shall pay for a

Engineer ✓

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Auditor ✓*

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horse and cart \$20.00, and for each additional horse \$10.00, and that this has been interpreted to mean \$20.00 for the second license if the additional horse is used in a second cart.

Solicitor ✓
The City Solicitor is instructed to prepare an amendment to the ordinance to provide that the license for the additional cart shall be only \$10.00, and that the ordinance as proposed to be amended shall apply to the civic year 1917-18.

LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE CITY.

Solicitor ✓
The City Solicitor is instructed to prepare and submit at once all drafts of legislation which the Board and Council have from time to time during the present year decided upon.

SIR SAMUEL CUNARD MEMORIAL.

Engineer ✓
Alderman Kelly informed the Board that the old stone Cunard Building, at the head of their wharf, Upper Water Street, recently acquired by the Dominion Government, is about to be demolished to make room for railway purposes, and suggested that the freestone arches of the structure be acquired by the City for the purpose of using the same at some future time for the erection of a memorial to the late Sir Samuel Cunard, founder of the Cunard Line of Transatlantic Steamships.

Referred to the City Engineer to take up at once with the Dominion Government Railway authorities, with the view of obtaining the freestone arches for the purpose suggested, if possible.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

*Cont. Taylor ✓
Chief of Police ✓
Inspector Tracey ✓*
On the recommendation of Controller Taylor, Controller Taylor and the Chief of Police are instructed to interview Liquor Inspector Tracey with the view of having more satisfactory co-operation between the Inspector and the Police Department in regard to Temperance Law Enforcement, particularly in the matter of the Inspector furnishing the

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Police with the names and locations of persons and places suspected of violating the law, and as to anticipated visits to such places.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin
MAYOR.

L. J. O'Sullivan
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 15th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Coburg Road Bridge Lighting.
Coburg Road Street Line at Birchdale Hotel.
Lights on Vehicles.
Blowers Street - Sackville Street.
Fire Department - Pay of Callmen Overseas.
Liverpool Street Water Extension.
Dutch Village Road Culvert.
Highfield Division - Merckelsfield.
Barrington Street #745 - Waste of Water, C. E. Smith.
North West Arm Sewer - Arbitrator Kenny Estate.
City Market - Keefe Construction Co., Agreement.
Street Cars Overcrowding. *Arbitrator's*
Watt Street - G. F. Brady, *Architect's* Fees, McFatridge Property.
Chairman.
Children's Protection Act - Cost of Maintenance of Children.
Coal Weighers' Report for October.
Fire Department - Sale of Horton Aerial Ladder.
Water Meters.
Chairman.
Personal Liability for Preventable Fires.
Stone Tenders.
Estimates 1918-19.
Catchpits and Gutters.

COBURG ROAD BRIDGE LIGHTING.

Read complaint F. W. Bowes, Birchdale Hotel, complaining of the inadequate lighting of the railway bridge, Coburg Road.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

COBURG ROAD STREET LINE AT BIRCHDALE HOTEL.

Read letter F. W. Bowes, complaining of encroachment on the Birchdale Hotel property across the Coburg Road street line by a foundation of a concrete wall, west of the Coburg Road bridge, as follows:-

The Birchdale, Halifax, N. S.,
12th November, 1917.

The Board of Control.

Sirs:-

The contractors who are building the concrete

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wall west of the bridge on Coburg Road are making the foundation considerably south of the street line and on Birchdale property. As it is away below the street surface we do not see any serious objection, but are simply directing your attention to it and will ask you to place this letter on file in case any situation should arise in the future that would necessitate some action.

Birchdale, Limited,
F. W. Bowes,
Manager.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

LIGHTS ON VEHICLES.

Alderman Gillis, representing the Automobile Association, appeared before the Board urging the enforcement of City by-laws relating to the carrying of lights on all vehicles at night time. Since the promulgation of the military orders requiring the upper portion of automobile lamps to be darkened, automobile drivers find it difficult to locate vehicles in front of them not carrying tail lamps.

The Automobile Association urged that all vehicles driven at night be compelled to carry a tail light in addition to the lights required by the present by-laws.

The existing City by-laws are as follows:-

Ordinance No. 4. Section 53. "Every carriage driven at night on any street shall have two lighted lanterns."

Ordinance No. 14. Section 17. "Every licensed hack when in use, or upon its stand, between sunset and sunrise, shall have fixed on some conspicuous part of the outside thereof two lighted lamps, with plain glass fronts and sides, and having the number of the hack painted, with black paint, on the front and sides of each lamp, in numerals of not less than one and a half inches in size."

Referred to Controller Taylor and the City Solicitor for report as to the advisability of amending the City Ordinances, and to submit such amendments for the consideration of the Board, if they deem advisable.

BLOWERS STREET - SACKVILLE STREET.

At request of Alderman Foley, the Acting City Engineer is instructed to repair Blowers Street and Sackville Street,

Engineer ✓

*Cont Taylor ✓
City Solicitor ✓
Ald Gillis ✓
Chief of Police ✓*

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Engineer ✓

west from Barrington Street, made more necessary at the present time since the eastern portion of Spring Garden Road is being used as a one-way street only.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - PAY OF CALLMEN OVERSEAS.

Read report Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department, as follows:-

Office of Chief of Fire Department,
November 14th, 1917.

The Board of Control
Gentlemen:-

In reference to the recommendation of Controller Murphy in connection with the call firemen now serving overseas, I might say that there are ten members of the Department who have gone across to the front and which I would consider deserve to receive their call pay, more so than those of the Department who are doing home duty and being paid their call pay quarterly. I might say that the ten men overseas could receive the six months' pay ending May 1st for the amount of Eight Hundred and Seventy Dollars, and that some provision be made for the men overseas to be paid until their return home.

*Chief Fire Dept ✓
Auditor ✓
Council ✓*

John Hines,
Controller.
E. Condon,
Chief Fire Department.

Approved.

LIVERPOOL STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 14th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying application from Messrs. James Chipman and Daniel Eddy, asking for water extension on Liverpool Street east of Oxford Street.

The length of the proposed extension is 165 feet and the estimated cost is \$560. We shall be unable to complete the work already ordered, before the winter, so this extension, if ordered, could not be made until the Spring. At present there are no houses on the street.

Council ✓

I would recommend that the extension be made when two houses are under construction, provided the applicants sign a bond for a special rate of \$16.80 each.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

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DUTCH VILLAGE ROAD CULVERT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 14th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

The brook on the east side of the Dutch Village Road crosses the latter at about the north side of Chebucto Road. There is an old culvert at the crossing, with a wooden plank bridge over it. This requires renewal frequently and may easily become a cause of liability to the City from accidents happening when it is out of repair.

I have been in correspondence with the Provincial Road Commissioner, and he has agreed to pay one-half the cost of replacing this culvert with a concrete one, in accordance with plans prepared in this office.

The total estimated cost of the work is \$969.00. It is not advisable, owing to the lateness of the season and the fact that there is a large flow of water in the brook at this time, to undertake the work now, but if approved it is proposed to do it in the Spring. The wooden structure can be kept safe until then by giving it proper attention.

It is necessary that this work be ordered by the Board so that I may complete arrangements with the Road Commissioner to have the work done at the earliest moment in the Spring.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

HIGHFIELD DIVISION -MERKELSFIELD.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 14th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith a plan of the division of Highfield, lying between Merkelersfield, Gottingen Street, West Young Street and Robie Street, the property formerly known as the Hennessey property.

The streets as shown, with the exception of Hennessey Street, are as laid down on the Official City Plan. This latter street is a proposed new street running east and west from Robie Street to Gottingen Street. This plan is submitted for approval by Melvin S. Clarke.

Section 599 of the City Charter provides that after the confirmation of the Official Plan, no person shall open or lay out any street not shown thereon, without the consent of the Council, and that before such consent is given, the person applying for permission to open the street, shall furnish the Engineer with a correct plan of the proposed street, on a scale of 30 feet to the inch, and the Engineer

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shall certify that the proposed street conforms to the requirements of law and is in other respects satisfactory.

The applicant has submitted the plan required, and the proposed street conforms to the requirements of law. It has never been our understanding that the law contemplated the criticism of the size of lots and internal lay-out of the different blocks in a division, but only intended to apply to the location of streets.

There is a 16-gt. right of way along the line of the 27-inch water pipe, running diagonally through a portion of this property. The City has a free and uninterrupted right to use this at any time and no structures can be built on it.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Moved by Controller Murphy that the plan of the proposed division of Highfield be not approved by the City until the owners of the property agree in writing to properly grade "Hennessey Street" and dedicate it to the City free of charge.

The motion is not seconded.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that thereport of the Acting City Engineer, the plan of the sub-division and the location of "Hennessey Street" be approved. Motion passed.

BARRINGTON STREET #745 - WASTE OF WATER, C. E. SMITH.

Warden C. E. Smith appeared before the Board, asking to be reimbursed a fine of \$2.00 paid by him to the Works Department for alleged waste of water in premises #745 Barrington Street. He claimed that there had been no waste of water, no defect in plumbing, that the water should not have been turned off, and that he should not have been compelled to pay a fine to have it turned on again.

Referred to the City Engineer and Controller Murphy for report.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER - ARBITRATOR KENNY ESTATE.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office, Nov. 14/17.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,
Dear Sir:-

I have been notified by Mr. Kenny that he has

Council ✓
27th street ✓
cc ✓
Engineer ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓

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agreed to Mr. McGillivray to act as his arbitrator in connection with the arbitration proceedings for the North West Arm sewer, instead of Mr. Silver.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

CITY MARKET - KEEFE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AGREEMENT.

The following is approved as a form of receipt to be taken from the Keefe Construction Company in connection with contract for construction of City Market -

Halifax.....1917.

\$1,000.00.

Received of the City of Halifax the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in settlement of contract for the construction of the Market Building in accordance with agreement of November 9th, 1917, a copy of which is hereto attached.

(See Board of Control minutes November 6th, 1917, pp. 508, 509). 524.

STREET CAR OVERCROWDING.

Read letter Tramway Company as follows:-

Halifax, N. S.,
November 13th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 10th inst., being an extract from Minutes of a meeting of the Board of Control held on the 6th of November, and referring to street car overcrowding.

We beg to advise that it would be preferable to this Company if passengers would not overcrowd the cars, and it is our effort to have them avoid doing so. Our employees have no legal authority to eject passengers from the cars, and we are therefore obliged to submit to overcrowding on certain cars when the public insist upon so doing. We believe we are now giving an efficient service, and are endeavoring to run extra cars at what is commonly called the "rush hours", and while we are somewhat hampered by scarcity of conductors and motormen, we consider that our service is such that it would entail no great hardship, nor any great loss of time to the public if they would refrain from overcrowding the cars and wait for the following car, in the event of one being overcrowded. We are doing our utmost to cope with the situation and furnish the public with an efficient and regular service, and if the general public would cooperate with us in this respect, there

Council ✓

Council ✓

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would be no need of overcrowding whatsoever.

We beg to express out appreciation of the interest taken by the Board of Control in this matter, and beg to assure the Board that we will do everything possible to avoid the overcrowding of the cars at any and all times.

H. R. Mallison,
Secretary-Treasurer,
N. S. Tramways & Power Co., Ltd.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the Secretary is unanimously instructed to return Mr. Mallison's letter to him with the intimation that the Board expected communications from his Company might be free from sarcasm, and to request that he may be pleased to communicate to the City what measures the company proposes to provide for the better accomodation of street car patrons.

In accordance with the resolution, the City Clerk writes as follows:-

Office of the City Clerk,
November 15th, 1917.

H. R. Mallison, Esq.,
Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co., Ltd.,
C i t y.

Sir:-

With intention single to the interests of the citizens of the City who patronize your street cars, the Board of Control, at a meeting on November 6th, 1917, directed your attention to be called to the practice of overcrowding of cars, and pointed out the resultant element of danger.

At a meeting held this morning, the Board was disappointed in reading your reply, dated 13th inst., to discover in it a cryptic sarcasm rather than that seriousness of purpose the Board of Control's communication was intended to enlist.

The Board therefore beg to refer your letter back to you herewith, with the request that you may be pleased to give their original communication further consideration, and to indicate what efforts your Company propose applying for the better accomodation of street car patrons.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

WATT STREET - G. F. BRADY, ARBITRATOR'S FEE -

McFATRIDGE PROPERTY.

Read opinion City Solicitor as follows:-

Office of City Solicitor, Sept. 26/17.

Secretary Board of Control.

Sir:-

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As I understand the facts, the City wished to acquire a piece of property from Mr. McFatrige for the widening of a street, but was unable to agree upon the price. The City could have expropriated, but instead of doing so, agreed to leave the price to arbitration, and Mr. Brady acted as Mr. McFatrige's arbitrator. It appears to me therefore, that what took place was practically an expropriation without resorting to the proceedings preliminary to arbitration, and consequently the cost of the arbitration should be borne by the City in the same way as it would have been borne if the expropriation had been resorted to.

Of course this does not necessarily imply that Mr. Brady's charge is a correct amount. Of this other officials who are familiar with the details are more competent to judge than I. It would depend upon the value of the property and the length of time involved and other considerations.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

The Secretary is instructed to inform Mr. Brady that William Davies, the third arbitrator in this matter, rendered his account and was paid only the sum of \$12.50 for his services, and to request him to inform the Board as to whether he performed more services than did Mr. Davies, and if so, in what particulars.

CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor is called from the meeting.
Controller Murphy is appointed to the chair,

CHILDREN'S PROTECTION ACT, COST OF MAINTENANCE OF
Children.

Read letter City Auditor as follows:-

Office of City Auditor,
November 13th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The acts of 1917, Chapter 2, Section 27 (2), provide that the weekly payment for maintenance of children apprehended under the Children's Aid Society shall be paid to the Superintendent.

This is not only unbusinesslike, but contrary to many provisions laid down in our Charter for the guidance of our officials and as safeguards for the proper payments of cash from our treasury, and should be amended so that the person to whom the bill is due should collect direct from the City, after the Superintendent signs the bill as correct and has also been dealt with by the Board of Control and Council, as is duly provided for in making all

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other disbursements.

W. W. Foster,
City Auditor.

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

COAL WEIGHERS' REPORT FOR OCTOBER.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of october, showing each man to have received \$70.64. Filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - SALE OF HORTON AERIAL LADDER.

The Board resumes consideration of the matter of proposed sale of the Horton (McDonald) aerial ladder. (See Board of Control minutes November 8th, 1917, pp. 516, 517.)

Read correspondence between the City and the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, as follows:-

Office of City Clerk,
November 5th, 1917.

E. J. Fahie, Esq.,
Secty. N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters,
C i t y.

Sir:-

The City of Halifax has invited tenders for the sale of the Horton (McDonald) aerial fire ladder and desire to know the attitude of the Board of Fire Underwriters in respect to fire insurance rates in the event of the City disposing of the said ladder.

L. Fred Monaghan,
City Clerk.

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Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters,
Halifax, November 6th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of the 5th inst. is at hand asking for the attitude of my Board in case the City disposes of the Horton (McDonald) aerial fire ladder.

I will place your letter before my Board at its meeting on Tuesday next and advise you in the matter immediately after.

Edward J. Fahie,
Secretary.

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Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters,
Halifax, November 13th, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.
Dear sir:-

Carl Finlay ✓
Convent ✓

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Again referring to your favor of the 5th inst., wherein you asked for the attitude of my Board in respect to fire insurance rates, in the event of the City disposing of the Horton (McDonald) aerial truck, I have to advise you, that at today's meeting of my Board I was directed to reply, that the disposing of this truck will not cause any change in the insurance rates.

Edward J. Fahie,
Secretary.

Moved by Controller Hines that the tender of William McFatridge, \$110.00, for the purchase of the ladder be accepted, and that the ladder be sold to him at that figure.

Moved by Controller Murphy, that the ladder be knocked down and stored in the City yard, Bell Road, at the expense of the Fire Department.

Controller Murphy's motion is approved by the Board.

WATER METERS.

In substitution for certificate of the Acting City Engineer submitted at meeting November 8th, 1917, (see p. 515) re progress payment for water meters, which was erroneous and has been destroyed, the following certificate is submitted and passed for payment:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 14th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to William Stairs, Son & Morrow, of the sum of two thousand one hundred and twenty dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2120.25) on account on their contract for meters.

350 5/8" Worthington meters @ \$12.85	\$4497.50
Less 10% retained	449.75
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	\$4047.75
Paid on certificate #1	1927.50
Balance recommended	<hr/>
	\$2120.25

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor resumes the chair.

PERSONAL LIABILITY FOR PREVENTABLE FIRES.

Read letter City Clerk as follows:-

Council ✓

November 15th, 1917.

Office of the City Clerk,
November 14th, 1917.

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

Amongst the great lessons taught by the present war and one which time after time has been brought most vividly to the minds and experience of many communities, has been the utter wastefulness and woeful loss of property, including foods and other necessaries of life, and munitions of war through preventable fires. The magnitude of such losses in war time is more impressive than under other circumstances because the effect is felt by all persons in time of war, whilst in peace times the burden is a pecuniary one only and is suffered only by an immediate, interested few.

It would appear then, that while the minds of the people are filled with instances almost daily through the columns of the press in which great losses through preventable fires might have been averted and immense quantities of foods and munitions of war saved for their proper purpose is an opportunity not to be neglected by legislative bodies.

In ordinary times the annual loss by fire in Canadian cities is very great and the cost of the upkeep of Municipal Fire Departments a burdensome tax.

Most communities, including the City of Halifax, have officials whose duty it is to inspect properties for fire hazard and to apply certain regulations for the correcting of unsafe conditions, but the results of this system are far from satisfactory everywhere.

An effective deterrent for preventable fires must touch the pocket of the careless or vicious property holder. A short cut to this is to make him personally financially liable.

The Common Law principle of liability for injury resulting from carelessness or neglect in order that it might be summarily, inexpensively and expeditiously applied should be supported in the special matter under consideration by statutory enactment and municipal regulations.

This subject is most opportunely a live question in the United States at the present time and is being urged with some diligence by the National Fire Protection Association of which the City of Halifax, through its City Clerk, is a member.

The City of Greater New York, the City of Cleveland, Ohio, and the State of Pennsylvania have already moved in the matter and have had the principle enacted into law.

I think the subject worthy of consideration by the City of Halifax for many reasons.

The Law in the State of Pennsylvania is as follows:-

"Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth

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of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same: That where a fire originates on the premises occupied by any person, firm or corporation as a result of his or its criminal intent, design or wilful negligence, or where said person, firm or corporation has failed to comply with any law or ordinance of said cities or any lawful regulation or requirement of any State or municipal authority enacted or made for the prevention of fire or the spreading thereof, such person, firm or corporation shall, in addition to the present penalties for the punishment of persons convicted of arson or the payment of any fine or penalty for the violation of any law, ordinance or lawful regulation or requirement of any State or municipal authority enacted or made for the prevention of fire or the spreading thereof, be liable in a civil action to said cities for the payment of all costs and expenses of the fire departments of said cities incurred in and about the use of employees' apparatus and materials in the extinguishment as aforesaid. The amount of such costs and expenses shall be determined by the Director of the Department of Public Safety based upon the wages of the firemen and other officers for the time they were engaged in the extinguishment or the attempt to extinguish such fire; a reasonable amount as rental for the use of the apparatus of said city, and the cost of the water or other materials used in the extinguishment or the attempt to extinguish such fire, with an additional amount of ten per centum on the total amount as aforesaid as supervisory or overhead charges, all of which shall be paid into the City Treasury for the use of said Cities.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this Act be and the same are hereby repealed.

Passed by the Legislature of Pennsylvania.

Approved the sixth of May, 1915, by

Governor Martin G. Brumbaugh,

The National Fire Protection Association urge all persons who suffer from preventable fires to bring suit for the recovery of damages.

The enactments in New York, Cleveland and Pennsylvania only confer on the municipalities the power to collect the cost to the Fire Department of extinguishing or attempting to extinguish preventable fires.

The turning out of a City fire brigade with its attendant risks and expense for the extinguishing of a preventable chimney fire is a ridiculous example where the property holder should if at fault reimburse the Municipality for actual cost.

Laws of this nature if deemed wise should really be Provincial or Dominion wide and not confined to individual

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or isolated communities only, and with that object in mind I would ask the privilege of submitting copies of this suggestion to the Honorable the Premier of Nova Scotia, to the Secretary of the Union of Canadian Municipalities and to the Secretary of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities,

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

Referred to Controller Hines and the City Solicitor for report.

STONE TENDERS.

At his request, the City Engineer is authorized to advertise for tenders for stone for breaking for streets.

ESTIMATES 1918-19.

His Worship the Mayor again requested the Controllers to prepare and bring forward their estimates for 1918-19.

CATCHPITS AND GUTTERS.

Alderman Codwin requested the Board to resume the system of some years ago to appoint men in each ward to the duty of keeping the catchpits and gutters clear during the winter and spring.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR

L. Fred. Monaghan
CITY CLERK.

Hon. P. H. Murray
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Municipalities
Union N.S.
Municipalities
Cont. Hines
City Solicitor
Franklin H
Secretary
Westworth
N. P. A. Smith
St. Peter Ross
Engineer

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City Clerk
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City Clerk
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Cement Contract.
Fire Department Chauffeur.
Temperance Law Enforcement.
Spring Garden Road Widening.
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Taxation Act.
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FIRE DEPARTMENT - INCREASE OF PAY OF PERMANENT MEN.

Read petition from twenty-nine permanent employees of the Fire Department for an increase of \$150.00 each per year in their pay.

Referred to Controller Hines for consideration with the Fire Department estimates.

WORKS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES' PAY.

Read petition drivers and helpers of the ash and garbage teams for increase in pay.

Referred to the City Engineer for consideration with the estimates.

JAMES H. DOW, CITY HOME - REMUNERATION.

Read application James H. Dow for remuneration for extra services as Acting Superintendent of the City Home.

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

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Cont. Hines ✓
B/C ✓*

*Engineer ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓
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Cont. Hines ✓

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SIR SANDFORD FLEMING BEQUESTS TO CHARITY.

Read letter Hall & Hall, Peterboro, Ont., solicitors for Estate of Sir Sandford Fleming, as follows:- (See Board of Control minutes November 8th, 1917, p. 515).

Peterborough, Canada,
November 13th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

We have been requested by Mr. F. W. Harcourt, K. C., Official Guardian, to give you an abstract from the Will of the late Sir Sandford Fleming, which is as follows:- "I give and bequeath to my Executors, the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars, out of my personal estate, to be expended by them towards such charitable objects as they may consider advisable, and which they think I would desire, in the following places and amounts:- In the City of Ottawa the sum of \$5000, in the City of Halifax the sum of \$2500, in the Town of Collingwood the sum of \$1500 and in the Town of Peterborough the sum of \$1000."

We might say for your information that owing to the depression in the money market, and the fact that the securities of the late Sir Sandford Fleming largely consisted of stocks effected by this depreciation, it would be impossible at present to realize the assets of the estate to advantage, and if this were done at the present time, there would be a deficiency of assets. Therefore, it will be necessary to allow the matter of the charitable bequests to remain in abeyance at present.

Hall & Hall.

Filed.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Read letter Victoria General Hospital re accounts for maintenance of patients, as follows:-

Accounts for Maintenance of Patients.

Victoria General Hospital,
November 14th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 12th inst., enclosing a memorandum of Hospital accounts for the month of October, showing the individual accounts for the in such statement for the payment of which the City disclaims liability. In this statement there is

Auditor ✓
Treasurer ✓
Letter Hall & Hall ✓

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also indicated a number of accounts accepted by the City aggregating \$114.00, and I am writing to say that without prejudice to either party the Hospital will accept payment of accounts for which the City does admit liability.

W. W. Kenny,
Superintendent

Approved.

Inspector and Clerk V. G. Hospital Patients.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that W. E. Messervey, in addition to his duty as Clerk of the Market, be temporarily required to act as Inspector and Clerk in connection with cases admitted into the V. G. Hospital, the cost of whose care and maintenance is charged by the Hospital against the City of Halifax.

Motion passed, Controllers Hines and Taylor and His Worship the Mayor voting for the same and Controllers Finlay and Murphy against.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TENDERS FOR OVERCOATS.

Tenders for supply of four overcoats for the Fire Department are received and opened as follows:-

Maxwell's Ltd.

Irish Frieze.....\$37.00
Blue Cloth..... 38.50

W. S. Munnis.

Sample #34153.....\$30.50
#K5094..... 32.00
#1224..... 35.00
#5858..... 38.00
#1770..... 15.00
#1727..... 18.50

G. Shipley & Co.

Grey Frieze.....\$30.00
" " 32.00

The following tender was received from Thomas Brenton subsequent to the meeting:-

Blue Cloth.....\$37.00
Frieze..... 28.00
" 30.00

Referred to Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department for report.

Council ✓

W W Kenny ✓
V G Hospital ✓
W E Messervey ✓

Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept. ✓

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HUNTER STREET WIDENING - MURPHY PROPERTY.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 19th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

The City Council passed a resolution to transfer from the Loan for Widening Streets to Sewerage Account, the sum of six hundred and two dollars and four cents (\$602.04) on account of land acquired from Mrs. Murphy for the widening of Hunter Street.

We have at present no funds in the Street widening Loan Account, but under the Statute we are allowed to borrow Five Thousand Dollars (\$5000) per annum for this purpose. The last time money was borrowed for this account was in 1915.

In Mrs. Murphy's case, the deeds have passed and been recorded, but until the money is transferred to Sewerage Account, the Collector is unable to give her a receipt for her City taxes.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller ^{Finley} ~~Murphy~~ for report. 27 cc

CEMENT CONTRACT.

Read report Acting City Engineer re contract for cement, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In the Spring we let a contract for 1,750,000 pounds of cement in anticipation of our requirements for the year's work. After the contract was let, the Council decided to very materially cut down the sidewalk work, and a comparatively small amount of the cement contracted for was required.

The contractor has delivered to date about 925,000 pounds, of which quantity we have in stock about 220,000 pounds. He writes me that it will be necessary, if we propose to take the full amount ordered, to decide on the same before Wednesday. The original contract was for total delivery during the summer.

We have sufficient in stock to carry us until next Spring, and I do not think it advisable, owing to the danger of deterioration in our stores, to store any more. The contractors are quite willing to release us from the obligation of taking the full amount, and I would recommend that they be notified that no more will be required under their contract.

H. W. Johnston
Acting City Engineer

Approved.

Cont Finley ✓

Cont Finley ✓

Engineer ✓
Council ✓

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FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAUFFEUR.

Read application James Woodfor position of chief operator and mechanic of new fire engine. Filed.

TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Controller Taylor reported that agreeably to resolution of the Board of November 13th, 1917, p. 528, he and the Chief of Police had conferred with Liquor Inspector Tracey in the matter of co-operation between the Inspector and the police Department in the enforcement of the Temperance Act.

The Inspector had informed them that he believed he was getting from the Police Department all the help they could give him.

His Worship the Mayor stated persons had hinted to him that policemen on their regular beats were not as active in supplying information as they might be, and suggested that policemen's beats be changed more frequently than is the usual custom.

His Worship's suggestion is referred to Controller Taylor and the Chief of Police for consideration.

SPRING GARDEN ROAD WIDENING.

Controller Hines stated that he had recently attended a meeting of a committee of St. Paul's Cemetery in connection with the proposed widening of Spring Garden Road through the acquisition by the City of a piece off the corner of the cemetery at the south-west corner of Barrington Street and Spring Garden Road, or the obtaining of a strip off the north side of the cemetery from the Court House to Barrington Street. He stated that another meeting of the joint committee would soon be called.

PARKER STREET CROSSINGS.

Controller Hines asked for the construction of street crossings near the junction of Parker Street and Windsor Street.

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Cont - Taylor
Chief of Police

Cont - Hines
Cont - Frisley

Engineer

November 20th, 1917.

Referred to the City Engineer.

ASHES AND GARBAGE REMOVAL.

At request of Controller Taylor, the City Engineer is instructed to report as to the cost of removal of ashes and garbage containers from private yards and returning them again after being emptied into the teams.

BRITISH RED CROSS - CITY GRANT \$2,000.00.

Read report Controller Finlay as follows:-

Halifax, November 19th, 1917.

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

In accordance with the authority vested in the City by Chapter 6 of Acts 1915, as amended by Chapter 30 of Acts 1916, and Chapters 74 and 75 of Acts 1917, I would recommend that the City Treasurer be instructed to pay the \$2,000.00 voted for the British Red Cross Society Fund, by the Board of Control and passed by the City Council on November 8th, 1917, from any funds available, and that the amount be included in next year's estimates.

A. J. Finlay,
Controller.

Approved.

TAXATION ACT.

Controller Finlay submits for the approval of the Board the following report from the City Solicitor re new taxation act:-

Office of City Solicitor,
November 16th, 1917.

Controller Finlay,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your request as to the present position of the above, I beg to say as follows:-

Amendments to the present law were considered by the former Board of Control and recommended to the former Council. These amendments were confined to the abolition of the tax on personal property and the substitution for it of business and household taxes. The Council added the taxation of improvements on land at a fixed rate, leaving the balance required for the yearly estimates to be raised by a tax on land values.

An Act authorizing these changes was prepared and

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submitted to the legislature at the last session, and passed with the only addition of requiring an experimental assessment to be made. As a complete Act would have been very lengthy, it was deemed best to follow the precedent by which the Board of Control system was instituted, namely, to pass a comparatively short and simple act embodying the principles required, and directing the preparation of an act working out all the details necessary, which, when prepared, could be brought into effect by an order of the Lieut. Governor in Council. The Act so passed is Chapter 39 of the Acts of 1916.

Immediately upon the passage of the Act, I prepared the draft of the Act so directed to be prepared. To do so involved the consideration of the 115 sections of the Charter from Section 369 to 483, dealing with taxation. Those which were particularly affected by the change have been entirely redrafted. Others have required only minor changes. Many others, such as those relating to special taxes, taxes on banks, the register of real estate, notices, tax sales, and others, will require no change, and I have merely indicated the places at which they will require to be inserted, when it is determined to present the Act in a complete form.

This draft is submitted to the members of the former Board of Control and to the City Assessor. After considerable discussion it was decided to defer further action until the result of the experimental assessment had been obtained. That experiment was made and every tax payer served with a notice of what taxes he would be called upon to pay under the proposed change, and the exact results are now in the Assessment office.

The present position therefore is that the Act stands ready (after a few days work on formal completion) for submission to the Governor in Council, for enactment by Order in Council. The Government will not, I presume, take any action in the matter unless requested to do so. That request may of course be made by the City, but there is nothing to prevent any other body from making it. The Board of Trade has had the matter under consideration, and it is possible that that body may take some action.

I have only to add that the draft follows the Act in all matters of principle. Several changes in these have been suggested, but if any such changes are to be made, it will have to be done by legislation, as the authority of the Governor in Council is confined to bringing into force an act along the lines of the Act passed by the legislature.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

On motion of Controller Murphy, Controller Finlay is requested to have the City Assessor prepare and submit to this Board a schedule of all Insurance Companies and others, who, under the new taxation law would be liable to both taxation and license fees, and the amounts.

On motion of Controller Murphy, His Worship the Mayor

*Cont Finlay
City Assessor*

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is requested to ask A. H. Minshull, representing certain real estate owners, for a copy of the memorandum being prepared by him in connection with the new taxation law at it affects real estate.

Mayor

BARRINGTON STREET #745 - WASTE OF WATER, C. E. SMITH.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 20th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control covering complaining of Mr. C. E. Smith that the water had been turned off at #745 Barrington Street where there had been no waste of water or defective plumbing, and that he had to pay a fine before the water was turned on.

The premises were inspected by the Water Inspector on Nov. 3rd, 1917. A tap was found wasting and a closet was running full bore. Mr. Smith was notified of this by Mr. Hughes on Nov. 10th and the water was turned off. On the 12th, on which date Mr. Smith paid a fine and it was turned on again.

The law provides that the water may be turned off any property where the owner, agent of the owner, occupant or consumer of water is allowing the water to run to waste. In this case, the water was not only wasting on the day that it was inspected by the inspector, but from the evidence obtained by him, the waste had been going on for some time.

I find that through an error, Mr. Smith paid \$2.00 instead of \$1.00 before the water was turned on, and he is therefore entitled to a refund of \$1.00. The law distinctly says that where the water is turned off on account of it having been wasting, the owner or occupant shall pay a fine of \$1.00 for the first offence before the water is turned on, and under this section, as there is no question of the waste having taken place, I do not think that the Board has any power to order a refund of the fine.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. Wagoner

CITY CLERK.

*Engineer ✓
Clerk ✓ works ✓
Auditor ✓*

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 22nd, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

City Home - Tenders for Potatoes.
Water Bill #35 Tobin Street - R. A. Johnson.
Watt Street, McFatrige Property - Geo. F. Brady Account.
Fire Department - Call Men Increase of Pay.
Hunter Street Widening, Murphy Property.
Lights Out.
Paths Across Common.
Coal.
City Storekeeper.

CITY HOME - TENDERS FOR POTATOES.

Tenders for supply of 1,000 bushels of potatoes to the City Home are received and opened, as follows:-

Joseph Wood & Co., \$1.16 per bus.
Nickerson & Cross., Ltd., \$1.23½ per bus.
Black & Flynn, \$1.15 per bus.
Hendry, Ltd., \$1.15 per bus.

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

WATER BILL #35 TOBIN STREET - R. A. JOHNSON.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 22nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the complaint of Mr. R. A. Johnson of excessive charges for water. On reference to the meter readers' books, I find that the consumption at #35 Tobin Street during 1914 and in 1915 until May, was normal.

The following are the readings from that date of October of this year -

1915.	Reading.	Consumption.
June 14	118,100 w.c.wasting	13,100
July 14	216,100 do	98,000
Sept. 4	286,600 do	76,500
Nov. 15	345,600 do	59,000
Dec. 14	377,800 do	32,200
1916.		
Apr. 28	410,400 do	32,600
May 23	413,700	3,300

*Jos W. Bryson
cont - Hines*

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June 2	416,900	3,200
July 10	420,300	3,400
Aug. 14	422,600	2,300
Sept. 7	425,000	2,400
Oct. 11	431,600	6,600
Nov. 7	437,200	5,600
Dec. 16	446,900	9,700
1917		
Jan, 15	456,700	9,800
Mar. 5	468,200	11,500
Apr. 9	480,900	12,700
May 9	490,500	9,600
June 11	500,500	10,000
July 9	507,400	6,900
Aug. 10	518,400	11,000
Sept. 7	526,200	7,800
Oct. 15	559,600	33,400

It will be noticed that a closet was reported wasting from May to December, during which time the consumption ran as high as 98,000 gallons for one month. A closet was again reported wasting in May, 1916, but was evidently repaired immediately. I have had the meter tested, and find it to be registering correctly and there can be no doubt of the cause of the large consumption during 1915.

In view of the fact that the closet was reported leaking month after month without being remedied, I am unable to recommend any reduction in the bill.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to Controller Murphy for report.

WATT STREET, MCFATRIDGE PROPERTY - GEORGE F. BRADY

ACCOUNT.

Read letter George F. Brady re his account, \$25.00, for services as appraiser in the matter of the acquisition by the City of property, Watt Street, belonging to William McFatriage, as follows:-

678 Robie Street, Halifax, N. S.,
November 20th, 1917.

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

Sir:-

Yours of the 19th inst. to hand and contents noted.

Just off hand I would say Mr. Davis spent probably about three hours. I spent probably a week. Mr. Harris and I had to take the matter up several times and went twice over the property.

Geo. F. Brady.

The account, \$25.00, is passed for payment

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FIRE DEPARTMENT - CALL MEN INCREASE OF PAY.

Read application from all the members of the Call Force of the Fire Department for an increase in pay.

Referred to Controller Hines for consideration with the Fire Department Estimates for 1917-18.

HUNTER STREET WIDENING - MURPHY PROPERTY.

Controller Finlay reported that he had arranged for the financing of the purchase of the Murphy property for the widening of Hunter Street whereby the City Collector will be able to give Mrs. Murphy a receipt and the City may secure the deed.

LIGHTS OUT.

Controller Taylor stated he noticed in the newspapers in a report of a meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association which was attended by Major Jones representing the Military Authorities and by His Worship the Mayor that it is likely a more rigid enforcement of the orders relating to obscuring of lights will be effected and asked if something could not be done to modify the carrying out of such orders.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the City Clerk write Major General T. Benson asking if he would be pleased to appoint a representative to confer with a committee of this Board, consisting of Controllers Hines and Murphy, the City Electrician and the City Engineer and to view the conditions of the City respecting the lighting both from the water and on the land at night time. Motion passed.

PATHS ACROSS COMMON.

On motion of Controller Hines the City Engineer is requested to repair with ashes the path across the Common leading to Welsford Street.

Chief Fire Dept.
Con. Hines ✓
M.C. Estimates ✓

Engineer ✓
Auditor ✓
Collector ✓
Solicitor ✓

May. G. Benson ✓
Cont. Hines ✓
Cont. Murphy ✓
City Engineer ✓
Electrician ✓

Engineer ✓

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COAL.

In answer to questions the Acting City Engineer states that he will be ready to submit a complete statement respecting coal purchased and disposed of by the City at the next meeting of the Board.

Engineer ✓

CITY STOREKEEPER.

On motion of Controller Murphy the several applications submitted to the Board for the position of City Storekeeper are referred to the City Engineer for report.

Engineer ✓

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. MARTIN.

MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

Engineer

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Lights Out.
City Home - Tenders for Potatoes.
Telephone Service.
Willow Street Sewer - St. John's Presbyterian Church.
Street Lights.
Camp Hill Military Hospitals Smoke-Stack.
V. G. Hospital Patients - Inspector and Clerk.
Public Schools Fire Drill.
Chebucto Road, North Street and Oxford Street.
Snow Ploughing at Public Schools.
Car Works Indebtedness to City.
Safety to Life - 15¢ Stores.
Abattoir.
Hunter Street Widening - Murphy Property.
Water Bill 89-91 Bilby Street, A. H. Shepherd.

LIGHTS OUT.

The City Engineer is instructed to darken all transoms ^{over} of the windows and doors in the City Hall so as to obscure lights in the building in compliance with Military orders, and to have the City Council Chamber done before the next City Council meeting.

Engineer ✓

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR POTATOES.

Read tender John F. Outhit & Son, \$2.00 per ninety pound bag, for potatoes for the City Home.

The tender being too late for consideration is filed.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the tender prices of Black & Flynn and Hendry Limited for 1,000 bus. of potatoes for the City Home being equal at \$1.15 per bus. the contract be divided between these two firms. (See Board of Control Minutes Nov. 22nd, 1917, p. 551). Motion passed, and the Secretary of the City Home to notify the tenders ^{er} accordingly.

*Council ✓
Jas. A. Byron
Secy. of Home*

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TELEPHONE SERVICE.

It being intimated to the Board that there is likely to be considerable increase in the cost of telephone service consideration of the matter is deferred.

WILLOW STREET SEWER - ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The following letter is read:-

Halifax, November 24th, 1917.

The Board of Control,
C i t y.

Gentlemen:-

A short time ago we applied for and received a permit from the City Engineer to connect our building on Willow Street with the Windsor Street sewer. Shortly after proceeding with the work we received a communication from the Real Estate Company Limited, ordering us to discontinue all work, as we were trespassing on their property.

Considerable water is now in our basement, and unless we have sewer connection at once, the building will suffer serious damage, when the frost sets in.

As we believe the City has for some time contemplated the erection of a sewer on Willow Street, running from Windsor to Dublin, we desire to ask your Board whether you could not proceed at once with the first instalment of this sewer, which would be approximately 150 feet from Windsor Street to our new building.

It is very important to us that something should be done at once and we trust you will give the matter your serious consideration.

We remain

St. John's Presbyterian Church
Building Committee.

Harry M. Evans, Chairman.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

STREET LIGHTS.

Read report City Electrician and letter N. S.

Tramways Company, as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
November 23rd, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control .

Gentlemen:-

In reply to the complaint of Mrs. A. R. Cossey and others regarding the street lighting service, I beg to re-

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port that I had previously written the manager of the N. S. Tramway & Power Co., suggesting that their system of patrolling the street lights was defective, as complaints were being received of street lights being out for several consecutive nights.

I enclose their reply to my letter, and would further suggest that the fact of 300 outs being reported by the police for the month of October is sufficient evidence that the lamps in question had passed the limit of their usefulness.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

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N. S. Tramways & Power Co., Ltd.,
October 25th, 1917.

P. R. Colpitt, Esq.,
City Electrician,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

I have for acknowledgment the receipt of your favor of the 23rd instant, complaining of unsatisfactory service in connection with the street lighting.

We fully realize that the present street lighting system is not a satisfactory one, and I have taken the liberty on many occasions during the last two years of drawing this fact to the attention of the Board of Control. The fault with the system is not due to any inefficiency in the patrolling regulations, as the entire service is patrolled twice each night. I feel that the statement that lamps remain out for several successive nights is an exaggeration of the facts, but we do know that the lamps go out frequently and the cause of this is due to the age of the equipment and the difficulty of promptly obtaining repair parts of this now out of date type of lamp. In as much as our contract with the city for street lighting is a temporary one, and one that is due to expire in March of April of the ensuing year, you will readily understand that this Company could not afford to either replace or rehabilitate the present arc lamps to supply a service of such a temporary nature and the City authorities were aware of this condition when the temporary contract was signed. We are doing the best we can to keep the present arc lamps in repair, but we feel that it would be an absolute waste of money to attempt to completely repair the present arc lamps, as we do not consider, in any case, that they are a satisfactory type of lamp for use in this City.

I have issued instructions to have more care given to the maintenance of these lamps. and so long as the contract remains in force we shall do the very best we can with the equipment to keep it operating as satisfactorily as possible. I would be glad, however, if you would call my attention to any individual cases of lamps being out for any length of time as suggested in your letter, so that I may make a special investigation in connection therewith.

H. R. Mallison,
Managing Director.

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Filed.

Controller Finlay complained that the street light
Walnut Street is frequently found to be out.

Referred to the City Electrician.

CAMP HILL MILITARY HOSPITALS SMOKE-STACK.

Read letter Military Hospitals Commission re smoke-
stack Military Hospitals, Camp Hill, as follows:-

Military Hospitals Commission, Canada,
Works Branch, Camp Hill,
Halifax, November 23rd, 1917.

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

From R. Winter, Architect,
Military Hospitals Comm.,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of 1st instant the chimney at
this Hospital is to be raised twenty feet higher.

Military Hospitals Commission,
Ronald Winter, Architect.

(See Board of Control Minutes October 30th, 1917,
page 489.)

The Secretary is instructed to thank Mr. Winter,
Architect in charge of the Hospital for the promptness
with which the request of the Board of Control had been
complied.

V. G. HOSPITAL PATIENTS - INSPECTOR AND CLERK.

Read letter Acting Superintendent Victoria General
Hospital as follows:-

Victoria General Hospital,
Halifax, November 22nd, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your communication of the 20th
inst., stating that Mr. W. E. Messervey in addition to
his duty as Clerk of the Market, has been temporarily
appointed to act as Inspector and Clerk in connection

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with cases admitted into Victoria General Hospital and in reply thereto may say that Hospital authorities will be pleased to render whatever assistance they can to aid Mr. Messervey in the discharge of his duties.

I beg to remain,

C. E. Puttner,
Acting Superintendent.

Filed.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS FIRE DRILL.

Controller Hines stated that it had been reported to him that in cases of fire drill at some of the public schools it had been found that the teacher had to go around searching for the key of fire escape doors instead of the key being conveniently at hand at all times.

*Cont. Finlay ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

Referred to Controller Finlay to bring to the attention of the School Board.

CHEBUCTO ROAD, NORTH STREET AND OXFORD STREET.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:-

Board of School Commissioners,
Halifax, November 27th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Committee on School Sites and Buildings to write you regarding the deplorable condition of Chebucto Road, North and Oxford Streets, in the vicinity of the two schools buildings thereon, and to ask that something be done to relieve the present conditions and that a catchpit be placed near the junction of Chebucto Road and Oxford Street to prevent the overflow of water on to the sidewalk and street.

Engineer ✓

I am

Yours very truly,

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

On motion of Controller Finlay the matter is referred to the City Engineer for attention.

SNOW PLOUGHING AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

On motion of Controller Finlay the matter of plough-

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ing snow around school properties by the Fire Department and Works Department horses is referred to Controller Hines and the City Engineer with the request that all the work possible be done by their respective departments.

CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Controller Finlay verbally reports that the Canada Corporations Limited had yesterday paid another instalment of \$10,000.00 on the indebtedness of the Nova Scotia Car Works to the City.

Controller Finlay further reported a full financial statement would shortly be presented.

SAFETY TO LIFE-FIFTEEN CENT STORES.

Alderman Gillis asked the Board the probable result of a panic in one of the fifteen cent stores on a Saturday night in the event of a fire in one of them. He asked if the exits in such a case are sufficient.

Referred to Controller Hines and the City Solicitor for report.

ABATTOIR.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 22nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to Falegner & McDonald of the sum of three thousand four hundred and fifteen cents (\$3400.15) on account on their contract for the construction of the abattoir:-

Estimated value of work done	\$25,656.00
Less 15% retained	3,848.25
	\$21,807.75
Paid on certificates 1, 2, 3	18,407.60
Balance recommended - - - -	\$ 3,400.15

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
City Engineer ✓

Council ✓
Cont. Finlay ✓
Treasurer ✓
City

Cont. Hines ✓
City Solicitor ✓
Building Inspector ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓

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HUNTER STREET WIDENING - MURPHY PROPERTY.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 22nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to Mrs. Murphy of the sum of six hundred and two dollars and four cents, (\$602.04) for land acquired for the widening of Hunter Street on the east side. (Resolution of Council October 4th, 1917).

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

WATER BILL 89 - 91 BILBY STREET - A. H. SHEPHERD.

On recommendation of Controller Murphy it is decided to reduce the half yearly water bill September 1916 A. H. Shepherd, #89 Bilby Street, from \$11.15 to \$5.00. (See Board of Control Minutes October 30th, 1917, p.486).

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

L. J. McLaughlin

CITY CLERK.

Council ✓

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 29th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock; present Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell, Controllers Hines, Finlay, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Fire Department - Tenders for Uniform Overcoats.
Acadian School Property - C. W. Outhit Building.
Superannuation Assessments John Quigley.
Salary Engineer City Home.
Clock Tower - Citadel Hill.
Traffic Ordinance.
Plumbing in Dwelling Houses.
Coal Hawkers.
Barrington Street Lighting.
Safety to Life - Fifteen Cent Stores.
N. S. Tram. Co. - One man Operator on Tram Cars.
Police Station - Female Quarters.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - TENDERS FOR UNIFORM OVERCOATS.

Read report Chief of the Fire Department, as follows:-

Office of Chief Fire Department,
November 29th, 1917.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

In reference to tenders for Fire Department uniform overcoats, I would recommend for acceptance the tender of Maxwell's Limited, as follows:-

Three drivers uniform coats, Irish freize, at \$37.00 each, and one only Asst. Chief's blue cloth uniform overcoat at \$38.50.

Hoping the above recommendation will meet with your approval.

E. Condon,
Chief Fire Department.

Approved.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY - C. W. OUTHIT BUILDING.

Read letters (2) Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 26th, 1917.

City Clerk,
City Hall.

Sir:-

I beg to advise you that I have this day sent the

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the enclosed letter to Mr. C. W. Outhit.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

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City Engineer's Office,
November 26th, 1917.

C. W. Outhit, Esq.,
Barrington Street,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I am instructed by the Board of Control to notify you that the City will require possession of its property on the west side of Barrington Street, between Duke and Buckingham Streets at present leased to you by the City, on or before the first day of May, A. D. 1918, and you are consequently required to quit and deliver up possession of the said property and premises by the said date.

Yours faithfully,
H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS JOHN QUIGLEY.

Read letter Mrs. Teresa Quigley, widow of the late John Quigley, City Storekeeper, stating that she had received from the City Treasurer the sum of \$336.73 and asking for an additional grant from the City.

Referred to Controllers Murphy and Finlay for report.

SALARY ENGINEER CITY HOME.

Read application John H. Grant, engineer at the City Home, for an increase in pay.

Referred to Controller Hines for consideration with the City Home Estimates.

CLOCK TOWER, CITADEL HILL.

Read letter Military Authorities re dilapidated condition of the Clock Tower, Citadel Hill, as follows:-

Militia & Defence,
Halifax, November 24th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Your Worship:-

I desire to call your attention to

Council ✓

*Cont. Murphy ✓
Cont. Finlay ✓*

*Cont. Hines ✓
Rep Estimates ✓*

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the disgraceful appearance of the property known as the Clock Tower situated on the eastern slope of the Citadel.

As this building is situated near the Citadel, a point of interest to all visitors to Halifax the importance, for the sake of the good name of the City and the Military authorities, of keeping it from being an eyesore is obvious.

There is a clause in the city's lease from the Department of Militia and Defence which reads "and ever-after keep the said premises, including the clock, at all times in good order and repair at its own expense."

It is evident from the appearance of the tower that this clause has not been lived up to by the City, and I would request that you give this matter your earnest attention with a view to having the building immediately put in a proper state of repair.

Please inform me as to what action you are taking in this matter.

T. Benson, Major-General,
Commanding Military District
No. 6.

The Secretary is instructed to inform Major General Benson that the City has made temporary repairs to protect the building during the winter season and the matter of permanent improvement to the property will be considered with the estimates for 1918-19.

The Secretary is also instructed to call to the attention of the Inspector of Clocks the fact that the clock has not been operating properly for the past two or three days.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

Read report Acting City Engineer and Controller Taylor re Traffic Ordinance, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 29th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

As you are aware, traffic conditions, more especially in the centre of the town, are becoming very much congested, and owing to the diversified nature of the traffic on our streets, it is absolutely necessary for the safety of the public, to have a traffic ordinance.

We have gone into this matter thoroughly and examined

*Major Benson's
enquiries
Re Estimates*

J.C. Ryan

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the ordinances from other cities, and beg to submit herewith a proposed ordinance to regulate the traffic on our streets, which we recommend for adoption.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

George A. Taylor,
Controller.

Deferred until Tuesday's meeting.

The following Ordinance is submitted and ordered to be printed in the Board of Control Minutes:

Ordinance No.....

An Ordinance to Regulate Traffic on Streets.

Be it Ordained by the Mayor, Controllers and Aldermen of the City of Halifax, as follows:-

1. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise required.

(a) The expression "vehicle" shall mean and include every description of waggon, carriage, cart, sleigh or sled or other thing travelling upon wheels or runners, except a street car or a baby carriage, and whether drawn by any animal or propelled by mechanical power, and includes also a person on horse back and a horse led by any person;

(b) the expression "horse" shall mean and include any animal or animals;

(c) The expression "driver" shall mean and include the person having charge of a vehicle; the rider, driver or leader of a horse; the rider of a bicycle, tricycle or other wheeled vehicle; and the operator of a motor cycle;

(d) The expression "street" shall mean and include any public street, road, lane, alley, square, way, place, highway or other means of communication used by the public, whether accepted by the City or not;

(e) The expression "one way street" shall mean and include a street all traffic on which shall proceed in one direction, as indicated;

(f) The expression "curb" shall mean and include any lateral limit of a portion of a street used or intended to be used for vehicles whether marked by curb stones or not.

2. The control of traffic in the streets both by vehicles and pedestrians shall be vested in the police force of the City, who shall enforce the provisions of this ordinance --

3. A vehicle except when passing a vehicle ahead shall keep to the left and as near to the left curb as possible.

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4.(a) A vehicle meeting another vehicle shall pass on the left.

(b) A vehicle overtaking another vehicle shall in passing keep to the right.

(c) A vehicle in turning to the right into another street, shall pass to the left of and beyond the centre of the intersecting street before turning.

(d) A vehicle in turning to the left, into another street shall, when its width will permit, keep as near to the left curb as possible.

(e) A vehicle crossing from one side of the street to the other, shall do so by turning to the right, so as to head in the general direction of traffic on that side of the street.

5. No person having charge of a vehicle shall allow the same to come within ten feet of any vehicle in front of him when approaching with the intention of passing over any crossing over which a pedestrian is about to pass.

6. The driver of every vehicle, coming up with or overtaking any tramcar, and intending to pass on the left side shall, if the tramcar is at a standstill, or about to come to a standstill or stop, bring his vehicle to a standstill in the rear of the tramcar until after the tramcar is again in motion.

7. No person shall drive, guide or have the care of two or more horses harnessed respectively to different vehicles.

8. No vehicle shall be driven on any one way street except in the direction indicated.

9. No person shall drive any horse, or drive, wheel or draw any vehicle except hand carriages conveying children only and drawn by hand, upon any footpath or sidewalk of any street unless for the purpose of going directly across any such footpath or sidewalk into a yard.

10. No one shall drive a vehicle that is so covered in or constructed as to prevent the driver thereof from having a sufficient view of the traffic following and at the sides of such vehicle.

11. (a) Every driver of a vehicle shall, in slowing up or stopping give a signal to those behind, by raising a whip or hand vertically.

(b) In turning while in motion or in starting to turn from a standstill, a signal shall be given by the driver of the vehicle about to be turned by raising a whip or hand, indicating the direction in which the turn is to be made.

(c) Before backing, ample warning shall be given by voice or uplifted hand, and while backing, due care must be exercised by the driver not to injure any person or vehicle behind him.

12. Vehicles must stop so as not to interfere with or prevent the passage of pedestrians at crossings.

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13. The driver of any vehicle shall stop the same on a signal to stop made by any police officer-- and place his vehicle in such position as such officer directs.

14. Where police officers are stationed at street intersections for the control of traffic, one blast of police whistle indicates that north and south traffic shall stop and that east and west traffic may proceed. Two blasts that east and west traffic must stop and that north and south traffic may proceed. Three or more blasts is a signal of alarm and indicates the approach of a fire engine or some other danger.

15. No vehicle shall be used on any street or highway unless provided with lights and sound signals as prescribed by law.

16. (a) All motor vehicles shall carry and keep burning between the sunset and sunrise such lights as are prescribed by the Motor Vehicle Act and any amendments thereto.

(b) All other vehicles shall carry and keep burning between sunset and sunrise two lighted lamps showing a white light ahead and one showing a red light in the rear. The rear lamp may be omitted if provision is made in the backs of the two front lights to show a red light which can be plainly visible from the rear.

17. No owner or driver of any motor vehicle shall make use of any siren, or other similar contrivance or device, emitting or producing any sound resembling or likely to be confused with the siren, or other contrivance of device used for such purposes on any apparatus or vehicle used by the fire department.

18. Every driver of any vehicle shall, on seeing danger of collision with any vehicle, horse or person, or on receiving any warning, signal, or command from any person, or the driver of any vehicle, or horse, requiring him to stop on account of any danger to any person horse or vehicle, stop immediately and not proceed again until all danger has passed, and in every instance the driver of any vehicle shall immediately stop when required by any police officer and place his vehicle in such position as the said officer directs.

19. Any vehicle used by the police department or the fire department, and any ambulance shall have the right of way as against any other vehicle on any street, and shall have the right to pass through any procession.

20. Subject to the foregoing section, a street car shall have the right of way between cross streets over any other vehicle, and the driver of any vehicle proceeding on the track in front of a car shall immediately turn out, on a signal by the motorman or conductor of the car.

21. A vehicle waiting at the curb shall promptly give place to a vehicle about to take on or let off passengers.

22. The driver of a vehicle on the approach of

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a fire engine or any other fire apparatus shall immediately draw up the vehicle as near as practicable to the left-hand curb and parallel thereto and bring it to a standstill.

23. The driver of a street car shall immediately stop the car and keep it stationary upon the approach of a fire engine or other fire apparatus.

24. On any alarm of fire the driver of every vehicle on the street traversed or to be traversed by any fire engine or other fire apparatus shall immediately draw or turn to the left side or curb so as to leave a clear path for the passage of such apparatus through the street.

25. Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Ordinance every vehicle or street car going in an easterly or westerly direction shall have the right of way over any vehicles or street cars going in a northerly or southerly direction.

26. No vehicle shall proceed at a rate of speed greater than the law allows, and at no time shall a vehicle be driven, or a horse ridden, with a reckless or negligent disregard of the conditions then obtaining and the rights of others.

27. No person having charge of a truck, dray, cart or bloven, with an animal attached thereto shall drive the same at a greater speed than five miles an hour except in passing another team.

28. No person having charge of a hackney carriage with an animal attached thereto shall drive the same faster than a rate of six miles an hour.

29. No person having charge of a delivery or express waggon, with an animal attached thereto shall drive the same faster than a rate of six miles an hour.

30. On approaching a crossing of intersecting streets, or in traversing a crossing, or an intersection of streets, or in going around a corner or curve in a highway, a vehicle shall not be driven at a great rate of speed than what is reasonable and proper having regard to traffic at the time and place, and the use of the way and the safety of the public, and in going around corners, the speed of any vehicle shall not exceed six miles an hour.

31. No vehicle shall stop with its right side to the curb except on an established cab, hack and truck stand or in a one way street.

cept 32. No vehicle shall remain backed up to the curb except when actually loading or unloading, and then not for more than ten minutes at any one time; but in no event shall any vehicle block any street car.

33. Unless in an emergency or to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross its way, no vehicle shall stop in any street except close to the curb.

34. No vehicle shall stop in such a way as to obstruct any street or crossing for the purpose of taking on or setting down a passenger or for loading or unloading freight, or for any other purpose except in case of accid-

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ent or when directed to do so by a police officer.

35. No vehicle shall stop or stand within the intersection of any street, nor within fifteen feet of a street corner, except when compelled to do so by a street car stopping in front of it.

36. The person in charge of a vehicle shall not stop the same abreast of another vehicle lengthwise of a street or in any street except in case of accident or emergency.

37. The person in charge of a vehicle shall not place the same in any street so as to prevent or obstruct the passing of other vehicles or street cars.

38. No horse shall be left unattended in any street unless he is securely fastened by being tied to a post or weight, or unless the wheels of the vehicle to which he is harnessed are securely tied, fastened or chained and the vehicle is of sufficient weight to prevent it s being dragged at a dangerous speed with the wheels so secured, and no vehicle shall be left standing in a street for more than thirty minutes, except the vehicle of a physician visiting a sick person at the place at which the vehicle is stopping.

39. No person shall fasten any horse to any tree, tree guard, ornamental light post, fire alarm or post office box.

40. No person shall wash any horse or vehicle on any street.

41. No vehicle shall back to make a turn in any street, if by so doing it interferes with other vehicles, but shall go around the block or to a street sufficiently wide to turn in without backing.

42. No person shall drive or conduct any vehicle in such condition or so constructed or so loaded as to be likely to cause delay in traffic or accident or injury to man, beast or property.

43. No person shall drive or convey through any public street, any vehicle the width of which, with its load, exceeds ten feet, except in accordance with a permit from the Chief of Police.

44. No person shall in any street use any truck or dray the length of which from the end of the shaft to the extreme end of the side is greater than twenty five feet, or a motor vehicle of a greater length than twenty-six feet, except in accordance with a permit from the Chief of Police.

45. No person shall carry or cause to be carried on any vehicle a load the weight of which exceeds six tons unless such load consists of an article which can not be divided, except in accordance with a permit from the Chief of Police.

46. No driver of a vehicle with a horse attached thereto shall cease from holding the reins in his hands to guide and restrain the horse, nor, when not seated on the vehicle, cease from walking by the lead of the shaft or

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wheel horse, either holding or keeping within reach of the bridle or halter thereof.

47. No one shall load a vehicle with iron or other material that may cause a noise by striking without properly deadening it so that it will cause no unnecessary noise, and any vehicle loaded in such a manner shall proceed at such rate of speed (not exceeding that elsewhere in this ordinance mentioned) that no unnecessary noise shall be caused by the vehicle itself or its load.

48. No one who is less than sixteen years of age shall drive any vehicle on any street.

49. No one shall crack or ^{so} use a whip as to annoy interfere with or endanger any person, or excite any horse other than which he is using.

50. No horse shall be unbitted in any street or highway unless secured by a halter and no horse shall be allowed to roam at large on any street.

51. No one shall remove a wheel pole, shaft, whiffle tree, splinter bar or any other part of a vehicle or any part of a harness likely to cause accident if the horse or horses start, without first unhitching the horse or horses attached to said vehicle.

52. No one shall steal a ride upon any vehicle or street car and no one shall ride upon the rear of any vehicle without the consent of the person in charge thereof.

53. Vehicles used for delivery purposes not requiring a license shall have painted or otherwise plainly shewn thereon the owner's name.

54. All vehicles conveying loads which overhang the vehicle to the extent of six feet or upwards, shall display on the overhanging portion of said load, a light, flag or other sign sufficient to warn the public of the projection of said load.

55. No vehicle on runners shall be driven on any street unless there are attached to the harness of each horse drawing the same at least one large open bell or four serviceable round bells.

56. Pedestrians shall when meeting on any street pass to the right; and when overtaking other pedestrians pass to the left.

57. Pedestrians shall use due care so as not to obstruct or impede each other.

58. Persons walking abreast on any sidewalk must on meeting other pedestrians occupy not more than one-half the width of the sidewalk, and in case only a portion of the sidewalk be paved, not more than half the width of the paved portion shall be occupied.

59. Two baby carriages shall not be wheeled abreast on any sidewalk.

60. Every person who contravenes or fails to comply with this Ordinance shall ~~pay~~ be liable for each such offence

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be liable to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month.

61. This Ordinance to be in addition to any laws or ordinances at present in force, and the provisions of any ordinance inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Deferred for consideration at Tuesday's meeting.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 29th, 1917

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report that in accordance with resolution of the Board of Control I have asked for tenders from four plumbers for the plumbing at properties for which the contract was awarded to Mr. M. F. Burns, who, however, did not do the work. I have only received prices from George H/ Kinsman, and as the Plumbing Inspector reports that the amounts are reasonable I beg to recommend the acceptance of his tender.

It will be noted that owing to Mr. Burns refusing to carry out his contract, the prices have materially advanced. The awarding of the contract will not prevent the Board, if it sees fit, after the completion of the work, trying to collect the difference between the present cost and Mr. Burns contract figure.

	<u>Kinsman.</u>	<u>Burns.</u>
346 Maynard Street	\$306.00	\$150.00
17 Bauer Street	243.00	134.00
19 Bauer Street	261.00	144.00
50 Maynard Street	232.00	150.00
27 Columbus Street	314.00	180.00

I have also asked for tenders from four plumbers for the plumbing and drainage at the following properties and have received tenders from only one plumber, George H. Kinsman. The Plumbing Inspector reports the amounts reasonable, and I would recommend the acceptance of same.

162 Creighton Street	\$233.00
164 Creighton Street	269.00
12 Fern Street	218.00

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The Secretary of the City Health Board is requested to write the owners or agents of the premises mentioned submitting to them the amount of the tender price of Mr. Kinsman and to ascertain if they are willing that the City let the contract, and report to the Board of Control.

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COAL HAWKERS - PURCHASE OF COAL FROM COAL MERCHANTS.

A coal hawker appeared before the Board complaining that his coal dealer had refused to sell him any more coal and that it is hard for hawkers to purchase coal in the City.

The City Engineer stated that a shipment of coal was expected soon and that the City would sell it to him.

Mr. Bell, City Solicitor, informs the Board that the City cannot compel a merchant to sell any of his goods and therefore this is not a matter for the Board of Control.

BARRINGTON STREET LIGHTING.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 29th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

At the beginning of the month I wrote the Tram Company asking for prices for installing arc or incandescent lights on Barrington Street between Spring Garden Road and Buckingham Street.

The Tram Company expected to have a few extra arc lamps within a few days, which, if obtained, could be installed. I asked them for a figure for 60 watt incandescent lamps also. Their estimated cost of installing incandescents is \$15. each, and the arcs \$6 each. but the Company offer to do the work and charge for the exact cost of same. They will supply lighting at the contract rates.

I wrote the General Staff Officer asking for permission to instal the incandescent lights with reflectors over them, and have obtained same, subject however, to the approval of the location by the Headquarters office. Under the new regulations, it will be necessary to darken the arc lamps for three-quarters of the way down. Under these circumstances, I am inclined to the opinion that the incandescent lights, if not required to be darkened, would give better results.

I would ask for authority to instal the incandescent lamps in one block, and if satisfactory to continue the same on the others; otherwise, to use arc lamps. We have sufficient money in the appropriation to do this work.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

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SAFETY TO LIFE - FIFTEEN CENT STORES.

Controller Hines informed the Board that he had visited the Fifteen Cent Store, Barrington Street, and together with the Manager, went over the premises. He found two exits on street and one on side. The Manager is willing to do anything the Board may require.

Referred to the Board of Fire Escapes for report.

N. S. TRAM COMPANY - ONE MAN OPERATOR ON TRAM CARS.

Controller Murphy submits the following report:-

Halifax, November 29th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The Tramway Company have just issued notification that they propose to introduce a change to one-man operator on certain parts of their system. Before this change is permitted, the City is entitled to know the justification for same. It is useless to claim that such a change is going to improve the service, as the result would be directly opposite. It would seem the real purpose behind the move is to effect further economy in their operation.

The convenience and safety of our citizens should be of equal importance, and before such a change is put into effect, the matter should be carefully gone into.

One explanation offered of the difficulty experienced by this Company in securing the necessary help is that the wage paid is not sufficiently attractive. If this is so, it would seem, in view of the enormous surplus earnings shown year after year, by this Company, that the remedy should be applied by increasing their scale of wage, so as to attract the class of help required.

I would recommend that this Board ask that the proposed change be not put into effect until an opportunity is extended of going into same.

John Murphy,
Controller.

The report is approved and the City Engineer and City Solicitor instructed to draft a protest against the proposed change, to be forwarded by the City Clerk to the Tramway Company.

POLICE STATION - FEMALE QUARTERS.

On motion of Controller Taylor, Controller Taylor is authorized to fit up two or more rooms in the Janitor's

*City Engineer ✓
Comm. Review ✓
Chief Fire Dept. ✓*

*Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓
N.S. Tram Co. ✓
Letter ✓*

*Police Station ✓
City Engineer ✓
Controller Taylor ✓
Chief of Police ✓*

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Quarters for female prisoners detained after hours in the Police Station, where they will be at all times under guidance of the Police Matron.

The Board adjourned.

Present Deputy Mayor Alexander H. G. Campbell, Chairman,
and Councillors Taylor, Hays, Finlay and Murray.

W.S. Calwell

DEPUTY MAYOR.

H.C.

Kathleen Monaghan
ACTING SECRETARY.

[Faint, mostly illegible text from the minutes, including names of various departments and officials.]

AMTUNDE'S OFFICE - 1001 - 12, BRIDGE STREET

MISC.

Read application from Amundson for an auto license for the purpose of carrying on the work of Amundson, J. J. Amundson.

Referred to Controller for report.

REVISIONS MADE BY BOARD OF HEALTH - 1001 - 12, BRIDGE STREET

Checked by Board of Health against the Board's ruling for compliance, 11/29/17, in relation to the work of Amundson, J. J. Amundson, in relation to the building.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

REVISIONS MADE BY BOARD OF HEALTH - 1001 - 12, BRIDGE STREET

Read report City Engineer, 11/29/17, in relation to the work of Amundson, J. J. Amundson, in relation to the building.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,
December 4th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock;
present Deputy Mayor Alderman H. S. Colwell, Chairman,
and Controllers Taylor, Hines, Finlay and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Auctioneer's License - Robt. T. LePine, Jewellery Stock.
Building Line 185 Oxford Street - Chas. A. Merritt.
Plumbing Under Health Rules.
Lights Out - Blinds for Fire Stations.
Theatre Patrons Obstructing Sidewalks.
Public Schools Estimates 1918-19.
Tenders for Stone.
Brunswick Street at #259, Encroachment.
Brunswick Street #259, Hatchway.
City Home Employees' Increase of Pay.
Chief Fire Department Monthly Report.
Cambridge Street Sewer.
City Prison Monthly Report.
Plumbing in Dwelling Houses 105-107 Roome Street.
Stone Contract.
City Property Account - Furnace Pipe, City Hall.
Electric Wiring Ordinance.
Service of Intercession.
Motor Fire Engine Cornwallis.
Heating Apparatus City Hall.
Accounts.

AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE - ROBT. T. LEPINE, JEWELLERY
STOCK.

Read application Thomas Connor for an auctioneer's
license for the purpose of disposing of the stock of
Robt. T. LePine, jeweller.

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

BUILDING LINE 185 OXFORD STREET - CHAS. A. MERRITT.

Charles A. Merritt appeared before the Board asking
for compensation, \$125.00, on account of cost of moving
back his building, 185 Oxford Street, to conform to the
building line.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

PLUMBING UNDER HEALTH RULES.

Read report City Health Board, as follows:-

Office of City Health Board,
December 4th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

*Cont. Taylor
R. T. LePine*

*Engineer
Chas. A. Merritt*

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Gentlemen:-

In compliance with your request I wrote the different owners of places in which the City Health Board ordered that plumbing be installed, informing them of the new contract price of doing the work. I have not as yet received any definite answers.

I was informed by the plumbing inspector yesterday that the work is to be carried out by M. F. Burns to whom the contracts were first given. Mr. Burns visited one of the places and said that he was prepared to go ahead with the work.

The engineer, no doubt, will be prepared to give further information in regard to this.

J. A. Watters,
Secretary C. H. B.

Deferred.

LIGHTS OUT - BLINDS FOR FIRE STATIONS.

Controller Hines reported that in consequence of the Military Orders for the obscuring of lights he found it necessary to supply blinds for the fire stations and had called for tenders on memo supplied by W. B. Fidler.

Tenders are received and opened as follows:-

Freemans Department Store,	\$70.00
Holland Window Shade Co.	67.45
Gordon & Keith.	82.95
W. T. Francis Furnishing Company.	\$63.40
Brander, Morris & Co.	\$60.90
Nova Scotia Furnishing Company.	\$82.35

Referred to Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department for report.

THEATRE PATRONS OBSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS.

Read letter Civic Committee of the Commercial Club as follows:-

Halifax, November 30th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

At today's meeting of the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club it was resolved that the committee wait upon His Worship the Mayor and the Board of Control at their meeting on Tuesday, the 4th December, with reference to the need for persons waiting outside of theatre entrances and halls to form queues and of its enforcement and also with reference to the matter of the carrying of lights at night by other vehicles besides motor vehicles. Will you please communicate to His Worship

Engineer
Ble ✓

Cont - Hines
Chief Fire Dept ✓

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the Mayor and the Board the committee's intention and their request for permission to be heard briefly on these matters?

Bernard W. Russell,
Secretary of Committee.

In connection with the foregoing letter a number of members of the Civic Committee of the Commercial Club, including J. D. O'Connor, John F. Ryan, Alderman Kelly, J. T. Wilson and others appear before and address the Board suggesting that the Police be instructed to request persons awaiting admission to theaters to form queues along the sidewalk instead of forming groups, to the obstruction of traffic.

Referred to Controller Tayler and the Chief of Police to endeavor to put into operation.

On motion of Controller Murphy the Committee is requested to convey to the Commercial Club the thanks of the Board of Control for the interest displayed in the appointment of their Civic Committee.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ESTIMATES 1918-19.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners covering estimates for Public Schools for the year ending April 30th, 1919, as follows:-

Board of School Commissioners,
Halifax, November 30th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith Estimate of the Board of School Commissioners for the year May 1918 to April 1919, amounting to Two Hundred and sixty five thousand, three hundred and thirty seven dollars and eighty cents, (\$265,337.80).

At a meeting of the Board last evening it was Resolved

"That the estimate as submitted be adopted and that a copy thereof be sent to His Worship the Mayor, with the request that the City Council include in the general assessment of the City, a sum sufficient to yield Two Hundred and sixty five thousand, three hundred and thirty

*Carl Taylor
Chief of Police
Engineer
J. D. O'Connor*

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seven dollars and eighty cents (\$265,337.80), that being the sum required for the support and maintenance of the schools under the charge of the Board for the year ending April 30th, 1919 in accordance with Section 897, Clause 1, of the City Charter."

Kindly present to the City Council.

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

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SCHOOL ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1919.

	1918-19		1917-18
Teachers, Regular	172,030.		148,003.00
" Temporary	6,000.		5,500.
" Substitute	3,000.		6,000.
" Cadet Instructors	400.		288.
" Business Boys Grades VIII and IX	1,500.		
" Technical	2,285.		2,400.
" Supervised Playgrounds	2,000.		1,000.
Supervisors of Schools	2,500/		2,100.
Secretary	1,400.		1,300.
Assistant Secretary	800.		700.
Caretaker	1,300.		1,300.
Truant Officer	1,200/		1,100.
Messenger	300		200.
Janitors	18,504.		16,142.
Maintenance	16,000.		20,500.
Buildings & Grounds	10,000.	12,000.	
Furniture & its repair	2,500.	5,500.	
Painting, Cleaning, etc.	3,500.	3,000.	
Rents	10,538.80		9,588.80
Fire Insurance	3,000.		2,750.
Fuel	22,000.		20,000.
Water	1,500.		2,000.
General Expenses	2,000.		2,800.
Interest on Debentures	6,950.		7,000.
Advertising & Printing	700.		900.
Books & Stationery	2,200.		1,950.
School Apparatus	1,200.		1,500.
Office Expenses	250.		250.
Medical Inspection	2,270.		1,950.
Doctor	750.	750.	
Nurses (2)	1,400.	1,200.	
Expenses	120.		
Dental Inspection	800.		1,000.
Dentist	600.	300.	
Clinic	200.	700.	
Auxiliary Classes	5,510.		2,000.
Teachers (4)	3,560.	1,680.	
Equipment	600.	320.	
Rent of Rooms	1,350.		
Pension System	1,200.		800.
Commissioners Allowance	1,000.		1,000.
	\$290,337.80		\$262,021.80
LESS:			
Probable Provincial Grant	25,000.00		25,000.00
	\$265,337.80		\$237,021.80

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The foregoing does not include the interest on Debentures issued by the City for School Buildings, and the annual appropriation for the Sinking Fund to retire School Debentures, which are chargeable to the City directly.

A delegation from the School Board including Chairman Quinn, Supervisor Butler, and the Secretary appear before the Board.

Chairman Quinn explained the estimates in a general way and stated that the principle increase is the item \$20,000.00 added to Teachers' Salaries; about \$100.00 to each teacher.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor that the School Board be requested to furnish the members of this Board with a detailed statement of expenditures to date on the current year's estimate and that consideration of the estimates for next year be deferred until Thursday's meeting. Motion passed.

TENDERS FOR STONE.

Tenders for supply of stone for the Works Department are received and opened from the following named, as per schedule:-

Osterberg & Hinds.
Nova Scotia Supply Company, Limited.
J. E. Hennigar.
J. M. McGrath & Sons.
Heber Hartlen.
Eager Coombs & Company, Limited.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BRUNSWICK STREET AT #259- ENCROACHMENT.

Read letters (2) Halifax Meal Mills Limited, F. Reg. Hart, and report Acting City Engineer thereon re encroachment of a step at #259 Brunswick Street.

City Engineer's Office,
December 1st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have a letter, copy of which is attached, from the Halifax Meal Mills Limited, asking for permission to construct a new concrete step at a new entrance to their

Miss G. Wilson ✓
BLC ✓

Engineer ✓

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building #259 Brunswick Street.

The proposed step would encroach on the street about nine inches at the south end and eight inches at the north end.

Section 576 of the City Charter gives the Board of Control authority to permit an encroachment, provided it does not occasion any unreasonable inconvenience to the public. Brunswick Street is one of our main streets and our streets and sidewalks in the older part of the town are becoming very congested, owing to the increase in population and travel over their narrow widths. In my judgment, every inch that the City has, should be conserved.

In this particular case, there is no structural difficulty in the way of making the entry within the building and thus avoiding the necessity for any encroachment. I would, therefore, recommend that the permission asked for, be not granted.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The report of the Acting City Engineer is approved.

BRUNSWICK STREET #259, HATCHWAY.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
November 30th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to submit an application from the Halifax Meal Mills Limited for permission to construct and maintain a hatchway in the sidewalk at #259 Brunswick Street. The applicant has signed the form of application and agreement, and I would recommend that the permission asked for be granted.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

CITY HOME EMPLOYEES' INCREASE OF PAY.

Read application John Ross, Michael Campbell and Mrs. Mary O'Brien, employees of the City Home, asking for an increase in pay.

Referred to Controller Hines for consideration with the City Home estimates.

CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT - MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Chief of the Fire Department for the month of November.

Council

Engineer

Cont. Hines

Chief Fire Dept
cont. Hines
B/C ✓

Engineer

Council ✓

Council
Auditor

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Consideration of the report is deferred until Thursday's meeting.

CAMBRIDGE STREET SEWER.

Read petition Colin C. Tyrer for sewer extension from Jubilee Road along Cambridge Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Governor City Prison for the month of November.

Filed.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES 105-107 ROOME STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
December 4th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to Geo. H. Kinsman of the sum of six hundred and eighty three dollars (\$683.00) being the amount in full on his contract for installing plumbing at #105-107 Roome Street.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

STONE CONTRACT.

Read requisition City Works Department for Progress Payments to the Nova Scotia Supply Company on stone contract, as follows:-

Permanent Sidewalks Account - \$328.44
Streets Account - 574.49

The accounts are passed for payment.

CITY PROPERTY ACCOUNT - FURNACE PIPE CITY HALL.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the City Auditor be authorized and instructed to pay to John White & Co., as a charge against City Property Account, their bill \$147.50 for furnace pipe for City Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

ELECTRIC WIRING ORDINANCE.

Controller Murphy submits the following proposed

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amendments to the electric wiring ordinance requested
by the Local Union of Electrical Workers:-

Amendments requested by the Local Union of
Electrical Workers.

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Ordinance No. 7.

Electric Wiring and the Use of Electricity.

Sec. 14. Repeal section 14 and substitute therefor the
following:-

"14. A board of wiring examiners is hereby con-
stituted to consist of the City Engineer (who shall be
Chairman of the board), the City Electrician and a certifi-
cated journeyman wireman. The certificated journeyman
wireman shall be nominated by the certificated journeymen
wiremen of the City and shall be appointed to the board
yearly. The board shall be called together by the City
Engineer bi-monthly to examine candidates, investigate
complaints and any other matters relating to this ordin-
ance.

Sec. 17. Amend section 17 by adding after "wiring work"
in line 5 of the section the following words:
" and has had three years practical experience at inter-
ior wiring."

Sec. 23. Add to section 23 the following: "Before do-
ing any wiring work every licensed wireman
shall furnish to the City Electrician the number and names
of certificated journeymen to be employed at said work and
in case of a change of certificated journeyman wiremen on
the said work the said licensed wiremen shall notify the
City Electrician of the names of the certificated journeymen
wireman or wiremen who take the place or places rendered
vacant by reason of the change."

Sec. 24. Add to this section the following: "The bond
shall be cancelled and forfeited in the event
of a deliberate violation of any of the provisions of this
ordinance."

Sec. 26. Strike out this section and substitute therefor:

"26. The board of wiring examiners shall have the
power at any time to cancel or suspend any wireman's lic-
ense or any journeyman's certificate for deliberate vio-
lation of this ordinance. When a license has been can-
celled or suspended no license shall be issued to any per-
son or persons connected in any way with the person or per-
sons whose license has been cancelled or suspended or as a
device to render the cancellation or suspension of no
effect."

The proposed amendments are ordered to be forwarded
to each member of the City Council, to the Board of Wiring
Examiners and to the City Solicitor, City Engineer and
City Electrician.

Members ✓
City Council
Board of Wiring
Examiners
Solicitor
Engineer
Electrician

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SERVICE OF INTERCESSION.

Read notification to the members of the City Council as follows:-

All Saints Cathedral,
Halifax, N. S.

The Archbishop, with the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of All Saints, beg to invite His Worship the Mayor of Halifax and the Members of the City Council and Board of Control to a special service of Intercession for the blessing of Almighty God upon our Arms during the war, in pursuance of the mandate just issued by

His Majesty the King

The Service will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday January sixth, at eleven o'clock.

J. P. D. Llwyd, Dean.

By authority of the Archbishop.

Referred to the City Council.

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE CORNWALLIS.

Read letter American LaFrance Fire Engine Company, as follows:-

Toronto, Ont., November 28th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of November 24th, to the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company, of Elmira, N. Y., has just reached our hands. In future, please address communications to this office as the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company of Canada, Ltd., is a separate organization from the Company at Elmira.

In answer to your inquiry we would advise you that your Motor Pumping Engine will be shipped on Saturday and should be in Halifax by December 3rd.

American LaFrance Fire Engine Company,
of Canada, Limited.

G. E. Thomas.

Referred to the Chief of the Fire Department.

HEATING APPARATUS CITY HALL.

Controller Taylor called attention to the defective heating of the City Hall and suggested the employment of a person to attend to it.

On motion of Controller Hines, the City Engineer is

Council ✓

Chief Fire Dept

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Engineer

instructed to overhaul the heating system of the City Hall and report.

ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts are passed for payment:-
City Prison, \$338.56; Police Department, \$90.19; and
Fire Department, \$1495.27.

SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS.

City Prison.

J. J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	\$30.66
R. N. McDonald	Groceries	43.25
G. C. Hartlen & Co.	Beef and Oxheads	31.05
Frank Fraser	Feed	39.71
Lawrence Hardware Co.	Hardware	17.42
J. & M. Murphy	Drygoods	18.75
Stroud & Eveleigh	Repairs	3.80
John Starr, Son & Co.	Electric Lamps	5.28
W. F. Page	1 Uniform Overcoat	24.00
J. Wonnacot	Repairs	5.00
Rhodes, Curry Co.	Sashes	9.00
Maritime Tel. Co.	Rental	5.55
N. S. Tramways	Current	6.39
T. C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	1.95
J. J. Elliott	Express Waggon	20.00
John Simon	Jackets, etc.	76.75
		<u>\$338.56</u>

Police Dept.

S. Chiddick & Sons	Ice, July, Aug. Sept.	3.35
J. R. Gaunt & Son	Police Buttons	27.59
Chief of Police	Laundry	.75
Imperial Oil Co.		.76
John Starr Son & Co.	Polishing Police Buttons	2.65
Frank Colwell	1 Police Rain Coat	22.50
Tel. & Tel. Co.	Monthly account	18.59
H. McFtridge, V. S.	4 shoes	1.50
Chief of Police	Securing evidence	
	Liquor Convictions	12.50
		<u>\$90.19</u>

Fire Dept.

Burns & Kelliber	Repairs	36.45
American La France		
Fire Engine Co.	Rectifier	36.80
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	403.00
Canadian Rubber Co.	Casing	47.40
John Davison & Son	Spruce	1.83
James Donohue	Iron	.50
Tram Company	Light and power	52.04
E. B. Eddy Co.	Paper	5.70
Hfx. Vulcanizing Works		7.75
Robt. Horner	Horseshoeing	27.90
Hillis & Sons, Ltd.	Heating repairs	236.89
C. H. Jordan	Horseshoeing	39.98
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	75.72

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Frank W. Fraser	Fodder	382.90
J. D. Lavers & Co.	Painting	19.00
R. N. McDonald	Groceries	7.00
Dr. H. McFatridge	Horseshoeing	52.50
O. C. Marriott	do	7.40
W. & A. Moir	Repairs	30.00
National Drug. Co.	Linsed Meal	.65
Ungars Laundry	Work	8.59
J. Starr Son & Co.	Tape	2.40
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	21.87
		<u>\$1495.27</u>

The Board adjourned.

W. S. Colwell

DEPUTY MAYOR.

J. J. McLaughlin
CITY CLERK.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

December 11th, 1917.

The Board of Control met this morning at 11.30 o'clock; present Deputy Mayor Colwell, Chairman, Controllers Hines, Finlay, Murphy and Taylor.

Chairman
The Mayor informed the Board that this is an emergency meeting demanded in the absence of the Mayor by Mr. D. Macgillivray and W. A. Black who represent the Relief Committee.

Both men are present and addressed the Board.

Mr. Macgillivray states that the Executive Committee comprising Ex-mayor McIlreith, G. S. Campbell, G. E. Faulkner, W. A. Black, Mr. Beazley, Mr. Silver, Mr. Jones, have been in continual session since the accident. He states that conditions are such that steps should be taken in a civic way. They have been unable to meet with civic authorities to present matters in an official manner.

The Committee express the opinion that the Board of Control should be here at all times so that matters may be dealt with in an official way.

The question of proclaiming Martial Law is discussed. The matter is deferred for the present and Mr. Bell, City Solicitor, instructed to confer with the Deputy Attorney General and report to the Board later.

The Committee further complained that there are no patrols, no police guards, that able bodied men should be compelled to work to protect food stuffs, clothing and other necessities which are being stolen by looters. There is no need of bringing men in from other towns, when food and shelter are so scarce, when our own able bodied men are idle. Committees should be appointed to see that food and clothing are properly distributed,

The City Solicitor reports that he has held a conference with the Deputy Attorney General and that it is not

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advisable to place the City under martial law. Approved.

The Committee thought that City Engineer, F. W. W. Doane, who is now overseas on active duty, should be recalled to give assistance to overtake the work of the Engineer's department. With regard to the suggestion of recalling Mr. Doane, a vote is taken, His worship the Acting Mayor, Controllers Murphy, Hines, and Taylor voting against the motion and Controller Finlay in favor of recalling Mr. Doane. The Acting City Engineer informs the Board that his present staff is adequate and the matter of recalling Mr. Doane is deferred for the present.

The matter of lighting the City has not been attended to and the Committee ask why steps have not been taken in this direction. The Board informs the Committee that as far as they know the lights are on in the City with the exception of those that were broken by the explosion.

The Committee ask what official steps have been taken to ascertain whether or not the City is in danger from further explosions. The Board decides to confer with the Naval and Military authorities in that direction.

At the request of the Board Colonel Flowers representing Military Headquarters appears before the Board. Colonel Flowers discusses with the Board the matter of placing Military guards in the City. He states that if the Chief of Police will take care of the part of the City south of North the Military can take care of the portion north of north street. There are now 12 mounted police guarding the devastated district and Col. Flowers informs the Board that if he were furnished with about 12 more horses it would be easier for him to overtake the work of guarding the devastated district. The Chief of Police is instructed to furnish the required number of horses. The Chief of Police later reports to the Board that permission to use the horses stationed at the Remount station, at the Exhib-

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itions Grounds must be received from Headquarters at Montreal, and accordingly the following telegram is sent:-

To the Staff Officer British Remount Commission,
Drummond Building, Montreal.

Will you wire authority to the Officer in charge of the Remount Station her to loan to the City of Halifax 12 or more horses urgently needed in the protection of the City.

H.S. Colwell,
Deputy Mayor.

Colonel Flowers informs the Board that Col. Simmonds has 200 men working at the ruins and could make use of 200 more. He also informs the Board that his mounted men will not let people pass into the devastated district without a written pass. The Chief of Police is forthwith instructed to issue passes to all those who wish to get to their property in the devastated district, for the purpose of search. No person is to be allowed to pass within the district without a pass from the Chief of Police.

Colonel Flowers is asked by the Board on behalf of the Citizens of Halifax if there is any more danger from munition ships in the Harbor. He replied that this is a matter for the Naval Authorities and not for the military. He assures the Board of Control that everything within the City is safe from further explosions.

The Admiral of the Navy is invited to attend the Board at 5 p.m. today
On the assurance of Colonel Flowers the Deputy Mayor is instructed to publish the following proclamation

EVERYTHING NOW SAFE.

The Board of Control are now assured by the Military that all danger from further explosions within the City is now passed.

H. S. Colwell, Deputy Mayor.

Colonel Flowers withdraws from the meeting.

Controller Hines informed the Board that on Sunday he asked Major Willis for assistance in getting the Motor Fire Engine Patricia out of the ruins and he was informed that he could not get help from that quarter. Controller Hines further reports that the new motor Fire Engine which

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was on its way to Halifax had been sent back to Toronto. He is instructed to take the necessary steps to have the engine brought back here, as soon as possible. He further reports that a representative of the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company is in the City and that he has given him all authority to have the necessary repairs made to the fire engine patriciap and he is informed that it will be in commission in a few days. *Approved.*

Reports having been made to the Board that excessive charges are being made for necessities, the Deputy Mayor is ordered to publish the following proclamation in the newspapers:-

PROCLAMMATION.

It has come to the knowledge of the authorities that some persons are demanding exorbitant prices for merchandise such as lumber, nails, glass, putty, beaver-board, roofing paper, food stuffs, furniture and other necessities. Any person so acting will be dealt with under the provision of the law in that respect.

H. S. Colwell,
Deputy Mayor.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Murphy that the Board adjourn to meet again at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The Board adjourned.

H. S. Colwell
Deputy

Mayor.

J. R. [unclear]
Acting Secretary

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The Board of Control met this afternoon at 3 o'clock. pursuant to adjournment, present Deputy Mayor H. S. Caldwell, Controllers Hines, Finlay, Taylor and Murphy.

Agreeably to request of the Board, Rear Admiral Chambers appears before the Board and discusses the matter of further danger from munition ships in the harbour. He states that he holds no official position under the Canadian authorities directly. He holds two positions, One as Acting/^{Senior} British Officer. Capt. ^{Pasco} ~~Mescoe~~ is the Senior British Officer for this port. Capt. Howes is direct officer of Patrol at present taking charge. The admiral is also the organizing convoy officer and has nothing to do with the lading of ships. He is not officially present and can only speak for himself and the British ships. The Mayor asked the admiral to whom the City will go for the desired information. The admiral replied that Capt. Howes is the man he wants and that the Mayor can get him through Capt. Elridge who is the Naval Staff Officer. The admiral informs the Deputy Mayor that if he has an official request from the City he will himself confer with Capt. Howes.

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The Mayor asked the admiral if he could make any statement to allay the fears of the people with regard to further explosions and if the Naval Authorities have taken any steps to prevent a similar occurrence.

The following resolution is adopted and ordered to be forwarded to Rear Admiral Chambers.:-

RESOLVED that the following communication be sent to Rear Admiral Chambers by the Deputy Mayor.:-

In view of the terrible catastrophe occasioned by the explosion of a munition ship in this port, I beg on behalf of the Citizens of the city of Halifax that the Admiralty authorities will take every precaution to prevent a recurrence of any such disaster and in particular as representation have been made that the disaster was in some way due to an improper loading of cargoes upon the ship which exploded, I ask that particular attention be paid in whatever manner is

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most suitable to secure that munition ships entering this port be loaded in such a manner as to prevent as far as possible any danger from explosions.

H. S. Colwell,
Deputy Mayor,

The Admiral retires.

It is moved that a request be made through the press that all available labor of the City prepar to render assistance of any kind; accordingly following notice is ordered to be published.

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Every man capable of performing labor of any kind is expected to work. Employment may be had on application to Colonel Lowe, Halifax Hotel.

H. S. Colwell, Deputy Mayor.

The City Engineer is instructed to prepare a list for the Reconstruction Committee re scale of wages paid to the various lines of labor in the City.

Controller Hines reported that at a meeting of the City Health Board held this afternoon, they asked for permission to take the Oxford School Building in case of an epidemic.

Controller Hines is instructed to ask the school Board for the necessary permission.

An emergency meeting of the City Council is ordered to be called for Wednesday afternoon, 13th inst. at 3 o'clock.

The Board adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock tonight.

H. S. Colwell

J. R. [unclear]

Deputy Mayor.

Acting Secretary

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The Board of Control met this evening at 8 o'clock pursuant to adjournment; present Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell, Chairman, and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

A. P. Ryan, Manager of the E. L. Ruddy Company, appeared before the Board, and offered on behalf of his Company to print and post free of charge all proclamations issued by the City in connection with the protection of life and property, and any other important information necessary to be given to the public.

The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge with thanks on behalf of the Board this kind offer.

The Deputy Mayor reported that on the 7th inst., he had appointed Mr. Arthur S. Barnstead, barrister, of this City, to act as Mortuary Officer for the City, to supervise and take charge of all dead bodies and effects of deceased, and direct the disposal of same.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the action of the Deputy Mayor be approved by this Board. Motion passed.

Mr. Barnstead appeared before the Board and submitted for approval the following agreement made with Snow & Co., Ltd., with reference to the burial of bodies for which the City is responsible, and asks that the same be approved by the Board:-

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 11th, 1917.

Snow & Co., Ltd.,
Undertakers, Halifax.

Dear Sirs:-

With reference to the disposal of bodies for which the City of Halifax is responsible, the City will pay for the making of coffins and the conveyance to cemeteries

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at the following rates:-

For coffin size 20 in. to 3 ft.	\$15
" " " 3 ft. " 5 "	20
" " " 5 " " 6 ft. 3 in.	30

With reference to the unidentified bodies, they will be allotted to you on the following basis:-

All unidentified bodies which were taken from your morgue to the Chebucto Mortuary will be your charge.

All otherwise unidentified bodies for which the City is liable will be assigned to you and to the other Undertaking Firms in proportion to respective ability to handle the business as determined by the Chairman of the Mortuary Committee.

All identified bodies for which the City, through the Mortuary Committee agrees to be liable for interment, if taken from your morgue and authority for interment at City expense granted, will be your charge. If in Chebucto Mortuary they will be assigned by Chairman Mortuary Committee.

It must be clearly understood that unidentified bodies must be immediately forwarded to Chebucto Mortuary and there examined, identified if possible, and assigned. No bodies not positively identified should be taken to any undertaker's morgue, but should be immediately dispatched to Chebucto Mortuary, whether collected by Committee's team or by Undertakers' teams.

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Yours truly,
Arthur S. Barnstead,
Chairman Mortuary Committee

(Sgd.) Snow & Co., Ltd., } H.G. Mott,
per John R. S. } Witness to both signatures.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the above agreement be confirmed. Motion passed.

Mr. Barnstead reported that he had made arrangements with the Fairview Cemetery Company and D. Lynagh on behalf of the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for Mount Olivet Cemetery, that all unidentified bodies for which the City agrees to become responsible, be buried in a public lot; in either of these cemeteries; the land will be given free of charge; what land is required for family lots or single graves, a charge not exceeding 20¢ per sq. ft. will be made.

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Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that said agreement be confirmed. Motion passed.

The Secretary is instructed to prepare and post the following notice:-

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NOTICE.

Persons who are now occupying premises unfit for occupation should go to the comfortable shelters provided at the following places:- City Home, Salvation Army Barracks, Brunswick Street, Academy of Music, St. Mary's Hall, Argyle Street, St. Paul's Hall, A. O. H. Hall, Knights of Columbus Hall. Foley Bros., at South End Terminals.

H. S. Colwell,
Deputy Mayor.

The Board adjourned.

H. S. Colwell *H. B. Colwell*

H. B. Colwell

Deputy Mayor.

Acting Secretary.

Controller Wicks reported that the Chief of the Fire Department and the District Chief had both been instantly killed while on duty in the recent disaster, and that it was necessary that these offices should be filled immediately.

Controller Wicks submitted the following applications:

J. J. Wines, Esq.,
Chairman Fire Dept., and
Member of the Board of Control.

Controller:-

I beg to make application for North End District Chief.

Yours respectfully,
E. K. Trafts,
Capt. No. 3 Fire Co., C.F.D.

Halifax, Nov. 12th, 1917.

His wording and report will
be read at the Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to offer myself as a candidate for the position of Chief of the Halifax Fire Department.

Trusting you will give this application your favorable consideration,

With great respect,
J. W. Churchill,
Capt. No. 3 Fire Co., C.F.D.

Controller Wicks submitted the following names:-

Chairman:-

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I recommend that Capt. Churchill of No. 3 Hose, No. 17, Engine House, be appointed Chief of the Halifax Fire Department.

I recommend that Captain Keefe of 1400-15th St. Engine House be appointed District Chief of the Halifax Fire Department for the

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10.30 o'clock; present Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell, Chairman, and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

It is decided to appoint H. S. Rhind, Assistant City Clerk, as Acting Secretary of the Board of Control.

Controller Hines reported that the Chief of the Fire Department and the District Chief had both been instantly killed while on duty in the recent disaster, and that it was necessary that these offices should be filled immediately.

Controller Hines submitted the following applications:

J. J. Hines, Esq.,
Chairman Fire Dept., and
Members of the Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to make application for North End District Chief.

Yours respectfully
J. E. Keefe,
Capt. No. 7 Hose, H.F.D.

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Halifax, Dec. 12th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

I beg leave to offer myself as a candidate for the position of Chief of the Halifax Fire Department.

Trusting you will give this application your favorable consideration, I am,

Sirs,
With much respect,
J. W. Churchill,
Capt. No. 3 Div. H.F.D.

Churchill

Controller Hines submitted the following recommendation:-

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Gentlemen:-

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I recommend that Capt. Churchill of #3 Steamer, Morris St. Engine House, be appointed Chief of the Halifax Fire Department.

I recommend that Captain Keefe of Islesville St. Engine House be appointed District Chief of the Halifax Fire Department for the City of Halifax.

I recommend that other appointments of officers be made at a later date.

John J. Hines,
Chairman H. F. D.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Finlay that the above recommendation be approved.

Motion passed.

Controller Hines reported that a mechanic is here from the American LaFrance Fire Engine Co., and reports having overhauled the motor fire engine "Patricia", and that it will be in commission in about two days time. He also asked that the matter previously reported in regard to the new motor engine being shipped back to Toronto through some error, be investigated by the Board of Control.

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The Board adjourned.

H. S. Colwell

H. S. Colwell,

Deputy Mayor.

H. R. [unclear]

Acting Secretary.

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The Board of Control met this afternoon at 3.45 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

Alderman Gillis appeared before the Board, stating that the Railway authorities have requested the Transportation Department to obtain from the City a guarantee for the issuing of transportation of refugees from the City and for those coming into the City for the purpose of assisting in relief or construction work.

Deputy Mayor Colwell, Controller Finlay and Alderman Gillis are appointed a committee from the Board of Control to go at once and confer with the General Relief Committee regarding this matter.

H. H. Melanson, Passenger Traffic Manager of the Canadian Government Railways, R. U. Parker, W. A. Cunningham, General Passenger Agent of the Dominion Atlantic Railways and W. A. Cunningham, Division Passenger Agent of the Halifax and South-Western Railway appeared before the Board and submitted the following suggestions concerning passenger transportation:-

--Suggestions offered by the Railways Concerning Passenger Transportation.--

The Railways have been carrying passengers into and out of Halifax without much, if any check, but now feel that in the interests of all concerned some measure of check should be established, and therefore beg to offer the following suggestions:-

INWARD: All agents and conductors to be instructed that commencing December 13th, no free transportation will be issued to Halifax to relief workers, laborers or others, without proper authority issued through the railway. If the City of Halifax wish held brought in they should place their request through the Halifax City Offices of the respective lines, on form not being prepared for that purpose, and the City Ticket Agent will place such orders by wire with the agent at the starting point of the workers.

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OUTWARD: Commencing December 13th, no free transportation to be issued except upon request to the Halifax Ticket Agents of the City Transportation Committee, on form (M.P.1), of the City Transportation Committee.

The foregoing is suggested in order to prevent the misuse of the transportation and with a view to of establishing a proper check on the transportation issued.

The Board informed the delegation that they would take the suggestions into consideration immediately.

The special committee appointed to confer with the General Relief Committee/ consisting of Deputy Mayor Colwell, Controller Finlay, and Alderman Gillis, report having held a conference with the Executive of the Relief Committee, and that the Relief Committee agree to take full responsibility for the payment of transportation of needy women and children to points outside the City, and to endorse any action in this matter the Board of Control or City Council may take. A written agreement to this effect was promised to be sent to His Worship the Mayor as soon as possible today.

The Board adjourned.

P. J. Martin

MAYOR.

A. R. Wind

ACTING SECRETARY.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

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An emergency meeting of the Board of Control was held this afternoon at 3.10 o'clock; present Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell, Chairman, Controllers Hines, Finlay and Murphy.

Read report Acting City Engineer rereplanning the devastated area of the City, as follows:-

City engineer's Office,
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His worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Mr. Adams, the Town Planning Advisor of the Commission of Conservation is in town, and has informed me that the Chairman of the Commission has instructed him to place his services at the disposal of the City should the latter require the same.

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I consider that it is in the interests of the City to have the benefit of all the experience that can be obtained, in our endeavor to improve it, and I would recommend that the offer of the Commission be accepted, and that Mr. Adams be asked to co-operate with your City Engineer in replanning the part of the City affected by the late disaster.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Read report Thos. Adams, Town Planning Advisor, Commission of Conservation, as follows:-

Halifax, December 14th, 1917.

Report to the Board of Control
of the City of Halifax.
Gentlemen:-

I came here yesterday at the request of the Executive of the Relief Committee and at the suggestion of the City Engineer - with your approval.

I desire to report to you, as the Executive body of the City Council, as follows:-

For the past year it has been part of my duty to study Halifax and neighborhood with a view to preparing a series of town planning schemes for parts of the City and county areas. These schemes were intended to deal with all the land in course of development or likely to be developed on both sides of the Harbor and round Bedford Basin. The local authorities having jurisdiction over these areas, showed every desire to cooperate. At the time of the explosion, the Town Planning Boards appointed by

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the City and County of Halifax, were waiting for my report.

The great calamity that has befallen Halifax, has brought about new conditions and has entirely changed the whole aspect of the problems we have to deal with. If, as a result of that calamity, we can get a serious effort made to prepare a scheme of development worthy of the City, if we can use the opportunity now offered, to rebuild the Northern end so as to improve the industrial facilities of the port and provide real home conditions for the working classes, we may thereby get some benefit to offset the loss sustained.

When we reflect that the death rate in Halifax from preventable disease, and particularly from the death rate of infants, meant that we were continuously wiping out the lives of hundreds of citizens - merely as a result of bad social conditions - does that not suggest that even the terrible losses in this appalling tragedy may not turn into an ultimate gain, if we can so improve the social conditions as to save as much human life in the future as has been lost in the fell blow that descended on the city a week ago?

The task is worthy of the efforts of all of us. Let us try to achieve it by action based on large-minded co-operation of all working forces.

I have made a hurried inspection of the devastated area. It is enough to show me the importance, urgency and immensity of the task to be dealt with.

I do not suggest as a first duty, the expropriation of any land. That may follow as a desirable thing after full investigation.

The first duty is to prescribe an area to the north of North Street and the upper part of Chebucto Road as an area in which no new buildings may be erected for a period of six months. Certain buildings in that area which are slightly damaged, should be repaired by the Reconstruction Committee, but outside of such reconstruction, all new building should be deferred, pending the preparation of a plan of development.

The next duty is to apply as much labor as can be spared to clearing up the debris on the devastated area, so that when Spring comes, everything will be in readiness for new development to be permitted.

Meanwhile, an organization should be set up to prepare a comprehensive plan for that part of the City, and without involving loss of time, consideration could be given in that plan to the rest of the City, and the adjacent county area. Preliminary consideration has been given to these matters already, and plans are partly prepared. Among other matters of importance that need attention are -

(1) The planning of the railway approaches and new railway development in view of the ultimate removal of the terminals to the south side, and having regard to the new conditions created by the disaster. In that matter, the Railway authorities will no doubt assist.

(2) The increase of suitable industrial sites available for the erection of factories and warehouses in proximity to the Harbor and railways, for which opportunity is provided by the demolition of buildings in the

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Richmond area.

(3) The improvement of the road approaches to the City from the north and the lessening of the grades of the principal streets between the main lines of the C.G. Railway and the high ground towards the Cotton Factory area.

(4) The linking up of the existing streets, sewers and water mains with any new scheme of development so as to secure the minimum of loss to the City.

The question of procedure and organization has first to be settled. Who should prepare a report on these matters, and to whom should that report be presented?

The existing authorities at the time of the disaster were the Town Planning Boards of the city and County. The Board of the City is your sub-executive to deal with this matter. To them you should refer this question with any recommendation you care to offer as to who should be called in as their consultant. I am requested to state, on behalf of the Commission of Conservation and Sir Clifford Sifton, its Chairman, that we will be glad to co-operate in any way.

I understand that the Managing Committee and Reconstruction Committee of the Relief Committee, will co-operate and this should be heartily accepted.

But the question of planning there-development of Halifax is not a purely local matter. It is not even a provincial - it is a question of Dominion-wide and even of Imperial importance.

The first thing to do, is to secure that all the authorities interested shall appoint someone to be primarily responsible for making a thorough investigation and survey of the area, and present a report, accompanied by a plan of re-development and recommendations regarding the organization needed to carry it out.

The statutory duties and powers of the Town Planning Board should be kept in mind, but representation on that Board of Federal, Provincial and Relief authorities should be invited. That report should be prepared with all urgency, and meanwhile other action by Government authorities should be deferred as far as possible. A meeting of the Town Planning Board should be held at once to act upon any recommendations that you or other authorities may make.

It will probably be beyond the financial resources of the City or even of the Province, to carry out an effective plan of development, without Federal aid, and therefore it will be desirable to widen the responsibility and enlarge the jurisdiction without interfering with local autonomy in regard to these matters which are best left to the sole control of the council.

In my judgment the problems to be dealt with are so important and far reaching that I think it may ultimately be necessary to appoint a small special commission representative of the Federal, Provincial and City governments to execute the plan and control the expenditure of funds, other than the ordinary revenues of the City, that may be available to deal with the larger problems of reconstruction.

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This is a matter of policy that will have to be considered in due course, but I mention it because I wish to emphasize the need for approaching the problems with which we are confronted from a broad national standpoint, and because I believe that the responsibility involved is much greater and wider than the citizens of Halifax can be expected to bear.

Thomas Adams,
Town Planning Advisor,
Commission of Conservation.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the reports of the Acting City Engineer and Mr. Adams be deferred until a meeting of the Board to be held on Monday at three o'clock. Motion passed.

Read resignations Harvey J. Beck and William Zwicker from the police force.

On recommendation of the Chief of Police, the resignations are accepted.

The Deputy Mayor reported that in response to request by this Board, the Admiral had given him the following report:-

The Admiralty and Ministry of Shipping representatives in the United States and Canada, also the International Commission, whose agents in the United States and Canada control the shipment of munitions for the Allies, have received further instructions impressing the necessity of every precaution being taken both at the time of loading and in moving the loaded vessels un port, to insure the safety of the ship itself and surrounding property.

The report of the Admiral is ordered to be printed in the daily newspapers.

His Worship the Mayor stated that it is proposed to temporarily fit up a number of the school buildings, the work to be done by the Relief Committee, and he suggested that before the children be allowed to go back to them, that they be inspected by our City Engineer:- Tower Road School, Morris Street School, Le-Marchant Street School, Quinpool Road School, St. Mary's Boys' School, St. Mary's Girls' School, St. Patricks Boys' School (Common) and College St. School

Referred to the City Engineer to attend to.

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Deputy Mayor Colwell called attention to the fact that all monies received by Mayor Martin and himself had been passed over to the Relief Committee, and thought it wise that this action should be concurred in by the Board of Control.

The following resolution is submitted:-

RESOLVED THAT THE action of the Mayor in handing over to H. A. Flemming, Treasurer of the General Relief Committee, all monies received by him for the relief of the City be confirmed;

FURTHER RESOLVED that all future monies so received be disposed of in the same way until a further resolution of this Board.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines and passed unanimously.

In reply to His Worship the Mayor, the Chief of Police stated that conditions in his Department were about normal, that there were not many cases of theft reported to him, and that everything seems to be getting along all right.

The Deputy Mayor called attention to the fact that automobiles were being driven at a great rate of speed, and that accidents had occurred. He stated that Mr. Gillis, Head of the Transportation Department had requested that this matter be attended to.

The Chief of Police being present, states he will have the matter attended to immediately.

Read telegram from the Commercial Films, Ltd., as follows:-

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 13th, 1917.

Mayor Martin,
Halifax.

We would like to make motion pictures as a historical record of Halifax as it is today and also pictures of the rebuilding and relief work could make arrangements with Red Cross or other society to play on percentage for relief of sufferers references premier Hearst of Ontario.

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Referred to Military Headquarters to be dealt with.

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Read letter D. Macgillivray, President of the Board of Trade, as follows:-

Board of Trade, Halifax, N. S.
13th December, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

At an emergency meeting of the Council of the Halifax Board of Trade, held tonight, I was instructed to write Your Worship in the following terms:

Being all business men in Halifax and vitally interested in its present and future welfare, not only as our own home, but also as the home of our children, we would respectfully impress upon Your Worship's notice the far-reaching character of the recent disaster. Halifax is the capital City of Nova Scotia, and a port of first importance to Canada and the Empire. It, therefore, appears to us that Your Worship should immediately propose a conference with the proper Provincial and Dominion Authorities with a view to the full discussion of the disaster, and the large questions arising out of it, which in the first place will bear most intimately on the social, economic and industrial future of the city, and secondly, those considerations which will surround the wise disbursement of the Relief Fund, in connection with restoration and reconstruction.

D. Macgillivray,
President.

The following resolution is submitted:-

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RESOLVED that the communication received from the Board of Trade be forwarded to Hon. G.H. Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia, with the request that he call a conference on the lines suggested in that letter between the Board of Control of this City, and other bodies named in that communication, and such other bodies as the Premier deems fit.

Moved by Controller Finlayk seconded by Controller Hines and passed unanimously.

In response to request from the Board at meeting held December 12th, Lt. Col. Flowent sends the following report:-

Halifax, December 12th, 1917.

To His Worship the Mayor of Halifax, N. S.
Sir:-

In accordance with arrangements made with Board of Control yesterday, I have established a Mounted Patrol, consisting of 1 Officer and 24 Other Ranks, which will patrol the devastated district north of North Street continually, day and night,

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A dismounted guard is also posted continually at Campbell Road, Gottingen Street, corner of Russell St., Agricola St. and Macara - junction of Kemp and Longard Road - these Guards are armed.

Instructions are to allow no one to enter this guarded district without a pass, issued on the authority of the Chief of Police.

Any un-authorized persons have been ordered off the district.

These guards protect the district bounded on the east by Campbell Road, on the south by North to Gottingen by Macara Streets, from Gottingen to Kemp Road, on the west by Kemp Road to the Railway Bridge on the Cotton Factory siding and on the North by a direct line connecting the Railway crossing on Campbell Road to the Reservoir on Lady Hammond Road.

H. Flowers, Lt. Col.
O.C. 1st Depot Bn., N.S. Regt.

Approved.

from Sir R.L. Borden,
Read the following telegram a copy of which has been forwarded to H. A. Flemming, Treasurer of the Relief Committee:-

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13th, 1917.

Mayor Martin,
Halifax, N. S.

The provision made by the Canadian Government for immediate need of Halifax and Dartmouth sufferers is now available. Department Finance has been instructed to communicate with Chairman of Citizens' Finance Committee.

R. L. Borden.

Controller Hines reported that the new motor fire engine "Cornwallis" has arrived, and will be put in commission immediately. The official test will be made the first of the week.

Controller Hines called attention to the fact that the various Fire stations are badly in need of repair, that the firemen have to live in them, and that they should be made habitable for them. The shelters for horses also need attention.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

It is decided to call a meeting of the City Council for Thursday next, the 20th inst.

The Board adjourned.

H. S. Calwell
Deputy Mayor.

R. L. Borden 604
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December 20th, 1917.

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

Read letter His Grace the Archbishop of Nova Scotia as follows:-

Bishop's Lodge, Halifax,
Dec. 18th, 1917.

His worship the Mayor of Halifax.
Dear Sir:-

I have been requested by the Executive of the Clergy Committee which is a representative body of all the Churches except the Roman Catholic, to request you to appoint by Proclamation, Tuesday, Jan. 1st, 1918 as a Day of Memorial for those who have perished in the late calamity and intercession for all who have suffered.

As there is no single building which could be used for a general gathering of all it is proposed that each denomination should arrange for a service in some central place, but that all should be held at the same hour.

Clare L., Nova Scotia.

P.S. Allow me to add that I have just had an interview with His Grace the Archbishop of Halifax, and he approves fully of the above proposal.

Concurred in.

Read letter British & Colonial Press, Limited, as follows:-

Toronto, December 15th, 1917.

Mayor, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Dear Sir:-

We have over 50 excellent negatives of the Halifax disaster under Military direction, and it has occurred to us that you might like prints of these at 50¢ each.

British & Colonial Press, Limited.

It is decided to request the British & Colonial Press, Limited for samples of the prints.

Read letter A. Johnson, Chairman of Executive of Dartmouth Relief Committee, as follows:-

Dartmouth, N. S., Dec. 20th, 1917

His Whrsip the Mayor,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Mayor.

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Cannot something be done by your Board of Control to trace to its source and punish the originators of the false and alarming reports that have been so freely circulated? Unless something is done, this is going to have a very bad effect on the populace, who are now in a most excited condition.

Kindly take this matter up if possible.

A. Johnston,
Chairman of Executive.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that proclamations to this effect had already been made.

Read cash statement City Treasurer for the month of November. Filed.

Read report Chief Fire Department as follows:-

Office of Chief Fire Department.
Dec. 20th, 1917.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I beg to recommend that the building owned by Messrs W. H. Schwartz & Co. be discontinued as a storage place for waste paper used by the Women's Council, and that such material be removed at once to a more suitable place, as the safety of this portion of the City is endangered by such storage.

Acting upon instructions of Controller Hines I am having placards placed in garages and other buildings where large quantities of paper and inflammable material is handled, giving warning against smoking.

I would recommend that a permanent engineer be appointed at once.

J. W. Churchill,
Chief Fire Dept.

The clause of the report referring to the building owned by H. W. Schwartz & Co. is referred to the Chief of the Fire Department and Controller Hines for attention.

The matter of the appointment of a permanent engineer is referred to Controller Hines for further report.

Read report Chief Fire Department as follows:-

Office of Chief of Fire Department
December 20th, 1917.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

I respectfully beg to report that the LaFrance triple combination motor fire engine, chemical and hose has been put in commission at No. 1 Station, Brunswick St., fully equipped for service, after a thorough test to meet the requirements of the City's specification, and that she

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*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept. ✓*

Cont. Hines ✓

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has responded to two calls of fire, within a few hours after being put into commission. The first call to Trinity Church and the second to Camp Hill Hospital.

J. W. Churchill,
Chief Fire Department

Filed.

Read letter Phillip A. Freeman re test of new motor fire Engine, as follows:-

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Referred to Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department to go through the contract and further report.

A. S. Barnstead appeared before the Board, stating that the Chebucto School which is now being used as a Mortuary, is now required for an office for the Reconstruction Committee, and that it is necessary that some other building be secured this week for a Mortuary. He stated that a building down town was preferable to one so far out of town as the building now being used.

Referred to Mr. Barnstead to consult with Dr. Finn, and to go ahead with the matter as he thinks best.

Read letter H. E. Morse & Co., re water rates, as follows:-

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Referred to the City Engineer for report.

Read letter Plant Line Steamship Co., Ltd., re water meter bill, as follows:-

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Referred to Controller Murphy and the City Engineer for report.

Controller Murphy reported verbally on water meter bill John Connolly, 21-23 Cunard Street, recommending that it be reduced from \$30.88 to \$15.00. Approved.

Read report /city Home for the month of November. Approved.

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Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

John Connolly
Council ✓

Council ✓

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Read letter A. MacIntyre Bruce, offering to quote prices for supply of raincoats for the Police Department. Filed.

Read letter H. A. Flemming, Treasurer Canadian Patriotic Fund, asking ^{that} for the November instalment due the Patriotic Fund from the City be paid over.

Deferred.

A. S. Barnstead addressed the Board, asking that the City's contribution of \$2,000/ ^{to the British Red Cross} which passed the City Council at meeting held November 8th, be paid over to the Society.

It is decided that the City Treasurer be authorized to borrow the required amount under authority of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1915, as amended by Chapter 30 of the Acts of 1916 and Chapters 74 and 75 of the Acts of 1917.

Controller Murphy reported that W. Stetson Rogers wishes to sell the Argyle Street portion of the Acadian School property.

Referred to the City Engineer to submit a report and plan showing the condition of the building since the explosion.

Controller Murphy is requested to obtain from Mr. Rogers a definite proposition in writing.

Controller Finlay suggested that the time for discount on water rates be extended to the 20th of January. Approved.

Controller Finlay reported that the City Assessor ^{temporary} is in need of help in his office, as two of the members of his staff are sick.

The matter is left in the hands of Controller Finlay and the City Assessor.

Read report Controller Finlay ~~re~~ covering letters from the Nova Scotia Car Works and the City Solicitor, as follows:-

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Approved.

On motion of Controller Hines the Board decides to recommend to City Council that legislation be sought to pay \$1000 to each-of the families of each of the seven firemen who were killed in the recent disaster.

Controller Hines brings up the matter of outside contractors coming into the City to do work that should be distributed among the local trades.

His Worship the Mayor reported that he and the City Engineer had taken the matter up with the Reconstruction Committee.

The report of the Acting City Engineer submitted at meeting of the Board December 15th, 1917, re the obtaining of the services of Thomas Adams, Town Planning Adviser of the Commission of Conservation, is again read and adopted.

Read report Thomas Adams, Town Planning Adviser as follows:-

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Deferred for consideration after a meeting to be held at the Premier's Office Friday evening, December 21st, at 8 o'clock, to deal with the appointment of a Commission.

Controller Murphy submits the following resolution, which was passed at a meeting of the City of Halifax Town Planning Board:-

In view of the recent disaster, RESOLVED that this Board proceeds as rapidly as possible with the collection of data for the preparation of a Town Planning scheme for the City of Halifax, and that the Commission of Conservation be asked to permit Mr. Thomas Adams to give his undivided attention to this matter.

Moved by G. A. McKenzie, seconded by R. M. Hattie and passed.

Approved.

Controller Finlay again brought up the matter of the recall of City Engineer Doane from overseas, and moved that the Military Authorities be asked to give the City the services of Mr. Doane.

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The motion is not seconded.

The matter is further deferred.

The following accounts chargeable to various Departments are submitted and passed for payment:-

Fire Department \$1495.27; General Accounts \$964.21; City Health Board \$66.08; City Home \$3,336.51; Public Gardens \$357.08; Works Department \$11,725.70.

Council ✓

SCHEDULE.

The Board adjourned.

P. J. Martin

L. J. Wray

Mayor.

City Clerk.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.
Chairman John B. Quinn and Alderman Parker of the Board of School Commissioners appear before and address the Board regarding the estimate to effect immediate necessary repairs to school buildings. An inspection had been made by Chairman Quinn, Alderman Parker, the School Commissioners and the Engineer, and it was found that seven of the schools, namely, the County Academy, the Tower Road, the Quinpool Road, the Levee Street, the St. Mary's Boys', the St. Mary's Girls' and the Manual Training School would all be made suitable for re-opening without any very great expenditure.

Resolved that the Board of Control of the City of Halifax authorize the Board of School Commissioners, not exceeding \$15,000.00, the sum to be expended in effecting necessary repairs to school buildings injured by the explosion, and undertake to use the best efforts to procure all necessary legislation in respect to the same.

The following resolution is submitted:-

Resolved, that the Board of Control of the City of Halifax authorize the Board of School Commissioners, not exceeding \$15,000.00, the sum to be expended in effecting necessary repairs to school buildings injured by the explosion, and undertake to use the best efforts to procure all necessary legislation in respect to the same.

Moved by Controller McKay, seconded by Controller

Winn and carried.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

December 24th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Repairs to School Buildings.
- Prohibition of Intoxicating Liquor.
- Horton Aerial Ladder.
- Removal of Debris, Richmond District.
- Investigation into Cause of Disaster.
- Meals for Visiting Firemen, Halifax Hotel.
- North West Arm Sewer Change in Location.
- Christmas Entertainment, Visiting Nurses and Doctors.
- N. S. Car Works Indebtedness to City.

REPAIRS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Chairman John P. Quinn and Alderman Parker of the Board of School Commissioners appear before and address the Board requesting authority to effect immediate necessary repairs to school buildings. An inspection had been made by Chairman Quinn, Alderman Parker, the School Caretakers and the engineer, and it was found that seven of the schools, namely,-- The County Academy, the Tower Road, the Quinpool Road, the Lemarchant Street, the St. Mary's Boys', the St. Mary's Girls' and the Manuel Training School could all be made suitable for re-opening without any very great expenditure.

The following resolution is submitted:-

RESOLVED, that the Board of Control of the City of Halifax guarantee to the Bank of British North America repayment of any advances to the Halifax Board of School Commissioners, not exceeding \$15,000.00, the same to be expended in effecting necessary repairs to school buildings injured by the explosion, and undertakes to use its best efforts to procure all necessary legislation in respect to the same.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines and passed.

PROHIBITION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

Read letter Chairman of the Relief Committee re prohibition of the importation of intoxicating liquor into

Deely School Board ✓
Chairman School Board ✓
Treasurer ✓
City Solicitor ✓
City Auditor ✓
City Council ✓

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the City covering a resolution adopted by said Committee as follows:-

Halifax, December 23rd, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

At a meeting of this committee held last evening the matter of the importation and shipment of intoxicating liquors into the City of Halifax at the present time was carefully considered and the following resolution was adopted and ordered to be sent to you for submission to the Board of Control.

I am directed to respectfully urge upon you and the Board of Control the importance of having this matter promptly dealt with and if thought fit that a memorial be dispatched by telegraph to the Prime Minister urging the prohibition of the importation and shipment of intoxicating liquors in this City at once.

R. T. MacIlreith.
Chairman Relief Committee.

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WHEREAS this Committee is of the opinion that under the conditions existing in the City of Halifax at present and likely to so continue to exist for a period of at least three months it is not only desirable but essential to the peace, order and good government of the City that the importation and shipment of intoxicating liquors into the said City of Halifax should be prohibited by the Government of Canada.

THEREFORE RESOLVED that His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control be respectfully asked to memorialize the Government of Canada to prohibit the importation and shipment of intoxicating liquor into the City of Halifax for a period of three months from this date.

FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that he had also received a letter from the President of the Halifax Branch of the Temperance Alliance requesting that the City urge the Dominion authorities to prevent the importation of liquor into Halifax.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that the resolution passed by the Relief Committee be endorsed by this Board and conveyed to the Dominion Government. Motion passed.

His Worship the Mayor forwards the following telegram

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to Sir R. L. Borden:-

Halifax, December 24th, 1917.

Sir R. L. Borden,
Prime Minister, Ottawa.

Board of Control meeting today. Resolved to memorialize Government of Canada to prohibit at once the importation and shipment of intoxicating liquors into the City of Halifax.

P. F. Martin,
M a y o r.

The City Clerk forwards the following letter to
The Honorable Prime Minister:-

City Clerk's Office,
Halifax, December 26th, 1917.

Rt. Hon. Sir R. L. Borden,
Prime Minister of Canada.

Sir:-

On December 24th, 1917, His Worship the Mayor telegraphed you as follows:-

Halifax, December 24th, 1917.

Sir R. L. Borden,
Prime Minister, Ottawa.

Board of Control meeting today Resolved to memorialize Government of Canada to prohibit at once the importation and shipment of intoxicating liquors into the City of Halifax.

P. F. Martin,
M a y o r.

Confirming above I am directed by the Board of Control to submit this memorial of His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control petitioning that the Government of Canada may be pleased to take such measures as will at once prohibit the importation and shipment of intoxicating liquor into the City of Halifax for a period of three months from this date.

A copy of a letter covering a resolution passed by the Citizens' Relief Committee which said resolution was endorsed by the Board of Control is respectfully forwarded herewith for the consideration of the Government.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

HORTON AERIAL LADDER.

The Acting City Engineer informed the Board that the

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*Sir R. L. Borden
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Reconstruction Committee would be able to use the Horton aerial ladder for several purposes in connection with reconstruction work and would be willing to pay \$250.00 for it but no more.

The Engineer submits the following report:-

City Engineer's office,
December 22nd, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

We have a letter from the Reconstruction Committee asking the lowest price the City will take for the Horton ladder truck. This truck is at the City Yards at present, without any covering, and we are unable to put it in the store house owing to the latter being partly used for relief purposes.

When the truck was advertised for sale a few months ago, the highest price offered was \$110. Both the controller in charge and the Chief of the Fire Department at the time recommended the acceptance of the tender, as the ladder was of absolutely no value to the Department and in their judgment was of no value as a piece of fire-fighting apparatus to any fire department. The scrap value was estimated by them to be a little less than the price offered.

If these opinions are correct as to the uselessness of this apparatus it does not seem good policy for the City to store the same, as whatever value it has at present will lessen as the years go by, besides the fact that it does take up valuable storage room.

I would recommend that the Board fix a price on this ladder, ~~se-this-ladder~~, so that it may be sold.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the ladder be sold to the Reconstruction Committee for the sum of \$250.00. Motion passed.

REMOVAL OF DEBRIS RICHMOND DISTRICT.

The Acting City Engineer informed the Board that the Reconstruction Committee had let a contract for clearing away the debris in the Richmond district and required a piece of property upon which to erect bunk houses for their workmen and that he had suggested the Incinerator Lot as a place suitable and available.

The City Engineer is authorized to give the use of the property to the Contractors for the purpose named.

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INVESTIGATION INTO CAUSE OF DISASTER.

The City Solicitor and Controller Murphy are instructed to prepare and submit at the next meeting of the Board a resolution calling upon the proper authorities, the Dominion Government or the Imperial Government to institute a thorough investigation into the cause of the disaster.

Solicitor
Cont Murphy ✓

MEALS FOR VISITING FIREMEN, HALIFAX HOTEL.

Controller Hines informed the Board that the Halifax Hotel had served about 1,500 meals to visiting firemen and that the Manager of the Hotel had informed him that if the Hotel was to render a bill it would amount to about \$1,000.00, but that he had decided not to make any charge.

Letter Halifax
Hotel ✓

The Secretary is instructed to tender the thanks of the City to the management of the Hotel.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER CHANGE IN LOCATION.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
December 21st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I am submitting herewith a plan showing a proposed change in the location of the North West Arm Intercepting Sewer through Point Pleasant Park. The new line will give a very much better line than the original one proposed, as it cuts out two very sharp bends. The original lines were laid down as being the most economical with the information we had at the time. The contractors agree to build to the new line for the same price as the old, and I would recommend that the change in location, as shown on the accompanying plan be approved, provided the contractor agrees to do the work at the same price as the original line.

Council
Engineer ✓

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT VISITING NURSES AND DOCTORS.

Controller Murphy suggested that it would be a graceful thing for the Board to offer some slight entertainment to the American Contingent of nurses and doctors who are

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remaining in the City over Christmas, particularly the units of the American Red Cross at the Ladies College and at St. Mary's College.

On motion of Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines His Worship the Mayor is authorized to pay out of Contingent Account any expenses that might be incurred; the Mayor and Controllers to meet at the City Hall at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and to go around visiting the various institutions, to carry out the suggestions.

N. S. CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

J. Moorman, representing the Canada Corporations Limited, informed the Board that he has handed over to the City Treasurer a cheque for \$1,178.10 in final settlement of the indebtedness of the Nova Scotia Car Works to the City and desired a release of the mortgage.

The City Solicitor is instructed to prepare the necessary documents.

The Board adjourned.

*Treasurer
Solicitor
Council*

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin.
MAYOR.

L. J. Mowbray
CITY CLERK.

COAL WEIGHTS MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of November showing each weigher to have received \$75.00. Filed.

BUILDING LAW REVISION.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting, December 20th, 1917, as follows:-

Alfred Kelly asked that the Revision of the Building Law which has been underway for a considerable time be expedited.

Referred to the Board of Control.

After discussion the subject is deferred for the present.

C. MITCHELL

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
December 27th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Meals for Visiting Firemen, Queen Hotel.
- Coal Weighers Monthly Report.
- Building Laws Revision.
- Temporary Shelter, C. Mitchell.
- Forrestal's Bakery, Gottingen Street.
- Investigation into Catastrophe.
- Safety to Shipping.
- Storage of Explosives.
- Infectious Diseases Hospitals.
- Acadian School Property - Outhit Building.
- Cast Iron Water Pipe.
- Financing Repair Work.
- Daily Meetings of Board.
- Rehabilitation Commission.

MEALS FOR VISITING FIREMEN, QUEEN HOTEL.

The City Clerk informed the Board that he had received from the Management of the Queen Hotel receipted accounts for meals furnished gratis by the hotel to visiting firemen, as follows:-

Letter Queen Hotel ✓

Trenton	\$22.00	
New Glasgow	46.00	
Wolfville	10.00	\$78.00

The Secretary is instructed to express the thanks of the City to the Management of the Queen Hotel.

COAL WEIGHERS MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of November showing each weigher to have received \$78.82. Filed.

Council ✓

BUILDING LAWS REVISION.

Read extract minutes of City Council meeting, December 20th, 1917, as follows:-

" Alderman Kelly asked that the Revision of the Building Laws which has been underway for a considerable time be expedited.

Referred to the Board of Control."

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After discussion the subject is deferred for the present.

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TEMPORARY SHELTER, C. MITCHELL.

C. Mitchell appeared before the Board asking that he be given permission to erect a temporary structure on his own property at the corner of Stanley and Gottingen Streets.

The City Engineer informed the Board that Mr. Mitchell had applied to him for a permit to put up a temporary structure and that he had refused to grant a permit unless Mr. Mitchell would sign a written agreement to remove the structure if necessary within a time to be fixed, say six months, one year or eighteen months.

The Reconstruction Committee has not yet laid down any definite policy on this matter but has the question under consideration.

S. J. Harrivel who holds a mortgage on Mr. Mitchell's property appeared before and addressed the Board on Mr. Mitchell's behalf.

The matter is deferred until after the meeting to be held tomorrow night with the Dominion Cabinet Ministers.

FORRESTALL'S BAKERY, GOTTINGEN STREET.

R. J. Forrestall appeared before the Board informing them that he had been notified by the City Engineer to close his bakery on Gottingen Street on the grounds that the property had become a fire menace from the damage done to it by the explosion.

After discussion the City Engineer is requested to make a detailed report suggesting to Mr. Forrestall what temporary repairs can be effected so that the bakery may be continued.

INVESTIGATION INTO CATASTROPHE.

Controller Murphy submits the following resolution:-

WHEREAS, the recent catastrophe to the City of Halifax was apparently due to some causes which might have been prevented, and attention to which may avert a recurrence.

AND WHEREAS, the investigation at present being conducted is apparently concerned only with the responsibility

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for the collision which resulted in the explosion, which in the opinion of the public, is the least important of the contributing causes:

AND WHEREAS, it may be that an investigation into all the causes can only be properly held by a Commission appointed by the Federal or even the Imperial Government;

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this Board request the Dominion Government to take such steps as are necessary to fully ascertain all the causes of the disaster and also what measures should be taken to prevent a recurrence.

The resolution is unanimously adopted and a copy ordered to be forwarded to Sir Robert L. Borden and copies delivered to the Cabinet Ministers who are expected to arrive in the City tomorrow.

SAFETY TO SHIPPING.

Read extract Minutes City Council meeting December 20th, 1917, as follows:-

"Alderman Hart asked if better precautions are being taken in the matter of safety to shipping coming in and going out of the Harbour.

On motion of Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay the subject is referred to the Board of Control for consideration."

The Board considered this matter disposed of in the foregoing resolution calling for an general investigation.

STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Controller Hines called attention to the fact that large quantities of explosives are stored in various magazines about the City and desired information in regard to who is responsible for the safety of them.

His Worship the Mayor stated he was under the impression that all matters of the kind were in the control of the Naval Department and that he thought Captain Pasco was the officer immediately in control.

The City Clerk is instructed to write Captain Pasco asking for the necessary information either in writing or by appearing before the Board.

The City Clerk accordingly forwards the following letter:-

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Sir R. L. Borden ✓
5 Cabinet Ministers ✓
Council ✓

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City Clerk's Office,
Halifax, December 28th, 1917.

Captain Pasco,
Senior British Naval Officer
for the Port of Halifax,
H. M. Dockyard.

Sir:-

The Board of Control in order to allay fears in the public mind in regard to quantities of explosives stored both afloat and ashore desire information as to who the responsible officials are who have charge of such matters and also as to regulations for safety and have requested me to apply to you for any help you may be able to afford in respect to supplying such information. The Board do not wish you to communicate in writing any matters that should not be so recorded and suggest that possible it would be more suitable to you to meet with them at the City Hall than to write to them. For the present the Board will meet at the Mayor's Office daily at 11 a. m.

Captain Pasco ✓

Yours respectfully,
L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITALS.

Read letter City Health Board, as follows:-

Office of City Health Board,
December 21st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I have to inform you that the building formerly used by the City Health Board as an Hospital for Infectious Diseases at Rockhead has been abandoned as unsafe and unfit for further use. We are removing all plumbing fixtures but will be unable to attend to the heating apparatus.

The small-pox hospital has also been vacated. The windows, doors and part of the roof should be boarded up to protect the whole interior of the building, including the plumbing fixtures, etc. This building may be put in repair at a small cost and used in the event that it is required for the above purpose. Some provision should be made for the protection of above buildings as they now stand.

J. A. Watters,
Secretary C. H. B.

On motion of Controller Murphy the Secretary is directed to request the Chairman of the City Health Board to appear before this Board to discuss the subject of the housing of infectious diseases cases.

The letter is referred to the City Engineer,

*Engineer ✓
D. H. Mackay*

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ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY - OUTHIT BUILDING.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
December 27th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In accordance with the instructions of the Board of Control I have had a sketch prepared of the Outhit property, so called, and find that the area of the whole property between Barrington and Argyle Streets is 5760 square feet. The area of that portion occupied by the Acadian School property being 2960 square feet and the Outhit property, so called, 2800 square feet.

The Assessor estimates the value of the land of the whole lot, at \$30,860. If the property were divided, the value of the land in the Argyle Street lot would be \$5360 and in the Barrington Street lot, \$10,400. The estimated value of the Acadian School Building is \$7000. and of the Outhit Building, so called, \$8,000.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Filed.

CAST IRON WATER PIPE.

At his request the Acting City Engineer is authorized to advertise for tenders for cast iron water pipe required for next year's work.

FINANCING REPAIR WORK.

Controller Finlay submits the following resolution which is unanimously adopted:-

WHEREAS, by the recent disaster, great damage has been done to the property of the City of Halifax, including the public schools of the City, and a sum of not less than

will be required for the purpose of affecting such immediate and temporary repairs as are necessary to render the same fit for occupation;

AND WHEREAS it will be necessary to obtain the said amount by an immediate loan in that behalf;

AND WHEREAS, the recent proclamation of the Honorable Minister of Finance, to the effect that no such loan by any Municipality will be permitted, during the period the war, without his consent;

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that immediate application be made to the Honorable Minister of Finance for his consent to a loan of the above amount for the above purpose;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon such consent having been obtained, the requisite steps be taken to obtain all legislative and other authorities required for the obtaining of said loan, and that if possible such authorities in that behalf be obtained in advance of such legislation.

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DAILY MEETINGS OF BOARD.

At the request of Controller Finlay the Board decides to meet daily at 11 a. m. until further notice to deal with the estimates for the next civic year and general matters.

REHABILITATION COMMISSION.

Moved by Controller Finlay that if the Committee which is now at work upon the nominating of names of persons to be members of the permanent Rehabilitation Commission have not already decided to include in its personnel the members of the Board of Control that the Board of Control demand that they form part of such Commission - that the Board of Control be the nucleus of the Commission around which should be added the necessary number of other persons. The motion is not seconded.

Controller Murphy thought that the Government should appoint a Board of local gentlemen to attend to claims of various kinds including insurance so that people who have suffered will not be put to expense and trouble.

Deferred.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin,

MAYOR.

L. J. W. Wagoner
CITY CLERK.

LIST OF COMMITTEES AND DEPUTES.

The Secretary is instructed to refer to the Secretary of the Relief Committee for a complete list of committees as constituted at the present time, with telephone numbers and their representative headquarters and address schedule of all supply depots and bureaus of various kinds with telephone numbers.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

December 28th, 1917.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Lynch's Bakery.
- List of Committees and Depots.
- Street Lights Out.
- Street Railway Service.
- Temporary Dwelling, Andrew s.
- Acadian School Property - Outhit Building Repairs.
- Rehabilitation and Claims Committee.
- Policeman Edward McMillan.
- Dangerous Chimney, Cogswell and Gottingen Street.

LYNCH'S BAKERY.

The Following letter is read:-

Lynch's Limited, P. O. Box 734,
Halifax, December 28th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor.
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Dear Sir:-

We desire to ask permission of the Board of Control to cover over the basement and foundation of our premises on Barrington Street in the devastated district, thereby making it temporary quarters wherein we can carry on our baking business until such time as the whole structure can be permanently rebuilt.

W. T. Lynch,
Pres. Lynch's Limited.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay that the request be granted subject to the approval of the City Engineer. Motion passed.

LIST OF COMMITTEES AND DEPOTS.

The Secretary is instructed to write the Secretary of the Relief Committee for a complete list of committees as constituted at the present time, with telephone numbers and their representative headquarters and similar schedule of all supply depots and bureaus of various kinds with telephone numbers.

STREET LIGHTS OUT.

Read complaint W J. Heenan of street light at the

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corner of Brunswick Lane and Maitland Street being out.

The Secretary is instructed to write the Tramway Company asking them why the light referred to by Mr. Heenan and other street lamps throughout the City are not lighted.

STREET RAILWAY SERVICE.

The Secretary is instructed to write the Tramway Company asking why the Gottingen Street spur, the Arm Bridge line and the line from Barrington Street north from north street are not in operation.

TEMPORARY DWELLING - ANDREWS.

Andrews, corner Stairs and North Creighton Street appeared before the Board asking permission to erect a temporary dwelling on his property.

Referred to the City Engineer for inspection and report.

S. J. Harrivel addresses the Board.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY - OUTHIT BUILDING REPAIRS.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that C. W. Outhit's agent, Hugh Durney, had applied to know if it is the intention of the City to replace the glass destroyed by the explosion and to repair the building.

Referred to the Clerk of Works to see if the plate glass is insured.

REHABILITATION AND CLAIMS COMMITTEE.

His Worship the Mayor stated that the City should have a representative on the Rehabilitation and Claims Committee and asked that such representative be now nominated by this Board.

Moved by Controller Finlay that the whole Board of Control as the elected representatives of the Citizens associate themselves as a unit with and as members of the Rehabilitation and Claims Committee and that the Chairman of that Committee be notified accordingly.

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Moved by Controller Murphy that this matter be deferred until tomorrow's meeting.

Controller Finlay's motion is put and passed.

POLICEMAN EDWARD MCMILLAN.

Read resignation Policeman Edward McMillan.

On motion of Controller Taylor consideration of the resignation is deferred.

DANGEROUS CHIMNEY COGSWELL AND GOTTINGEN STREETS.

Controller Hines informed the Board that he had several times and in several places reported a large chimney in a dangerous state on the McFatrige property corner Cogswell and Gottingen Streets and that it still remains unattended to.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

The Board adjourns until Wednesday, January 2nd, at 11 a. m.

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Engineer

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MAYOR.

L. Fred Wragg
CITY CLERK.