

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

January 2nd, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Temporary Buildings.
City Home Estimates.
Meals for Visiting Firemen, Halifax Hotel.
Prohibition of Intoxicating Liquor.
Temperance Law Enforcement.
Street Lighting Service.
Street Railway Service.
Telephone Service.
Water Bill C. R. Carr, 136 Grafton Street.
Temporary Repairs School Buildings.
Inspection of Damage to City Property.
Relief Committees, Supply Depots, Bureaux, etc.
Storage of Explosives.
Commutation of Common Lot, Mrs. Isabella Stairs.
Motor Fire Engine "Patricia".

TEMPORARY BUILDINGS.

Andrews again appeared before the Board, seeking permission to erect a temporary building to live in on his property at the corner of Stairs and North Creighton Streets.

Mr. Andrews is informed that a final policy with respect to this matter has not yet been determined upon, but that for the present permission will not be given for the erection of temporary buildings in the devastated area whilst shelter is available in other parts of the City.

W. I. Hubley appeared before the Board, asking for permission to effect temporary, and possibly permanent repairs to his shop and premises, corner of Kaye and Cottingen Streets.

The Board informed Mr. Hubley that they would consider his application.

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CITY HOME ESTIMATES.

Controller Hines and James O'Bryan, Secretary of the City Home, submit the estimates for the City Home, as follows:-

	Proposed ex- penditure 1918-19	Increase	Decrease	1917-18
Interest	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00
Salaries	\$9693.00			
Less charge to wood shed	102.00			
Groceries	9,591.00	150.00		9,441.00
Flour	7,200.00	400.00		6,800.00
Butter	5,520.00	1,098.00		4,422.00
Milk	2,940.00	490.00		2,450.00
Meat	2,071.00	599.50		1,471.50
Mess Pork	6,800.00	1,500.00		5,300.00
Fresh Fish	1,500.00	700.00		800.00
Potatoes and Vegetables	765.00	170.00		595.00
Yeast	1,850.00	650.00		1,200.00
Dry goods	48.00			48.00
Hay, oats, bran and straw	1,900.00	200.00		1,700.00
Leather	568.00	26.00		542.00
Seed Potatoes	150.00			150.00
Medicine and dispensing			25.00	25.00
Coal, hard and soft	700.00	70.00		630.00
Removal of patients and main- tenance of patients in other districts	4,542.50	1,392.50		3,150.00
Light	100.00			100.00
Hardware, paint and oil	390.00			390.00
Crockeryware	20.00			20.00
Telephones	45.00			45.00
Advertising	50.00	20.00		30.00
Lumber	60.00		5.00	65.00
Books, stationery, printing	30.00		15.00	45.00
Shoes and slippers	200.00			200.00
Lime	15.00			15.00
Coffin fixtures	20.00			20.00
Hats and caps	6.00			6.00
Men's clothing	300.00	100.00		200.00
Horseshoeing	50.00			50.00
Harness and repairs	40.00	15.00		25.00
Repairs to waggons	75.00			75.00
Sundry furnishings	40.00	10.00		30.00
Interior renewals & repairs	50.00			50.00
Outside repairs	50.00		25.00	75.00
Lunacy certificates	60.00			60.00
Veterinary services	15.00	5.25		9.75
Ice	25.00			25.00
Insurance on boiler	24.50			24.50
Wood yard expenses	2,800.00			2,800.00
Maintenance insane at N.S. Hospital	9,000.00			9,000.00
Water Rates	500.00			500.00
Purchase of horse	200.00			200.00
	\$64,411.00	\$7,596.25	\$70.00	\$56,884.75

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Revenue.	:1918-19	: Increase	: Decrease	: 1917-18.
Maintenance transient poor	: \$3300.00	:	: 600.00	: 3900.00
Maintenance patients N.S. Hospital and City Home	: 3600.00	: 700.00	:	: 2900.00
Sales of wood	: 4000.00	:	: 300.00	: 4300.00
Sales of offal	: 135.00	:	:	: 135.00
Sales of empty barrels	: 125.00	:	:	: 125.00
Students' Fees	:	:	: 30.00	:
	\$11160.00	\$700.00	\$930.00	\$11390.00

City Home Salaries.

	:1917-18	: Suggested Increase
Superintendent	: 1000.00	:
Asst. Superintendent and Secretary	: 850.00	: 100.00
Matron	: 540.00	: 60.00
Engineer	: 920.00	: 200.00
Cook and Baker	: 860.00	: 40.00
Fireman	: 890.00	:
Nurse, 2 M	: 510.00	:
Nurse, 4 M	: 540.00	:
Night Nurse, 2 M	: 500.00	:
Cook and attendant	: 216.00	:
Attendant, 2 M	: 312.00	:
Attendant, 2 M	: 120.00	:
Night Watchman	: 60.00	:
Laundryman	: 60.00	:
Nurse, 4 F	: 240.00	:
Nurse, 6 F	: 300.00	: 60.00
Nurse, 2 F	: 216.00	:
Nurse, 2 F	: 180.00	:
Night nurse, 2 F	: 240.00	:
Chaplains (3)	: 700.00	:
Shoemakers, teamsters, attendants in wards and on tables, woodshed, etc.	: 439.00	:
	\$9693.00	
Less charge to woodyard	102.00	
	\$9591.00	

Consideration of the estimates is deferred.

MEALS FOR VISITING FIREMEN, HALIFAX HOTEL.

Read letter and account Halifax Hotel, as follows:-

Halifax Hotel, Halifax, Canada,
January 1st, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

Confirming my telephone conversation with Controller Hines, I beg to enclose herewith receipted bill for meals served the visiting firemen assisting Halifax in the recent disaster.

Halifax Hotel,
E. L. MacDonald,
Manager.

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Halifax, N. S., December 31st, 1917.

City of Halifax,

To the Halifax Hotel, Dr.

1750 meals served to visiting firemen during recent disaster \$1750.00

Paid Dec. 31st, 1917,
Halifax Hotel Co., Ltd.,
Per T. F. Tracy.

Letter Halifax Hotel ✓

The Secretary is instructed to communicate to the management of the Halifax Hotel the thanks of the City for its generosity.

PROHIBITION OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR.

Read letter Prime Minister's Secretary, as follows:-

Prime Minister's Office,
Ottawa, Ont., 29th Dec., 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

On behalf of the Prime Minister, who is at present taking a very much needed rest, I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 26th December setting forth a telegram from Mayor Martin requesting the Government to prohibit the importation and shipment of intoxicating liquors into the City of Halifax.

Council ✓

This telegram was received recently, and I repeated it to the Honorable Doctor Reid, who was on his way to Halifax, and on the re-assembling of the Ministers next week, I shall be glad to place your communication before the Cabinet for consideration.

Geo. W. Yates,
Prime Minister's Secretary.

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TEMPERANCE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Read account R. H. Murray, \$50.00 for month of October, and \$10.00 for the month of November, for solicitor's fees prosecuting violations of the Temperance Act in the Police Court.

Cont Taylor ✓

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

STREET LIGHTING SERVICE.

Read letter Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company, Limited, re street lighting service, as follows:-

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Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co. Ltd.,
Halifax, N.S., December 31st, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 28th inst., relative to the request of the Board of Control for information regarding a number of the City arc lamps being out of commission for some short time past.

In reply thereto I beg to advise that this matter has been the subject of correspondence between the City Engineer and this Company for some brief time past. We are in the unfortunate position of not being able to obtain possession of inner globes for these lamps. As explained to the City Engineer, a shipment was ordered forward from the manufacturers in the month of November, and according to the documents received were duly shipped. Since that time we have been unable to obtain any trace whatsoever of the shipment. On the 4th of December we had an additional order shipped forward by express, and it too has apparently gone astray. A third order for these globes was shipped forward on the 17th instant by express, and in order to expedite delivery, same was marked "Relief Supplies, Public Lighting City of Halifax". So far, the Express Authorities here are unable to give us any information as to the whereabouts of this shipment, and we have recently instructed the manufacturers to prepare and send forward at the earliest possible moment a further supply by express, but at the present writing I am unable to say when the manufacturers will be able to make this shipment.

I beg to assure the Board that we are doing our very utmost in order to obtain these globes which are essential to the proper operation of the arc lamps, and while regretting exceedingly the unfortunate situation, can only state that it is a matter entirely beyond our control, and a situation which we are doing our utmost to improve.

H. R. Mallison,
Managing-Director.

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STREET RAILWAY SERVICE.

Read letter Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, Limited, re street railway service, as follows:-

Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co. Ltd.,
Halifax, December 31st, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your favor of the 28th ult., being a request from the Board of Control as to why the Gottingen Street, the Arm Bridge Line and the Barrington Street Line, north from North Street, are not in operation, I beg to advise that the Arm Bridge Line has been in continuous operation, and so far as we are aware, no interruption has been

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experienced in this service.

Regarding the Gottingen Street Line, I beg to advise that His Worship the Mayor, complained to me personally about this portion of the system, and instructions were immediately given to have the line placed in operating condition, with the result that service was resumed Saturday morning. At the present time, we are only in a position to give a stub line service, but within a very brief delay, we will arrange to put a regular through service to the down town districts on this portion of the system.

The Barrington Street line is not being operated, for the reason that north of Russell Street, our entire pole line on the east side of the street, including the trolley line, was completely destroyed by the disaster. This portion of the line will be reconstructed at the earliest possible moment and service resumed. We trust that the Board will grant us their indulgence in connection with this portion of the system, as conditions so far have made it a physical impossibility to complete this reconstruction work up to the present time.

H. R. Mallison,
Managing-Director.

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Controller Hines complained of empty street cars passing through the streets, refusing to stop to take on passengers. He cited an instance of Car No. 54 passing the corner of Cogswell and Gottingen Streets, empty, refusing to stop to take on nurses and others awaiting to board it. At this time there was no other car following Car No. 54. He intimated to the Board that he believed the motormen and conductors and other employees of the Company were deliberately tying up the service.

The Secretary is instructed to forward Controller Hines' complaint to the Company.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Controller Hines asked the Board to forward a complaint to the Telephone Company of the very inadequate and unsatisfactory telephone service rendered by them from the time of the disaster and up to the present time.

WATER BILL C. R. CARR, 136 GRAFTON STREET.

Read letter C. R. Carr, complaining of excessive water rates at 136 Grafton street.

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Referred to the City Engineer for report.

TEMPORARY REPAIRS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners as follows:-

Board of School Commissioners,
Halifax, December 31st, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Board of School Commissioners to state that the Alexandra, St. Patrick's Boys' and Africville Schools could be put in temporary repair for \$7,000, \$3,000 and \$100 respectively. These three schools being put in commission would house fifty-three classes a day.

As the Board is desirous of doing as much as possible for the children of the City, they request the Board of Control to consider this further amount in connection with its overdraft.

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

The Board decides to guarantee, insofar as they are able to do so, the expenditure of the \$10,100.00 recommended in the foregoing communication, and to undertake to use its best efforts in procuring necessary legislation to authorize the expenditure.

M INSPECTION OF DAMAGE TO CITY PROPERTY.

The Acting City Engineer is authorized and instructed to employ a sufficient staff of qualified persons to inspect and report upon the damage done to all City property, including school buildings, and to submit an estimate of the cost of repairs.

RELIEF COMMITTEES, SUPPLY DEPOTS, BUREAUX, ETC.

Read correspondence between this Board and the Managing Relief Committee, as follows:-

City Clerk's Office,
December 28th, 1917.

R. P. Bell, Esq.,
Secretary Relief Committee,
C i t y.

Sir:-

The Board of Control desires a complete list of Committees as constituted at the present time, with telephone numbers of their respective headquarters,

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and a similar schedule of all supply depots and bureaux of various kinds, with telephone numbers.

Will you please do your best to furnish this information as soon as possible?

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

Halifax Relief Committee,
Halifax, December 29th, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

Replying to yours of the 28th inst., I am sending you with this letter, list of Committees with their telephone numbers, location, etc., as asked for.

We have no supply depots or bureaux of any kind whatever just now, excepting under Committees as mentioned on card.

Trusting this information will be what the Controllers desire, I am,

Ralph P. Bell,
Secty. Relief Committee.

Managing Committee.

Chairman - R.T. MacIlreith.
Secretary - Ralph P. Bell.
Location - Second floor, City Club.
Telephone - St. Paul, 3340.

Food Committee.

Chairman - J. L. Hetherington.
Vice Chairman - H. R. Silver.
Location - Ground floor, City Club.
Telephone - St. Paul, 3340.

Clothing Committee.

Chairman - E. Gaboury.
Vice Chairman - C. W. Achurst.
Location - Ground floor, City Club.
Telephone - St. Paul, 3340.

Reconstruction Committee.

Chairman - G. Fred Pearson.
Vice Chairman - T. S. Rogers/
Location - Dutch Room, Halifax Hotel.
Telephones - Private branch exchange connecting all Departments St. Paul 3390.

Emergency Shelter.

Chairman - W. S. Davidson.
Vice Chairman - H. H. Marshall.
Location - Second floor, City Club.
Telephone - St. Paul 3340.

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Transportation Committee.

Chairman - F. A. Gillis.
Vice Chairman - A. G. Watson.
Location - Pilot Office.

Telephone - (Chairman, St. Paul 1388
(Department Passenger Deliveries, St. Paul 2792
(Horse trucking, St. Paul 2186, 2185, 2116, 493,
2184
(Outside City, 2022.

S. E. Rink, St. Paul, 2827.

Registration Committee.

Chairman - A. D. McRae.
Vice Chairman - W. I. McDougall.
Location - St. Mary's Army & Navy Club, Barrington St.
Telephones - St. Paul 3360, 3362 and 3361
Children's Com. - St. Paul 3363

Information Committee.

Chairman - J. C. Stredder.
Vice Chairman - A. M. Smith.
Location - St. Mary's Army & Navy Club, Barrington St.
Telephones - St. Paul 3365, 3366 and 3367.

Medical Committee.

Chairman - Col. McKelvie Bell.
Location - McCurdy Building
Telephones - General Medical Relief, St. Paul 331.
Administrative (Col. Bell) St. Paul 490.

Financial Committee.

Chairman - G. S. Campbell.
Treasurer - H. A. Flemming.
Location - Bank of Nova Scotia.
Telephone - St. Paul 9.

Mortuary Committee.

Chairman - A. S. Barnstead.
Vice Chairman - R. B. Colwell.
Location - Chebucto School.
Telephone - Lorne 428.

Employment Committee.

Chairman - Capt. Kneale.
Vice Chairman - T. J. N. Meagher.
Location - St. Mary's Army & Navy Club, Barrington St.
Telephone - St. Paul 3368.

Rehabilitation Committee.

Chairman - D. M. Macgillivray.
Vice Chairman - Judge Wallace and C. H. Mitchell.
Location - 2nd floor St. Mary's Army & Navy Club,
Barrington Street.
Telephones - St. Paul 3362, 3363, 3361, 3360.

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Medical Supply Committee.

Chairman - H. Milburn.
Location - Technical College.
Telephones - St. Paul 352 and 542.

American Red Cross.

Chairman - J. F. Moors.
Secretary - C. C. Carstens.
Location - Top floor Keith Building.
Telephone - St. Paul 2582.

Fuel Committee.

Chairman - Hon. R. G. Bea²ley.
Location - Main Distribution Office, City Hall.
City Club (Committee Room).
Telephone - St. Paul 3340.

Supply Committee.

Chairman - A. Handfield Whitman.
Vice Chairman - G. McGregor Mitchell.
Location - Ground floor, City Club.
Telephone - St. Paul 3340.

Medical Relief Committee.

Location - McCurdy Building, Cor. Hollis & Prince Sts.
Telephones - Emergency Calls (for Doctors) St. Paul 3330
Transportation, St. Paul 3331
Nurses services " 3332
Administration, (Chairman) St. Paul 3333

Statistical & Details to Hospitals, }
(Major Moore) }
Co-ordination of American & Canadian } St. Paul 331.
Medical Activities, }
(Capt. Goodman, U.S.A.) }

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STORAGE OF EXPLOSIVES.

Read letter Capt. Pasco, Captain Superintendent
H. M. Dockyard, re storage of explosives, in answer to
letter from the City Clerk, (see Board of Control minutes
December 27th, 1917) as follows:-

H.M.C. Dockyard, Halifax, N. S.,
December 29th, 1917.

City Clerk,
Halifax, N. S.
Sir:-

In reply to your letter of 28th inst., I have the honor to inform you that the Captain Superintendent is responsible for all Canadian Naval ammunition in this port and I regret I am unable to acquaint you with the Regulations for the care of ammunition, they being of a secret nature, but at the same time, I will be pleased to meet any member of the Board of Control at my office

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by appointment, and enlighten him on any specific point, or assist in any way in my power to allay the fears of the public.

I regret the exigencies of the Service at the present time render it impossible for me to attend the meetings of the Board of Control.

F. Pasco,
Captain Superintendent.

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COMMUTATION OF COMMON LOT, MRS. ISABELLA STAIRS.

Read letter Assistant City Clerk re application of Mrs. Isabella Stairs for commutation of common lot No. 20, as follows:-

Office of City Clerk,
Halifax, Dec. 29th, 1917.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Messrs. Robertson and Meagher, solicitors for Mrs. Isabelle Stairs, have paid into this office with the attached letter, the sum of \$122.75, being \$48.36 back rental and \$74.40 for twenty years rental in advance, the amount required for commutation of part of Common Lot. No. 20. The City Engineer has prepared a plan of the sub-division of this lot and I would recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare a deed and have the same executed for Mrs. Stairs.

H. S. Rhind,
Asst. City Clerk.

Approved.

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE "PATRICIA".

Controller Hines submits telegrams received by him from the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company, Toronto, re the condition of the City's motor fire engine "Patricia", as follows:-

West Toronto, Ont.,
December 31st, 1917.

J. J. Hines,
Commissioner Fire Department,
Halifax, N. S.

Have gone thoroughly over Patricia and find same badly wrecked. It is worth Six Thousand Dollars to put car in first class condition. Company decided to make donation of fifteen hundred dollars, making net cost of forty-five hundred dollars for complete repairs following.

Geo. Thomas.

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West Toronto, Ontario,
January 2nd, 1918.

J. J. Hines,
Fire Commissioner,
Halifax, N. S.

Price quoted covers improvements with the exception of self starter. We do not make any guarantee regarding underwriters test after four years of service, You must not expect motor to develop same horse power as when new.

Hines, Murphy and American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.

Controller Hines is authorized to wire the Company

as follows:-

Halifax, January 2nd, 1918

The American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.,
Toronto, Ont.

What allowance will you make us for Patricia as she stands if we purchase a new duplicate of her from you.
Rush answer.

John J. Hines,
Controller.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. Fred Hovaghan

CITY CLERK.

In reply I beg to state that these matters are at the present time having the most careful and attentive consideration of the Government.

Geo. W. Yates,
Prime Minister's Secretary.

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TUBERCULAR PATIENTS.

Read Letter Halifax Medical Society, as follows:-

Halifax, January 3rd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

At a largely attended meeting of the Halifax Medical Society Wednesday evening, January 2nd, the following resolution was unanimously passed:-

Resolved that the Halifax Medical Society
urgently request the City Health Board
the approval of the following immediate steps:-

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Hospital provision for tubercular patients
now being treated in Kingston Hospital.
In the great number were particularly of
children and young people.
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The Board of Control met this morning at 11 o'clock;
present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay,
Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Investigation into Cause of Catastrophe.
Tubercular Patients.
Reimbursement for Loss of Taxes through Catastrophe.
Public Schools Estimates 1918-19.
City Home - Cost of Maintenance of Explosion Sufferers.
Billiard Room License #627 Barrington Street.

INVESTIGATION INTO CAUSE OF CATASTROPHE.

Read letter Prime Minister's Secretary, as follows:-

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31st, 1917.

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

Dear Sir:-

On behalf of the Prime Minister I beg to acknowledge
your letter of the 27th instant setting forth a resolution
adopted by the Board of Control of the City of Halifax re-
questing an investigation into all the causes of the re-
cent deplorable disaster and that measures be taken to
prevent a recurrence.

In reply I beg to state that these matters are at the
present time having the most careful and attentive consid-
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"RESOLVED that the Halifax Medical Society
urgently impress upon the City Health Board
the necessity for making immediate separate

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hospital provision for tubercular patients now being treated in Emergency Hospitals, to the great menace more particularly of children and young people under care in these hospitals, that this resolution be forwarded to the City Health Board and that it be published in the City press, and that the cooperation of the Rotary Club, the Commercial Club, and the National Council of Women be asked to endorse this resolution and to press its object upon the City Health Board."

I certify this to be a true copy.

H. W. Schwartz,
Sec'y Halifax Medical Society

Referred to the City Health Board.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR LOSS OF TAXES THROUGH CATASTROPHE.

Controller Finlay urged the Board to petition the Dominion Government for a contribution of \$150,000.00 towards the City's revenue for the civic year 1918-19, to reimburse the City for loss of taxes on property destroyed.

At suggestion of Controller Murphy, Controller Finlay is requested to consult the City Assessor and to submit to the Board a detailed schedule in writing, showing the actual amount of anticipated loss of taxes through destroyed property.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ESTIMATES 1918-19.

The estimates for Public Schools submitted at meeting December 4th, 1917, are taken up for consideration.

Controller Murphy suggested that the estimates having been prepared by the Board of School Commissioners before the explosion of December 6th, should now be again considered by that Board before being taken up in detail by the City Council, with the possibility of revising and perhaps reducing flexible items, such as Maintenance of Property, Temporary Teachers, Substitute Teachers, etc.

The following letter is forwarded to the Board of School Commissioners:-

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City Clerk's Office,
January 4th, 1918.

Miss S. J. Wilson,
Secretary School Board,
C i t y.

Madam:-

The disaster of December 6th overtook the City before the board of Control had given consideration to the estimate for Public Schools for the year 1918-19. At a meeting yesterday the Board decided to request the School Board to go over their estimates again in view of conditions changed through the explosion and to make any amendments in flexible items that existing circumstances prudently require. This Board will give the earliest possible attention to your estimates when revised by you/will be glad to discuss them with any representatives of the School Commissioners who may be pleased to appear.

School Board ✓

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

CITY HOME - COST OF MAINTENANCE OF EXPLOSION SUFFERERS.

The Secretary of the City Home is instructed to prepare and submit to the Relief Committee for payment an account for cost of maintenance in the City Home of explosion sufferers housed there after the disaster.

*Jas. Bryson ✓
Secy*

BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE, 628 BARRINGTON STREET.

Read application E. W. Earle for a license to conduct a public billiard room at #627 Barrington Street.

Carl Taylor ✓

Referred to Controller Taylor for report.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. Fred Monaghan

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The Board of Control met at 12 o'clock noon today; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Relief Committees' Work.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer, Oakland Road to Chain Rock.

RELIEF COMMITTEES' WORK.

Read letter Controller Murphy as follows:-

Halifax, January 4th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

It seems to me that some of the relief work as at present being carried on is taking a form quite unnecessary and not in the best interests of those affected by this disaster.

One fact is apparently being lost sight of, that is, we are not treating with any class of professional beggars, but instead with a body of our citizens, who, through no fault of theirs, have been forced from their homes and placed in a position where for the time being, it is necessary for some assistance to be extended them. To me, it seems not only unnecessary, but absolutely unjust to those of our citizens who have been affected by this disaster, to apply to them the methods ordinarily used in treating with social problems of the slums, and that this situation should not be permitted to further continue.

I have no desire to question in any way the good intentions of those who are conducting this work, but simply to state that in my judgment our problems are not such as to require being handled along such professional lines. Our people of the North End had comfortable homes, and the conditions which now surround them are entirely new to them. The least those in authority can do is to see that no further inconvenience is caused them, and that as far as possible their feelings are respected in this matter.

I feel we have in our City sufficient capable and willing workers whose intimate knowledge of local conditions and of the people affected much better fits them to conduct the work in question. I am informed that a number of other social workers and clerical helpers are being brought in from outside places. It would seem to me we have among our own people those who are apparently qualified to undertake this work, and that until the

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situation is shown to be otherwise the preference should be given to our people, many of whom have been thrown out of employment through this disaster.

Feeling as I do on this situation, I am going to ask that this Board pass a resolution asking that the necessary changes to correct the conditions outlined be made at the earliest possible date.

John Murphy.
Controller.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that it had not been deemed wise at the present stage to communicate in writing with the Rehabilitation and Claims Committee the action of this Board of December 28th, but that he had personally informed J. H. Winfield, Chairman of that Committee, that the Board of Control had decided to associate themselves as a unit with and as members of that Committee.

After discussion of Controller Murphy's letter, the Board decides to meet with the Rehabilitation and Claims Committee at four o'clock this afternoon to discuss the matters referred to by Controller Murphy.

NORTH WEST ARM TRUNK SEWER, OAKLAND ROAD TO CHAIN ROCK.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer recommending progress payment on account of construction of the second section of the North West Arm trunk sewer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office, Jan. 2nd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to the Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton Bros. of the sum of Nineteen Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-seven Dollars and Forty-three Cents (\$19,267.43) on account on their contract for constructing the North West Arm sewer -

Estimated value of work done	\$42,764.75
Less 10% retained	4,276.47
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	38,488.28
Less paid on certificates 1 to 3	18,220.85
Bal. recommended for payment	<hr/>
	\$19,267.43

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

January 5th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Tuberculosis Patients.
Policeman Edward McMillan.
Fire Engines.
Fuel Shortage.
Burial of Firemen lost in Disaster.
Halifax Appeal for Full Reparation.

TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS.

Controller Finlay reported that yesterday, about a dozen men representing the Commercial Club appeared before himself and several others of the Controllers in the Mayor's Office, complaining of the presence of tubercular patients in the emergency hospitals.

Dr. Almon, City Medical Officer, is requested to prepare a tabulated statement of the number of tubercular patients in each of the emergency hospitals, and submit the same to this Board and to the Board of Health on Tuesday next.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that permission be obtained from the military authorities for the use of Bellevue as a temporary Tuberculosis Hospital.

POLICEMAN EDWARD McMILLAN.

His Worship the Mayor reported that at a meeting of the Board held on December 28th, the resignation of Policeman Edward McMillan was investigated and that the Board had decided to fine him the sum of \$20.00 for assault on a woman and dismiss him from the Police Force forthwith. Approved.

FIRE ENGINES.

Controller Hines submits the following telegrams and

Chief of Police

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letters from the American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.:-

Toronto, Ont., January 3rd, 1918.

J. J. Hines,
Halifax, N. S.

One hundred and twenty days the very earliest delivery on new motor fire engine can repair Patricia in about sixty days we have a second hand steamer in the factory here at Toronto that we will loan to Halifax without charge this steamer is in good condition and you are welcome to it if it will be of service to you.

American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.

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Toronto, Ont., January 3rd, 1918.

J. J. Hines,
Chairman Fire Department,
Halifax, N.S.

Duplicate of Cornwallis worth Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars. Will allow One Thousand Dollars for Patricia as she stands today.

C. E. Thomas.

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Sarnia Tunnel, Ont., January 4, 1918.

Commissioner J. J. Hines,
Halifax, N. S.

If Glace Bay will agree to wait could furnish new car in sixty days. Will be in Halifax last of next week. In meantime see what you can do with Glace Bay officials.

G. E. Thomas.

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West Toronto, December 31st, 1917.

J. J. Hines,
Commissioner Fire Department,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Have gone thoroughly over Patricia and found same badly wrecked. It is worth Six Thousand Dollars to put car in first class condition. Company decided to make donation of Fifteen Hundred Dollars, making net cost of Forty-five Hundred Dollars for completed repairs. Letter follows.

G. E. Thomas.

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Toronto, Ont., Dec. 31st, 1917.

Mr. J. J. Hines,
Commissioner of Fire Department,
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Dear Sir:-

We unloaded the "Patricia" Friday morning and got it

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into the factory on Friday afternoon. We have gone over same very thoroughly, in fact, have taken off the Pump and Bump Transmission and taken the motor out and checked over the car as thoroughly as we possibly could.

- Motor. The motor we find, after taking down the lower half of the Crank Case and inspecting all the bearings, to be in good condition.
- Piston. A new Piston, with Piston Rings, will be necessary for the front cylinder, and after the valves have been re-found we consider this will be in good order.
- Crank Case. A piece about a foot long and about four inches wide has been blown out of the side of the upper half of the Crank Case where it rested upon the frame. By making a three point suspension out of the motor by using our new design front bearing a new Crank Case will not be necessary. The motor would be supported the same as the motor in the "Cornwallis", designed this particular way to take off any distortion or weave that might occur between the frame and the motor.
- Carbureter.
Control.
Ignition. These are all gone and new ones will be replaced.
- Motor Lubrication. Is in good condition.
- Cooling System. This is entirely gone and a new Pump and piping will be necessary.
- Clutch. The present Clutch can be repaired.
- Steering Gear. This is entirely gone and an entire new gear, wheel post and cross rods are necessary.
- Transmission. This appears to be in good order.
- Drive Chains. One new Drive Chain will be necessary.
- Brakes. A new set of Radius Rods are necessary, also new Brake Linings.
- Springs. These appear to be in good condition.
- Wheels. One new right hand front wheel is necessary.
- Tires. One new tire is required.
- Axles. Appear to be in good condition.
- Frame. This can be repaired.
- Tool Equipment. The equipment is practically gone, and a complete new equipment will be furnished.
- Body. It is impossible to use the old body and a new body will be furnished.
- Steps. Steps are beyond repair and new steps will be furnished. It also requires new step hangers.
- Mud Guards. These are beyond repair and new Mud Guards will be furnished.

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- Pump. It will be necessary for us to express pump to Elmira so that gears may be properly machined and heads properly fitted, which will make the pump in good condition.
- Gasoline Tanks. These were damaged beyond repair and we propose to furnish a new gasoline tank with gravity feed, mounted, same as on the "Cornwallis".
- Lighting System. This is entirely gone. A new system and new lights complete will be furnished.
- Ladders. These are gone. Complete ladders and pipe poles to be furnished.
- Hand Extinguishers. Two new Fire Extinguishers and proper holders will be furnished.
- Play Pipe Holders. Two new cones for Play Pipes will be furnished.
- Lanterns. Two Fire-Department-Type Lanterns, mounted, will be supplied.
- Fire Axe. One Pickhead Axe, mounted, will be furnished.
- Crowbar. One Crowbar, mounted, will be supplied.
- Speedometer. One Speedometer to be supplied.
- Tire Chains. Two pair, front and rear, will be furnished.
- Tool Box. One Tool Box to be supplied.
One extra Tool Box under rear of Hose Body.
- Battery Box and Batteries. One new Battery Box and two new Batteries to be furnished.
- Bumper. One new Bumper to be supplied.
- The above are to be furnished entirely new.
- Chemical Equipment. This can be repaired.
- Soda Cannister. New one to be supplied.
- Acid Receptacles. Two new ones will be furnished.
- Seat. A new seat is necessary and will be supplied.
- Dash. A new dash, complete with side panels and foot boards.
- Hand Rails. A new hand reel with brackets will be supplied.

We will furnish the car, with all metal parts nickel plated, properly painted, in fact, in much better condition than it was in before it was wrecked, with all freight paid to Halifax for the sum of \$6,000.00.

This price does not include new tires all around, only one new tire being specified. The tires on the car we figure will last for another year, but in the event you would want new Dayton Airless Tires all around you can figure \$128.00 per tire.

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This car will leave our hands having our latest improvements regarding Lights, Radius Rods, Steering Assembly and Gasoline Feeding System. This car will not be equipped with a Self Starter as our standard Self Starter will not work on your motor because there is no rack or drive gear on your fly wheel.

American LaFrance Fire Engine Company
of Canada, Limited.

G. E. Thomas.
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Toronto, Ont., December 31st, 1917.

Mr. J. J. Hines,
Commissioner Fire Department,
Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Dear Mr. Hines:-

Supplement to attached letter.

After having gone over the necessary repairs on the "Patricia" and finding out what was necessary and cost of same, together with an estimate of the time to put same in first class condition, our Factory Manager, Mr. Kirby, went to Elmire and the Company have decided to make you a donation in the form of a 25% discount from the price quoted, namely, \$6,000.00, which is a fair and reasonable price for the repair of the "Patricia". This will make the net price to the City of Halifax for repairing the "Patricia" and returning same to your City in good condition of \$4,500.00, and I question if the ordinary citizen will know it from a new car when returned to you.

We trust your Board of Control and City Council will appreciate our efforts to return to you your damaged car at a figure less than what it will costus to do this work.

American LaFrance Fire Engine Company
of Canada, Limited.

G. E. Thomas.

Controller Hines called attention to the need of fire engines at the present time, the motor engine "Patricia" being out of commission, one old steam engine having been sold recently, and the old dockyard engine requiring a new boiler. He referred to the fear of a conflagration in the City because of so many defective chimneys, and the distress it would lead to owing to present lack of housing accomodation. He moved that the City at once purchase a new motor engine and accept the offer of the LaFrance Company to loan the City a steam engine in the meantime. He also reported that while the LaFrance people promised to make a first-class job of the repairs to the "Patricia",

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they would not guarantee that she would pump up to her former capabilities, nor that she would perform the underwriters' tests.

In reply to Controller Hines' reference to inspection of defective and dangerous chimneys, His Worship the Mayor stated that the City Engineer has a staff of seven or eight men busily going around the City from house to house making an inspection of chimneys and reporting on them and that defective ones are being repaired as speedily as possible.

Moved by Controller Murphy that the question of repairs to the "Patricia", and, or, the purchase of a new motor engine be deferred until Mr. Thomas arrives in the City, and that in the meantime the City Clerk telegraph as follows:-

Halifax, January 5th, 1918.

American LaFrance Fire Engine Company,
Toronto, Ont.

Delegam ✓
Pending result of negotiations with Relief Committee City not prepared to decide re fire engine. Wire immediately under what conditions you will loan us steam engine until decision reached as to purchase of new motor, and, or, repairs "Patricia."

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

Controller Murphy's suggestion is concurred in.

FUEL SHORTAGE.

Read letter Controller Murphy as follows:-

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

His worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Hon. R. G. Beazley
It has been suggested to me that there is a likelihood of there being a shortage of fuel in our City, and that in order to anticipate same it might be advisable to purchase a number of small portable motor driven saws, which could be utilized in sawing up the lumber of the Devastated District to be used in an emergency.

I submit the suggestion herewith for the Board's consideration. It might turn be passed on to the Fuel Department who would be in a better position to say whether or not such steps are necessary.

John Murphy,
Controller.

Referred to the Fuel Committee, Hon. R. G. Beazley,

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Chairman.

BURIAL OF FIREMEN LOST IN DISASTER.

Read letter Controller Murphy as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

It would seem fitting, in view of the circumstances, surrounding the deaths of the various members of the Fire Department, that the City should make some provision to take care of the expenses involved in their burial. In as much as these men lost their lives in the discharge of their duty, I feel satisfied that the Board and Council will agree that the expenses involved should be borne by the City, and would so recommend.

John Murphy
Controller.

Controller Hines stated that he had already discussed this matter with the Chief of the Fire Department.

Controller Hines and the Chief are requested to obtain from the families of the firemen who lost their lives the accounts for funeral services and submit them to the Relief Committee.

HALIFAX APPEAL FOR FULL REPARATION.

His worship the Mayor submits the following draft of a circular letter to be forwarded to the Mayor of every incorporated City and Town in the Province of Nova Scotia:-

Mayor's Office, Halifax, N. S.
January 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Dear Sir:-

The tragedy which occurred in the City of Halifax on the 6th of December, 1917, was the result of conditions over which the Municipal Authorities had no supervision or jurisdiction. The regulations respecting the Harbor and the shipping therein and all war activities on the water and on the land are solely within the purview of the British Admiralty and the Government of Canada. We feel called upon to impress this point upon the Municipal Authorities of every City and Town in Nova Scotia in order to solicit their sympathy with us in an appeal to the Dominion Government to make full reparation for the material loss we have sustained through no fault or omission, neglect or lack of foresight on our part. We beg to ask that at the first available opportunity you may be pleased to have your Council pass a resolution in support of our appeal and take the liberty of submitting a draft form of resolution as follows:-

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"RESOLVED That the Town Council of the Town of _____ heartily and unanimously endorse the appeal of the City of Halifax to the Dominion Government for full reparation for the material loss suffered by the City and its citizens from the explosion on board the ammunition ship Mont Blanc on December 6th, 1917;

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded forthwith to the Honorable the Prime Minister of Canada and to the City Council of the city of Halifax."

We believe it to be unnecessary to do more than state the facts as given above in order to obtain your unanimous support in behalf of our appeal to the authorities responsible for the disaster.

P. F. Martin
MAYOR.

Approved.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

J. D. Wagoner

CITY CLERK.

Mailed to the Mayor & every city and town in non-vested Council

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

City Store Keeper.
City Home Watchman.
Finance Minister's Consent for Bond Issues.
Tuberculosis Patients.
Victoria General Hospital Patients Accounts.
Fire Department, Inspection of Chimneys, Electric Wiring and Fire Alarm System.
City Prison Monthly Report.
Military Patrol of Devastated Area.
Repairs to Buildings.
Fire Department Estimates.
Dangerous Building, Quinpool Road.
Street Railway Service.

CITY STORE KEEPER.

Read application J. A. Adams for position of City Store Keeper.

Referred to the City Engineer and Controller Murphy for report.

CITY HOME WATCHMAN.

Read application Charles Johns, Night Watchman at the City Home, for an increase in pay.

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

FINANCE MINISTER'S CONSENT FOR BOND ISSUES.

Read letter Deputy Minister of Finance, covering copy of a special issue of the Canada Gazette, December 22nd, 1917, containing an order-in-council regulating the issue of securities in Canada, providing that no bonds, debentures, or other securities shall be issued without the consent of the Minister of Finance.

Referred to Controller Finlay and the City Treasurer.

TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS.

Read report Dr. W. B. Almon, City Medical Officer, as

*Engineer
Cont. Murphy*

Cont. Hines

*Cont. Finlay
Treasurer*

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follows:-

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

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

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with your instructions I have communi-
cated with the Superintendents and others in charge of the
various Hospitals and shelters in the City and find the
following number of known tubercular patients therein:-

Victoria General.....	One Case.
Halifax Infirmary.....	None.
Y. M. C. A.	Two cases.
Bellevue.....	One (suspected).
St. Mary's College.....	None.
Waegwoltic.....	None.
St. Paul's Hall.....	None.
St. Mary's Hall.....	None.

W. Bruce Almon,
C. M. O.

Copies of the report are ordered to be forwarded to
the Halifax Medical Society and to the Executive Relief
Committee.

V. G. HOSPITAL PATIENTS ACCOUNTS.

The City Clerk submits accounts for maintenance of
patients in the Victoria General Hospital for the month of
November, totalling \$684.20, from which he had deducted
the sum of \$172.20 charged for patients for whom the City
is not liable, leaving the balance payable, \$512.00.

The accounts are passed for payment.

FIRE DEPARTMENT, INSPECTION OF CHIMNEYS, ELECTRIC
WIRING AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM.

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters,
as follows:-

Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters,
Halifax, N. S., January 7th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of Halifax Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

As a month has passed since the disastrous explosion
on the steamship Mont Blanc, we feel that sufficient time
has elapsed to enable the civic authorities to realize
their position. How very much greater (bad as they have
been) might have been the results of this catastrophe, and
while admiring the very efficient services rendered by the
Fire Department (in its crippled condition and with the
loss of some of its most efficient and valuable members)

*Halifax Medical Society
R. J. Max Street*

Council

January 8th, 1918.

on that day we feel that the following important matters should immediately receive your attention.

1. The present impaired state of the Fire Department.
2. The immediate inspection of all chimneys in the City and the repairing at once of any found affected by the explosion.
3. The inspection of all electric wiring in the City and having it all brought up to standard.
4. The inspection of and the immediate bringing of the Fire Alarm System up to standard.

It was plainly evident that it was solely due to the favorable direction of the wind that the entire City was not wiped out by fire on that day.

We respectfully ask that your Honorable Body in the preparation of the Fire Department Estimates for the coming year make provision for -

- Fire Department -

1. Purchasing of another motor driven Combination (pumping engine, chemical engine and hose waggon) in addition to the "Cornwallis" now in commission.
2. That either the immediate order for the repairing and re-commissioning of the motor engine "Patricia" be given, or a third motor driven combination pumping engine and hose waggon of similar type to the "Cornwallis" be purchased to replace the "Patricia".
3. That permanent crews be provided for each of these motor driven pieces of apparatus.
4. That pending the placing of the Fire Department on a fully paid basis that permanent engineers, stokers and a sufficient number of the permanent men be provided on each and every piece of apparatus to man same and put it in operation.

- Chimney Inspection -

While we understand this work comes really under the Reconstruction Committee, we feel that sufficient progress has not been made in detecting defective chimneys and remedying the condition. Already several fires have occurred through such cause, and in addition to this loss many families have been rendered homeless which of course you will realize is a severe hardship especially at the present time and we would ask your Honorable Body to immediately take vigorous steps to have a sufficient number of inspectors appointed, either by the City or the Reconstruction Committee, to have every chimney in the City inspected, and a sufficient number of mechanics employed to carry on the work of repairing defective ones with the least possible delay.

We feel that if there are not enough bricklayers in the City, that if proper steps are taken, sufficient men can be brought in from outside places to facilitate this work.

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- Inspection of all Electric Wiring and Fire Alarm System -

We would ask that the City have the Electrician's Department of the City immediately start an inspection of all wiring throughout the City, and if there is not sufficient help at the Electrician's Office to quickly do the work, that a sufficient number of electricians be provided to assist in the work, even if it is found necessary to bring such assistance from outside the City.

The need of a thorough inspection and reorganization of the Fire Alarm System, which previous to the catastrophe was in an unreliable condition, is urgently brought to your attention, with the request that it be immediately thoroughly examined, reported on and brought up to standard.

I might mention that at a fire on Upper Water Street a few days ago, the fire alarm system did not work properly. With the condition of the Fire Department due to loss of apparatus, insufficient number of pumping engines and poorly manned as regards the number of permanent men, together with the dangerous condition of the chimneys, the City's inability to properly cope with a fire, particularly in the business section must be realized when it is seen that the fire alarm system is also in an unreliable condition.

We ask your Honorable Body to immediately take up the recommendations made in this letter, and give them the earnest, vigorous and immediate attention their importance calls for.

Awaiting your kind advice, I remain,

Edward J. Fahie,
Secretary.

Referred to Controller Hines, the Chief of the Fire Department, the City Electrician and the City Engineer for report.

Read joint letter, covering resolution, from the Commercial Club and Rotary Club, urging the securing of up-to-date fire fighting apparatus immediately, as follows:-

Halifax, January 7th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Sirs:-

At a joint meeting of the Commercial and Rotary Clubs held today, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

RESOLVED that as a large number of chimneys throughout the City are in a dangerous condition, and as the City is without adequate fire fighting apparatus, we the Executive of the Commercial and Rotary Clubs in joint session urge upon your Worship and the Board of Control, the necessity of securing sufficient up-to-date fire fighting apparatus to control any emergency.

Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Electrician ✓
Engineer ✓
NS Fire Underwriters ✓

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AND FURTHER RESOLVED that as delay in securing such apparatus may make a general conflagration possible and further imperil the lives and property in this already stricken City, we respectfully urge the necessity of your securing the necessary apparatus without delay.

A. M. MacKay,
Secretary Commercial Club.

B. H. Morrison,
Secretary Rotary Club.

A M MacKay ✓
B H Morrison ✓

The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge receipt of the communication, and to inform the writers that the Board has the subject referred to under consideration, and is dealing with the matter as speedily as possible.

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

West Toronto, January 5th, 1918.

Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk, Halifax.

Will let Halifax have engine for ninety days or until we can furnish new or repair motor without charge. Ask that you pay freight and cost of cutting Halifax thread on necessary connections and return engine in as good order as we ship it. Letter follows.

American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.
of Canada.

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Toronto, Ont., January 2nd, 1918.

Mr. J. J. Hines,
Chairman Fire Department,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:-

Since writing you we have received your telegram asking what allowance we would make for the old "Patricia" as she stands if you would purchase a duplicate of her from us.

This puts the entire proposition in a new light as we could not figure on furnishing a duplicate of the "Patricia". Our figures would be on furnishing a duplicate of the "Cornwallis", which is our standard 750 gallon Pumper today, embodying all the latest improvements. The "Cornwallis" cost you \$11,750.00; the cost of a duplicate of the "Cornwallis" today, and the price at which we would furnish one to you F.O.b. Halifax would be \$13,900.00. Am giving you these figures so you will not be confused regarding the net cost to you of a Motor Fire Engine after an allowance has been made for the remains of the "Patricia".

You will understand that the "Patricia", which was manufactured some five years ago, is not the standard that we are using today in Canada. We have studied conditions

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and in the new engine which we forwarded you recently, you will find a number of changes and improvements to meet our Canadian conditions. For example - the crank shaft in the "Patricia" is 2-1/8" diameter at bearing. Our Canadian standards today, and the crank shaft which you have in the new motor is 2-5/8". Our transmissions are made much heavier than was in the "Patricia"; the springs are heavier; the thread is two inches wider, giving greater clearance for heavy chains for our Canadian snows.

The facts are, the parts of the "Patricia" are absolutely of no service to us in Canada because of our adopted standards here, and as you well know they cannot be sent back to the States on account of Customs. It is impossible for us to use the parts for replacements here because of the difference in our present standards, and again we could not furnish second-handed or used parts in making replacements even if we had cars in Canada the same as the "Patricia".

You will appreciate how absolutely impossible it would be for us to market the "Patricia" after we had fixed her up. The fact that it was a second-hand car would make it impossible for us to offer it for sale to another town, while the good parts could be used in manufacturing for you that could not be used for some other town. Three of your wheels are in good condition but at the same time second handed. Your axles are in good condition and as good as new, but at the same time second handed when it comes to marketing them in some other City.

There is really no way that we can realize the value out of the "Patricia" to the same extent as it is worth to the City of Halifax when it comes to repairing your car. However, it is a matter for your decision and we shall be pleased to help you in whichever plan you decide to adopt.

American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.
of Canada, Limited,

G. E. Thomas.

Consideration of the above is deferred until G. E. Thomas, the representative of the Company, arrives in Halifax tomorrow.

The Secretary is instructed ^{request} to all the Companies who offered to sell motor engines to the City on the City's last call for tenders, to now submit tenders for a 750 gallon motor engine.

The City Clerk submits the following:-

City Clerk's Office,
January 8th, 1918.

Dear Sirs:-

Please quote City of Halifax your price for a new triple combination 750 gallon motor fire engine to carry 1,000 feet hose and 35 gallon chemical tank to comply with underwriters' specifications f. o. b. Halifax and

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earliest date of delivery. Rush answer.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City clerk.

sent to Austen Bros., Halifax Agents Seagrave Co.; Dominion General Equipment Co., Representing the White Company, E. E. Bishop, Agent, Halifax; and the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company of Canada, Toronto, G. E. Thomas, Agent, Halifax.

CITY PRISON MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Governor Grant, City Prison, for the month of December. Filed.

MILITARY PATROL OF DEVASTATED AREA.

Col. Flowers appeared before the Board asking how long the City would require the Military Authorities to continue the patrolling of the devastated area.

Col. Flowers is informed that the City desire the patrol to continue for at least two months longer.

REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS.

Alderman Parker, Mr. Hirschmann, Mr. Burgess and others representing property owners in Ward 6, appeared before the Board inquiring as to what bearing the reports now being made by the staff of inspectors who are going about examining buildings, would have on the final adjustment of the claims of property owners.

The delegation is advised that for their own protection, property owners should have independent valuations made at once by competent persons, whose reports should be in writing, and that they should keep their accounts and expenses on file for the consideration of the Claims Department, and for comparison with the inspectors' reports.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department submit the estimates for the Fire Department for 1918-19 as follows:-

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Office of Chief Fire Department,
Halifax, N. S. January 7th, 1918.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

Our duty to the citizens of Halifax requires us to present to you for consideration some plain facts in plain language. We believe it to be incumbent upon us to recommend a reorganization of the Fire Department upon a modern basis. In our opinion it is necessary for the safety of the City that this be effected without delay. It cannot be done unless the cash is forthcoming. The cash can only be secured by collecting it from the tax payers through assessment. The City of Halifax requires a complete staff of permanently employed fully paid firemen and the disabandonment of the Call Force. The smallest number with which the service could possibly be manned is a total of 77 men of all ranks.

We do not offer any argument in support of the patent fact that we need a modern fire department to keep pace with modern conditions. The acknowledged truth is that we have not got it. We must not be blind to the fact that the Underwriters know it and fix insurance rates accordingly. This does not in any way reflect upon the men who compose our department, but applies to the conditions under which callmen, as such, are employed. So long as they are callmen there can be no improvement. It is granted by general consent that Halifax, like any other City, must have a Fire Department. You cannot get it without paying cash for it. If it is a necessity you must pay the cash. We submit herewith a proposal recommended by the late Chief, Edward Condon, to reorganize the Department by doing away with the present Call Force and furnishing a staff of 77 men, nearly all of whom will be paid \$17.00 a week. This will cost the taxpayers \$15,000.00 more than they are paying today. Can they refuse to pay it? Can you refuse to vote it? Is \$17.00 a week too much for a fireman who is on duty and subject to discipline 24 hours a day for seven days of the week? Are 77 men too many to man a Fire Department to cover a City of 4300 acres and a population amounting to about 60,000 people?

In all modesty, but with a firm conviction that we are acting in the best interests of the citizens, we submit these estimates and leave them for you to assume the responsibility of approving or rejecting them.

In addition to the above the estimates recommend a natural increase of \$14,000.00, the details of which appear in the schedules.

This total increase of \$29,000.00 we hope to be able to have restored to the citizens in decreased insurance rates.

J. J. Hines,
Controller Fire Department.

J. W. Churchill,
Chief Fire Department.

ESTIMATES

Fire Department.

	:1918-19	:Increase	:Decrease	:1917-18.
Maintenance				
Harness and its repairs	:\$200.00	:	:	:\$200.00
Repairs building				: 987.00

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Maintenance	:1918-19	:Increase	:Decrease	:1917-18.
Repairs, machine	:1000.00	: 500.00	:	: 500.00
Repairs, carriage	: 500.00	:	:	: 500.00
Stores and supplies	:1500.00	: 500.00	:	:1000.00
Fuel	:3000.00	: 700.00	:	:2300.00
Lighting	: 500.00	:	:	: 500.00
Purchase of horses	: 300.00	:	: 300.00	: 600.00
Telephones	: 350.00	:	:	: 350.00
Veterinary services	: 150.00	: 50.00	:	: 100.00
Fodder	:4700.00	:	:	:4700.00
Uniforms, buttons and badges	:1200.00	: 325.00	:	: 875.00
Waterproof clothing	: 300.00	:	:	: 300.00
Fire Engine Coal	: 200.00	:	:	: 200.00
Gasoline	: 500.00	: 500.00	:	: 000.00
Horseshoeing	: 600.00	: 600.00	:	: 000.00
Miscellaneous and contingent	:1000.00	:	:	:1000.00
	\$17200.00	:3388.00	: 300.00	:14112.00
	<u>14112.00</u>	:	:	:
Increase..	\$3088.00	:	:	:

Fire Alarm System/

Labor	:1385.75	:	: 40.00	:1425.75
Maintenance	:2730.00	:1705.00	:	:1025.00
	\$4115.75	:1705.00	: 40.00	:2450.75
	<u>2450.75</u>	:	:	:
Increase...	\$1665.00	:	:	:

Salaries.	:1918-19	: Increase
1 Chief	:\$1800.00	: \$250.00
1 Asst. Chief	: 1400.00	: 200.00
1 Chief Mechanical Engineer	: 1500.00	: 1500.00
1 Carpenter and Property Overseer	: 1000.00	: 100.00
1 Blacksmith @ \$15.00 per week	: 780.00	:
8 Relief Men at \$17.00 per week	: 7072.00	:
70 Men, 1 week's holidays each substitutes @ \$17 per week	: 1190.00	:
Drivers watering streets @ 50¢ per wk.	: 182.00	:
Door Closers, etc.	: 125.00	:
	<u>:15049.00</u>	:

13 men

Morris Street Station No. 3.

1 Steam Fire Engine Engineer @ \$20 per wk.	: 1040.00	:
1 " " " Driver @ \$17 per wk.	: 884.00	:
1 " " " Stoker @ \$17 per wk.	: 884.00	:
1 Combination Truck Operator @ \$18 per wk.	: 936.00	:
1, " " " Driver @ \$17 per wk.	: 884.00	:
1 Hose Waggon Driver @ \$17 per wk.	: 884.00	:
5 Hose and ladder men at \$17 per wk.	<u>: 4420.00</u>	:
	\$10816.00	:

12 men

Spring Garden Road Station No. 6.

1 Hose Waggon Driver @ \$17 per wk.	: 884.00	:
5 Hosemen at \$17 per wk.	<u>: 4420.00</u>	:
	\$5304.00	:

6 men

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Grafton Street Station No. 8

1 Ladder Truck Driver @ \$17 per wk.	:	884.00	:
5 Hose and Ladder Men @ \$17 per wk.	:	4420.00	:
<u>6 Men</u>	:	\$5304.00	:

Bedford Row Station No. 4.

1 Steam Fire Engineer @ \$20 per wk.	:	1040.00	:
1 " " Driver @ \$17 " "	:	884.00	:
1 " " Stoker @ \$17 " "	:	884.00	:
1 Hose Waggon Driver @ \$17 " "	:	884.00	:
5 Hosemen @ \$17 " "	:	4420.00	:
<u>9 Men</u>	:	\$8112.00	:

Brunswick Street Central Station No. 1.

1 Motor Engine Operator @ \$20 per wk.	:	1040.00	:
1 " " " Asst. @ \$17 " "	:	884.00	:
4 Hosemen @ \$17 " "	:	3536.00	:
<u>6 Men</u>	:	\$5460.00	:

Quinpool Road Station No. 5.

1 Steam Fire Engineer @ \$20 per wk,	:	1040.00	:
1 " " Driver @ \$17 " "	:	884.00	:
1 Hose Waggon Driver @ \$17 " "	:	884.00	:
4 Hosemen @ \$17 " "	:	3536.00	:
<u>7 Men</u>	:	\$6344.00	:

West Street Station No. 2.

1 Motor Engine Operator @ \$20 per wk.	:	1040.00	:
1 " " " Asst. @ \$17 " "	:	884.00	:
5 Hosemen @ \$17 " "	:	4420.00	:
1 Ladder Truck Driver @ \$17 " "	:	884.00	:
5 Hose and Ladder Men @ \$17 " "	:	4420.00	:
<u>13 Men</u>	:	\$11648.00	:

North End Station No. 7.

1 Hose Waggon Driver @ \$17 per wk.	:	884.00	:
4 Hosemen @ \$17 " "	:	3536.00	:
<u>5 Men</u>	:	\$4420.00	:

<u>Salaries.</u>	<u>:1918-19 :</u>	<u>Increase :</u>	<u>Decrease :</u>	<u>:1917-18.</u>
Staff	:15049.00:	:	:	:
Spring Garden Road	:10816.00:	:	:	:
Grafton Street	: 3304.00:	:	:	:
Bedford Row	: 8112.00:	:	:	:
Brunswick Street	: 5460.00:	:	:	:
Quinpool Road	: 6344.00:	:	:	:
West Street	:11648.00:	:	:	:
North End Station	: 4420.00:	:	:	:
Total Salaries	\$72457 .00:	24362.00 :	:	48095.00
Maintenance	17200.00:	3088.00 :	:	14112.00
Fire Alarm System	4115.75:	1665.00 :	:	2450.75
Union Protection Co.	2000.00:	:	:	2000.00
	\$95772.75:	\$29115.00 :	:	66657.75
	66657.75:	:	:	:
	\$29115.00			

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City Electrician's Office,
January 8th, 1918.

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

I beg to submit herewith estimates for cost of labor
and material for my department for the ensuing year.

Fire Department	: 1918-19	: 1917-18	: Increase	: Decrease
Labor	: 1385.75	: 1425.75	:	: 40.00
Battery expense	: 240.00	: 200.00	: 40.00	:
Battery elements	: 240.00	: 200.00	: 40.00	:
Line materials	: 460.00	: 400.00	: 60.00	:
1 Signal Box	: 240.00	: 225.00	: 15.00	:
1 Tower striker	: 700.00	:	: 700.00	:
1 Motor car $\frac{1}{2}$ cost	: 450.00	:	: 450.00	:
4 Punch registers	: 1100.00	:	: 1100.00	:

\$4815.75 \$2450.75 \$2405.00 \$40.00

-Wire Inspection-

Labor and Supplies	: 870.00	: 690.00	: 180.00	:
1 Motor car $\frac{1}{2}$ cost	: 450.00	:	: 450.00	:

\$1320.00 \$690.00 \$630.00

-Works Department-

Electrical Supplies	: 156.00	: 130.00	: 26.00	:
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As above noted the amount estimated for the Fire Alarm service is considerably more than for the present year. Some of the increase being due to higher cost of materials and labor, but the greater part is for new apparatus.

The Tower Striker has been in the estimates before, but the purchase was deferred. I think it would be unwise to further defer it unless a full paid department is contemplated in the near future, in which case this apparatus could be dispensed with.

The Motor Car would be of great service. The situation now is, that I have the use of a spare horse when the Fire Department does not require it, and it frequently happens that I cannot get a team though I have use for one the whole time. For the next few years there will be considerable additional work due to changes in line construction. It would be a great help in inspection work also in the estimate for which I have placed half the cost. Skilled men are scarce, and anything that will tend to greater efficiency should be seriously considered.

The Punch Registers would be of real service in checking up doubtful counting of box signals.

But one new Signal Box has been provided for, while it would take at least twenty additional boxes to adequately cover the territory, but like all other material, the cost is excessive.

Wm. Emmerson has asked for an increase in wages of 45¢ per day. This amount will but bring his pay up to

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that given certified wiremen, and I would recommend it be granted as provided for in the estimates.

An item of \$110.00 has been transferred from the Fire Department estimate for labor, to that of the Wire Inspection estimate, to provide for a little more time in the latter work.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

The item "Maintenance", totalling \$17,200.00, is read item by item, and tentatively passed.

The schedule of salaries of the staff, totalling \$15,049.00, is read item by item, and tentatively passed.

After considering various of the items for salaries of a permanent fully paid Department, it is moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Finlay that the Board recommend to the City Council the reorganization of the Fire Department on a permanent fully paid basis.

At request of Controller Murphy, the motion is allowed to stand over until Thursday's meeting.

Controller Hines is requested to interview the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters and ask them what they are prepared to do in the way of reduction in insurance rates in the City, if the Fire Department is reorganized on a fully paid basis.

DANGEROUS BUILDING QUINPOOL ROAD.

Controller Finlay reports a dangerous building used as a garage at the corner of Quinpool Road and Robie Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

STREET RAILWAY SERVICE.

Read letter from the Tramway Company, January 5th, 1918, to Controller Hines, re street railway service, as follows:

Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co.,
Halifax, N.S., January 5th, 1918.

Mr. J. J. Hines, Controller,
C i t y.

Dear Mr. Hines:-

Regarding your telephone conversation to me last night on car which failed to stop at the corner of Duke and Granville Streets.

Cont. Hines

Engineer

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Owing to the fact that our cars were running very irregularly all day yesterday, due to the condition of the streets, I found that it was impossible to locate the number of the car which was running ahead of Car #74. We are taking very stringent action of all such cases and we are glad at any time to have any criticism, such as yours, that will enable us to get after the faults and shortcomings of the men on the Road.

Furing the past four weeks our conditions have been very extraordinary, as have those of everybody else in the City of Halifax. From one cause and another, since the 6th of December, we have lost forty men and have only been able to replace twenty of these, including the women which are on the cars at present. I would also draw to your attention the fact that we have been terribly held up all over our system by Motor Trucks, Automobiles and Teams, using our tracks and in face the drivers going away and leaving their vehicles standing on our tracks at all times of the day and night. We have had several cases in which we have had delays of from 20 minutes to one-half hour from these causes.

I would also draw to your attention the conditions which existed on the streets of Halifax yesterday, in which the street car tracks were the only part of the streets on which there had been any attempt made to have the snow cleared away, and as a consequence of this the tracks carried all the traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular. Over and above carrying the traffic the tracks also formed the only means by which water could runaway, This of course was due to the fact that the street man-holes were not open and the water could not run off. There being so much water on our tracks yesterday, 10 cars were taken out of service by being disabled by moisture penetrating through the insulation and damaging the electric equipment of the car.

Of course we appreciate the fact that the City is very short of men at the present time and that they are doing the very best they can under the circumstances, but you will readily appreciate that all these items taken together form a very serious handicap to our operation.

I will be very glad at any time, if you will notify me of anything that you see in the operation or handling of the cars on the streets, which is not in the best interests of the public, whom we are endeavoring to serve and I give you my personal assurance that we are doing everything within our power to get back to normal conditions.

Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co., Ltd.,
Ira P. Macnab., Shop Supt.

Ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. Macnab
CITY CLERK.

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COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,

January 10th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Motor Fire Engine Tenders.
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Accounts.

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE TENDERS.

Tenders are received and opened for a 750 gallon
triple combination motor fire engine, as per specifications
submitted therewith, as follows:-

Halifax, January 10th, 1918.

The Hon. Mayor and Board of Control.
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

We herewith submit you tenders on a 105 H. P.
750 gallon motor pumping engine, with hose capacity of
1,000 feet of standard 2½" hose, with 40 gallon chemical
tank, for the sum of \$13,100.00.

We also furnish you with specifications of a car,
a duplicate of the "Cornwallis", with all the extras
as the "Cornwallis" now stands, for the sum of \$13,900.00

From this price, we will allow you for the "Patricia"
as she now stands, the sum of \$1,000.00 making out net bid
respectively \$12,100.00, and \$12,900.00 with the "Patricia"

American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.,
Per G. E. Thomas.

January 10th, 1918.

Halifax, N. S., January 9th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

In response to your enquiry of yesterday, we are pleased to hand you herewith specification and tender for \$11,350.00 of the White Co., covering one of their Triple Combination Motor Fire Engines with Chemical Tank and Hose body, also photos of equipment we would propose to supply and copy of test recently made with one of their outfits by R. A. Raymond, Engineer of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, who has fully approved of this Unit.

The tests they now call for are very severe and while the equipment we offer will easily thros 700 gallons when attached to a hydrant with pressure back of it, it is rated at 500 gallons when drafting out of the harbor with long suction. The White Co. have discontinued for some time the building of what is known as a 750 gallon engine, as it is not their policy to over-rate their pumping unit bus to build an outfit that will stand the gaff and run as long as you keep oil and gas in it at a fire.

You will note by the specification that the Motor is to be the celebrated 4 cylinder, 16 valve type the ALAM rating of which is 28.9, brake H.P. 70. Other makers in order to deliver 500 gallons have to use a very much heavier motor, which shows that the White equipment with pump showing 85% efficiency, is a very much more up to date piece of apparatus than is turned out by any other manufacturer.

Units of the size we are offering are more efficient than the larger, heavier machines and are being now more largely used. The United States Government have just taken delivery of four of these outfits. The machines are now overweighted and are mu ch better proportioned for every day use and war.

As we understand the matter, the City cannot expect to get lower rates by the installation of new equipment, but to prevent higher rates and there is no question but that this outfit should meet your every requirement.

At the time of our last tender, the question of spare parts was raised and in connection with this, would say that should we be favored with your order we will place say \$500.00 worth of spare parts in stock in Halifax to take care of your requirements.

The factory advises that they have one of these outfits well underway which could be completed in sixty days. We offer this machine, subject to prior sale. The ordinary delivery date is one hundred and sixty days.

We could make immediate shipment subject to prior sale of a 350 gallon triple combination outfit, now in stock, exactly the same as the 500 gallon outfit offered above, except for the size of the pump and with 45 H.P. Engine instead of 70 H. P., for the sum of ten thousand three hundred dollars, freight and duty paid, Halifax, N. S.

The Dominion General Equipment Co.,
E. E. Bishop, Manager.

January 10th, 1918.

E. E. Bishop, representing the Dominion Equipment Co., G. E. Thomas, representing the American LaFrance Fire Engine Co., and Harold E. Austen, representing Austen Bros., appeared before the Board.

In reply to the chairman, Mr. Austen stated that he was not ready to submit a tender this morning, but expected to be in a position to submit a tender tomorrow. He was not aware that tenders were to be opened today.

Read offer American LaFrance Fire Engine Co. to repair the "Patricia", as follows:-

Halifax, January 10th, 1918.

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Control,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

We furnish to you an estimate of \$6,000.00 for the repair of the "Patricia", which would place in your City the car in a better condition than the morning of December 6th.

We figure we can complete this car and have it ready for shipment to Halifax in sixty (60) days' time.

In the event we repair this engine for you, we propose to make a donation of \$1,500.00 to the members and dependent families of the Fire Department.

American LaFrance Fire Engine Company,
Per G. E. Thomas.

Read copy of telegram and letter from the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company re loan of steam fire engine as follows:-

West Toronto, Ontario.
January 5th, 1918.

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

Will let Halifax have engine for ninety days or until we can furnish new or repair motor. Without charge. Ask that you pay freight and cost of cutting Halifax thread on necessary connections, and return engine in as good order as we ship it. Letter follows:

American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.
of Canada, Ltd.

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Toronto, Ont.,

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

Dear Sir:-

Replying to your telegram of January 5th, we

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forwarded you telegram as per enclosed copy.

We have a Clapp & Jones steamer in first-class condition that we have been offering for sale, which we can ship you at once or as soon as we could cut proper threads on connections to meet the Halifax requirements.

Our usual charge is \$10.00 per day for relief steamers, but in the Halifax case we have decided that we will not ask you any hire or charge for the use of this engine. We will only ask you to pay transportation charges and agree to return the steamer to us in as good condition as it leaves our factory. In our telegram we made a limit of ninety days or until we were able to furnish you a new motor fire engine or repair the "Patricia".

We have made a number of cities a price on this engine and do not know when same may be accepted. Our sending the engine to you is subject to sale, and in the event the engine was sold we would expect to make as quick delivery as possible, and in this event we would not ask Halifax to be out the freight. This engine was furnished to Ottawa after their big fire at the Parliament Buildings, and they used it while we were building two engines for them. We really do not expect a sale, and only mention this in case some City should decide to purchase it at the price we have quoted.

The engine has a three horse hitch and is complete in every detail. Upon receipt of wire we will cut threads and ship engine immediately.

American LaFrance Fire Engine Co.
of Canada, Limited.

G. E. Thomas.

Read amended offer for hire of steam engine, as follows:-

Halifax, January 10th, 1918.

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Control.
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:-

We have in our Factory at Toronto, a steam fire engine in first class order, ready for immediate use which we would be pleased to rent to you on the following terms:-

1. The City of Halifax to pay transportation charges both ways, and the cost of necessary connections to adapt the engine to Halifax use.
2. The city of Halifax to pay the sum of \$5.00 per day for the use of said engine for every day the engine is in the hands of the City of Halifax.
3. The City of Halifax to return to us the engine in as good a condition as it leaves our hands, necessary wear excepted. Any dispute respecting necessary wear to be determined by a competent engineer to be agreed on by both parties. This engine can be shipped as soon as necessary threads are cut, which would be in about three days' time.

American LaFrance Fire Engine Co. of Canada

January 10th, 1913.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Murphy that this Board recommend to the City Council the acceptance of the last above written offer for hire of engine. Motion passed, and the offer submitted to the City Solicitor to put in proper shape as an agreement.

The agreement is O. K'd. by the City Solicitor.

The tenders for new fire engine are referred to Controller Hines, the Chief of the Fire Department and the City Engineer for report.

Mr. Thomas addresses the Board on the condition of the "Patricia"

The offer for repairs to the "Patricia" is referred to Controller Hines, the Chief of the Fire Department and the city Engineer for report.

EMERGENCY SHELTERS ON THE COMMON AND MILITARY PROPERTY.

Read letter Col. Thompson as follows:-

Halifax, 9th January, 1913.

To His Worship the Mayor of Halifax,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Sir:-

I have the honor, by direction, to inform you that the Department of Mil. & Defence is quite prepared to co-operate with yourself and your Honorable Council in consenting to the erection of Emergency Shelters on the Halifax Common and about the Glacis of the Citadel and Camp Hill to meet the necessity for housing citizens rendered homeless by the recent explosion.

W. E. Thompson, Colonel,
A.A.G., Military District No. 6.

Referred to the City Council.

POLICEMAN JOHN WRIN.

Read resignation Policeman John Wrin, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 8th, 1913.

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

Gentlemen:-

Owing to the fact that I find it impossible to live and properly contribute to the support of those dependent upon me, I am obliged to accept a more remunerative position than that now held by me as a member of the Police Force, and would therefore ask you to accept my resignation,

Council ✓
Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
City Engineer ✓
Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Engineer ✓

Council ✓

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such resignation to take effect immediately.

John Wrin,
Police Officer.

On motion of Controller Taylor, the resignation is accepted.

WORKING HOURS AND CONDITIONS BUILDING TRADES.

Read letter Building Trades Council as follows:-

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

To His Worship the Mayor,
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Building Trades Council, at a regular meeting held January 2nd, to bring to your attention that we are opposed to Colonel Lowe as Manager of Reconstruction, as the methods adopted by Colonel Lowe in reference to working hours and conditions are a direct violation of our Trade agreements with the Builders' Mechanical Exchange, and while we regret the terrible calamity which befell our City, we see no good reason why the above Colonel should not comply with the conditions existing in the Building Trades. In bringing these facts to your attention, we trust that your Honorable Body will use your influence by having the above objections removed.

Yours on behalf of the B. T. Council,
A. C. McKenzie,
Rec. Secty,
43 Spring Garden Road.

Referred to the Builders' Mechanical Exchange, E. A. Saunders, Secretary, for report.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS RE-OPENING - COAL SHORTAGE.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that there is a real fear of a shortage of coal in the City, and suggested that in order to conserve the supply on hand, the public schools should not be re-opened on Monday next as contemplated, but should remain closed at least until the first of February, when the coal famine situation will be better known.

The Secretary is instructed to communicate with the Board of School Commissioners, calling their attention to this matter, and suggesting that they confer with Hon. R. G. Beazley, Chairman of the Fuel Committee.

His Worship stated he understood the Fuel Committee had under consideration the possibility of the necessity

Chief of Police ✓

E. A. Saunders ✓

Secretary School Board ✓

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AND WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have offered to purchase 531 shares of City of Halifax Stock of the Consolidated Fund 1905, at the par value of 92.35, bearing interest at the rate of 5% per annum, and to be repayable on the 1st day of July, 1940;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Control have recommended to the City Council the acceptance of the said offer;

Council ✓
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the said sum of \$49,000.00 be borrowed from the Silliker Sinking Fund for the above purpose recited, and that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue and deliver to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds, for the said loan, 531 shares of the City of Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905, same to be dated January 1st, 1918, and to be repayable on the 1st day of July, 1940, and to bear interest at 5% per annum.

The resolution is adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

Controller Finlay submits the following resolution:-

WHEREAS the City will require, in accordance with Section 31, Chapter 74, Acts 1914 and its amendments, Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for Street Fund Account;

Council ✓
AND WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have offered to lend the said amount to Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) at 92.35% of par, same to be repayable in five equal annual instalments, interest to be at the rate of 5% per annum;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Fund, short term debentures, (5 years) to cover said loan, same to be dated 1st day of January, 1918, and to bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum.

The resolution is adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council.

CITY'S FINANCIAL STANDING SINCE EXPLOSION.

Read letter R. M. Grant & Co., as follows:-

New York, January 5th, 1918.

Mr. Jas. J. Hopewell,
City Treasurer, Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

As owners of a large amount of your city's 5% Refunding bonds of January 1951, we would be interested to know if the recent trouble has caused any change in the City's vital statistics.

We presume there has been some reduction in the assessed valuation and are therefore enclosing a copy of our circular with the request that you make whatever changes are necessary in the financial statement and in any other

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respect that you see fit.

R. M. Grant & Co.

Treasurer ✓
The City Treasurer is authorized to reply to R. M. Grant & Co. to the effect that so far as the Board of Control is aware, the disaster will have no material detrimental affect on the City's financial affairs, but on the other hand, in all likelihood the financial situation of the municipality will be markedly improved.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY - OUTHIT BUILDING.

Read letter C. W. Outhit as follows:-

Halifax, January 10th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Referring to notice from the City Engineer, date of November 26th, 1917, that the City would require the property I now occupy on or before the First of May, 1918. On receipt of this I expected that we would have new building completed in ample time to vacate on above date. Conditions since have been such that it would appear doubtful if my building will be completed by the First of May. In which case, would it be possible that I might arrange with you for a few weeks extra time. I would appreciate an early reply.

I might also ask if any steps are being taken for some light in this building. It is now some time since the accident, and any temporary arrangement for light would be much appreciated.

C. W. Outhit.

Engineer ✓
Referred to the Acting City Engineer to reply to the effect that the City is desirous of selling the property, and is now negotiating with parties seeking the purchase, and that in the event of a sale, Mr. Outhit's application will be brought to the attention of the purchaser.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Read letter Telephone Company re complaint made by this Board of unsatisfactory telephone service, as follows:-

Maritime Telegraph & Telephone Co. Ltd.,
Halifax, January 9th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of January 8th respecting Controller

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Hines' complaint as to telephone service.

The telephone service since the explosion has been most unsatisfactory. This has been due to two causes:

First - The traffic took a jump of approximately 82%. We had neither facilities nor staff to handle such an abnormal load for a continuous period. Immediate steps were taken to provide additional equipment, and the manufacturer's staff have been working day and night to get this installed, so that we could handle this abnormal business. On the other hand our staff of operators was seriously depleted by the explosion: two of them were killed, and a large number were seriously injured, and some were in hospital. So that we were in the position of attempting to do a business 82% above normal with a staff 25% below normal.

We have been doing our best under these difficult conditions - working our staff double shift, and long shift; but, of course, there is a limit to the physical capacities of any human beings. I am glad to say, however, that there has been a decided improvement in the last two or three days. Many of the operators are now coming back, and the traffic has shown a tendency to decrease to a little nearer normal conditions. We are rushing eighteen new operators through our school as rapidly as possible, and one or two are coming through every day. I anticipate that from the operating standpoint we shall steadily improve, and I hope that in a few days we shall reach normal conditions.

Second - The second cause of dissatisfaction is the large number of lines that have been out of order, and are continually going out of order. Our aerial plant was damaged much more severely than we at first thought. Our cable sheaths have been punctured and fractured by flying pieces of metal, and by shock, and many cases of trouble are now turning up, due to the mild weather permitting moisture to enter these punctures and fractures in the cable sheaths, so that many people whose lines were working fairly satisfactorily are now finding their lines out of order. We are overtaking this work just as fast as is humanly possible.

You can rest assured that we feel, very deeply, the result to the community in the deterioration of our service, and that no effort has been, is being, or will be spared to get back to normal conditions at the earliest possible moment.

J. H. Winfield,
General Manager.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

STREET RAILWAY SERVICE.

Read letter Tramway Company dated January 9th, 1918, re the Board's complaint of unsatisfactory tramway service, as follows:-

Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co., Ltd.,
Halifax, January 9th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communi-

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cation of the 8th inst., being an extract from the Minutes of the Board of Control Meeting, held on the 2nd of January last, at which meeting Controller Hines complained regarding cars not stopping to take up passengers on signal.

I regret to be obliged to inform you that we have experienced some difficulty in this direction, and employees have been very negligent in obeying the instructions given to the min this regard. We have endeavored, in so far as possible, to discipline all those whom we have found guilty of this infraction of the Company's regulations, and we believe that we shall have better results in the future.

I would respectfully point out to the Board of Control that we have had an extremely difficult situation to cope with in connection with labor required for the operation of the cars, and while we are fully aware that our service has not been up to standard, I beg to assure the Board that we are taking every means in our power to improve matters in every way, and I have no hesitancy in saying that, giving due consideration to the prevailing weather conditions and the labor situation in the City, a marked improvement has been effected during the last week, a condition which we are quite hopeful of continuing until we are in a position to give a better service than ever before attempted in this City.

H. R. Mallison,
Managing-Director.

(See Board of Control minutes January 8th, 1918,
page).

Referred to the City Council for its information.

TELEPHONE AND STREET RAILWAY SERVICES.

Read letter Board of Trade asking that this Board refer to the Nova Scotia Board of Public Utilities the complaint of unsatisfactory service given by the Tramway Company and the Telephone Company.

The Secretary is directed to forward to the Nova Scotia Board of Public Utilities the complaint made by this Board to the Companies above named, together with copies of the replies received in answer thereto.

ELECTRIC LIGHT BILLS INCREASED THROUGH DISASTER.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the City Auditor is requested to deduct from all City electric light bills the difference in amount between the accounts for December, 1917, and December, 1916, and send the account for the same to the Relief Committee for settlement, the item being a

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proper charge against the damage by explosion.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Read letter Board of Trade, as follows:-

Board of Trade, Halifax, N. S.,
January 9th, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Martin and
Members of the Board of Control.
C i t y.

Gentlemen:-

A copy of the letter submitted your Honorable Body by the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters under date of January 7th, was submitted the Council of this Board for endorsement.

At yesterday's meeting, the recommendations contained therein were heartily approved of, and I was desired to state in this letter that the matter is one of most vital importance at the present time.

The Fire Department was complimented on their work at the time of the disaster, but it is generally considered that both equipment and force of men should be increased.

E. A. Saunders,
Secretary.

The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter, and to inform the Board of Trade that this Board is dealing with the subject matter of their communication.

CITY HOME.

Read report City Home for the month of December.

Approved and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for concurrence.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM - DAMAGE BY EXPLOSION.

Read report City Electrician as follows:-

City Electrician's Office,
January 8th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The following is an approximate estimate of the damage done to the Fire Alarm System on account of the disaster of December 6th.

Signal Boxes.....	\$750.00
Battery.....	480.00
Line Material.....	350.00
Labor.....	1850.00
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	\$3430.00

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Of the above about \$1500.00 will require to be expended during the present year.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Referred to the City Engineer and Chief of the Fire Department for report.

APPLICATIONS FOR INCREASES IN PAY W. J. DeWOLFE AND

W. R. FEGAN.

Read applications for increases in pay from W. J. DeWolfe, Assistant Engineer, and W. R. Fegan, Assistant Building Inspector.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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

Office of Chief Fire Department,
Halifax, January 10th, 1918.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

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

1. There were 22 alarms of fire from the following causes:- hall stove smoking 1; overheating pipes 1; unknown 1; rubbish 1; bon fire 1; gasoline range 1; oil cabinet 1; chimneys 15.

Insurance at risk	\$75,000.00	
Insurance losses		5,000.00
Losses without insurance		1,200.00
		<u>\$6,200.00</u>

This report does not include the fires or losses caused by the explosion of December 6th.

2. I beg to report that the following firemen were killed in the discharge of their duty at the recent disastrous catastrophe of December 6th, and would recommend that \$1,000.00 be given to each of their dependents:-

Chief E. P. Condon.
Asst. Chief W. P. Brunt.
Hoseman Frank Kileen.
Hoseman Michael Maltus.

of the permanent force, and

Capt. W. P. Broderick
Hoseman Walter Hennessey
Hoseman John Duggan (missing)

of the call force.

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Engineer ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

Engineer ✓

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Chief Fire Dept ✓*

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That Frank Leahy died December 31st from injuries sustained therefrom.

That Driver John Hennessey, injured December 6th, has since reported for duty.

That Driver Joseph Johnston, injured December 6th, has not yet reported for duty.

That Driver Guss Hoganson reported sick December 5th, reported for duty December 31st.

That Hoseman Geo. Kline has tendered his resignation January 1st. I recommend that the resignation be accepted.

That the superannuation assessment paid in by the following deceased members, be refunded, viz.-

Chief E. P. Condon.....	\$
Asst. Chief W. P. Brunt.....	32.00
Hoseman Frank Kileen.....	22.70
Hoseman Frank Leahy.....	18.20
Hoseman Michael Maltus.....	18.20

I recommend the purchase of a triple combination motor pumping and hose car and chemical engine.

I beg to report that on the 4th inst. a fire occurred in a plant now under construction for the manufacture of explosives on Agricola Street Extension, and would recommend that the same be safeguarded according to the underwriters' regulations, as there is at present a quantity of acetylene not properly stored and exposed to the weather, which I consider a menace to public safety.

J. W. Churchill.
Chief Fire Department.

The clause recommending the purchase of a triple combination motor engine is deferred for further consideration.

The clause relating to acetylene plant, Agricola Street, is approved, and referred to the City Engineer and Chief of the Fire Department for further report.

Moved by Controller Hines that this Board recommend to the City Council that authority be obtained to pay the sum of \$500.00 to the heirs of John Spruin, a member of the Veteran Firemen's Association, who was killed by the explosion whilst responding to an alarm of fire, with the Fire Department.

Consideration of the motion is deferred, the Secretary to lay upon the table the understanding between the Veteran Firemen's Association, the Union Engine Company and the City, submitted to the City Council in July last.

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Chief Fire Dept ✓*

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by clerk ✓*

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INCREASE OF PAY J. E. LYNCH, JANITOR CITY HALL.

Read application J. E. Lynch Janitor of the City Hall, for an increase in pay.

Referred to Controller Finlay for report.

CONTRACT FOR STONE.

Read certificate Acting City Engineer recommending payment to Heber Hartlen of \$590.79 on account on contract for stone.

The account is passed for payment.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNT FOR PATIENTS.

The City Clerk submits account for maintenance of patients from the V. G. Hospital, totalling \$1,071.00, from which, after investigation, he had deducted the sum of \$433.00 for cases not properly chargeable to the City, leaving the balance due the Hospital for the month, \$638.00.

The latter amount is passed for payment.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:-

Fire Department \$14,511.58; City Home \$5,558.93 and \$140.75; Citizens' Free Library \$156.65; City Prison \$209.26; General Accounts \$435.75; Works Department \$2286.75; City Health Board \$272.34; Police Department \$63.95.

Fire Department.

American Lawrence Fire Engine Co.	Motor Engine "Cornwallis"	11,750.00
Austen Bros.	500 ft. Paragon Hose	600.00
T.C.Allen & Co.	stationery	21.80
Canadian Rubber Co.	Rubber boots	10.00
R.N.McDonald	Groceries	19.60
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	55.00
Canadian Rubber Co.	Packing	1.83
Freeman & Co.	Blinds	68.00
Farquhar Bros.	Flashlight	.45
Neil Fox	Saddlery	2.00
P.A.Freeman et al	Superintending tests "Cornwallis"	25.00
F.W.Fraser	Fodder	420.83
W.H.Isnor & Sons	Horsehire	6.00
Charles Probert	Cleaning King's Wharf	5.00
Robert Horner	Horseshoeing	14.00
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	61.15
Kline & Mullins	Cap and badge	9.50
F.W.McNally	Plumbing	3.20

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Melvin & Co.	Hardware	3.58
A.J. McNutt	Carriage work	27.25
Dr. H. McFatridge	Horseshoeing	26.90
Tram Co.	Light and power	71.52
National Drug Co.	Sponges	19.18
David Roche	Glass	12.80
Wm. J. Regan	Harness	5.75
Stairs, Son & Morrow	1000 ft. Keystone Hose	1200.00
J. Starr Son & Co.	Electrical supplies	3.80
James Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	35.38
Sheehan Motor Co.	Gear compound	1.00
Telephone Co.	Phones	26.92
Ungar's Laundry	Work	8.53
J. Wonnacott	Keys	.35
Neville Canneries, Ltd.	Wood	7.20
		<u>\$14,511.58</u>

City Home.

I.B. Shaffner & Co.	Flour	291.25
Gunn & Co., Ltd.	Flour	169.50
Wantzell's Ltd.	Groceries	637.46
H.L. Williston	Meats	752.30
Davis & Fraser	Meat pork	103.25
William Rogers	Milk	179.08
Smith & Proctor	Butter	267.30
A. Wilson & Son	Fresh fish	42.53
F.W. Fraser	Forage	42.27
W.Y. Kennedy	Drygoods	251.85
Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	3.30
Maritime Tel. Co.	Phones	7.50
Hendry, Ltd.	Potatoes	575.00
Black & Flinn	"	575.83
Moir's Ltd.	Bread	255.58
Brookfield Bros.	Drain crock	28.25
V.G. Hospital	Medicine	147.05
H. McFatridge	Horseshoeing	6.25
T.J. Whaheh & Co.	Bed sacks	60.00
C.E. Putner	Dispensing	50.00
S.A. Marshall & Son	Repairs	25.30
James Simmonds, Ltd.	Sundries	51.88
Nickerson & Co.	Turnips	3.30
W. McFatridge	Roofing felt	30.00
Faulkner & Co.	Insurance on boiler	28.24
N.S. Tramways & Power Co.	Light and power	79.38
Baldwin & Co.	Crockeryware	3.51
T.C. Allen & Co.	stationary	1.70
Hillis & Sons, Ltd.	Sundries	28.75
B.J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	64.60
Salaries	Pay sheet Dec.	796.72
		<u>\$5,558.93</u>

-Construction Account-

Piercey Supply Co.	Lumber	17.50
S.A. Marshall & Son	Repairs to roof	123.25
		<u>\$140.75</u>

Library.

T.C. Allen & Co.	Books	6.65
Book Room	"	.35
Mutual Subscription Agency	Subscriptions	145.95
A.L.A. Publishing Co.	"	1.00
Munn & Co.	"	2.70
		<u>\$156.65</u>

City Prison.

J.J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	19.00
W.I. Hubley & Co.	Groceries	67.87

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G.C.Hartlen & Co.	Beef	16.02
Frank Fraser	Fodder	56.00
Lawrence Hardware Co.	Hardware	32.34)
Dominion Molasses Co.	Stove fittings molasses)	7.75
Hillis & Sons	Stove fittings	
Rhodes Curry Co.	Supplies	3.15
T.C.Allen & Co.	stationery	1.60
N.S.Tramways & Power Co.	Light and power	1.98
Dr. Wm. McFatridge	Horseshoeing	2.25
Robert Horner	"	3.40
		<u>\$209.26</u>

General Accounts.

A. & W. MacKinlay, Ltd.	Files, Collector	.35
T.C.Allen & Co.	Printing & Stationery	
	City Clerk	379.35
	" Collector.....	8.25
	" Treasurer.....	7.50
	Mayor.....	6.65
		<u>401.75</u>
E.M.Veith	Allowance for Dec.	10.00
Dr.Finn	Certificates of death	
	Mary McCowan.....	4.00
	C.H.Woolard.....	4.00
	Caroline Harvey...	4.00
	A.Young.....	4.00
	Infant of Greta	
	Dixon.....	4.00
	Mary Demslan.....	4.00
		<u>24.00</u>
		<u>\$435.75</u>

Works Department.

Street Lighting	1.00
Telephones	41.37
Internal Health	10.00
City Hall Lighting	75.87
Streets	590.00
City Property and Market Maintenance	82.76
Sewerage	632.84
Permanent sidewalks	11.40
Teams and stables	376.47
Water Construction	311.40
Water Maintenance	153.85
	<u>\$2286.75</u>

City Health Board.

John Starr Son & Co.	Batteries	2.90
University of Toronto	Antitoxin	105.00
L.C.Smith & Co.	1 typewriter ribbon	1.20
T.C.Allen & Co.	Office supplies	27.85
Halifax Wet Wash	Washing	22.50
N.S.Tram Co.	Service	3.51
Geo. H. ex Kinsman	Plumbing repairs	5.00
Kinley's Ltd.	Drugs	85.40
A. Watner	Milk	18.98
		<u>\$272.34</u>

Police Department.

T.H. & W.T. Francis	Furniture	24.50
H.McFatridge	Horseshoeing	4.50
T.C.Allen & Co.	Stationery	13.40
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	2.46
John Starr Son & Co.	Supplies	6.84
Amherst Boot & Shoe Co.	Rubber Boots	12.00
Morton & Thompson	Battery	.35
		<u>\$ 63.95</u>

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

L. D. Donoghue
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Theft of Liquor from Inspector's Office.
Walter Conrad Overcharging for Ferrying.
City Home - Cost of Maintenance of Explosion sufferers.
Public Schools - Gratuity of \$1,000 to Mrs. Annie Pritchard.
Motor Fire Engine.
Hillis & Sons, Limited Stove Foundary.
Street Lighting.
Street Railway Service.
High Voltage Electric Wires.
Decayed Electric Post, Barrington Street.
Chairman.
Mentally Defective Children.
Insurance Rates - Fire Department Improvement.
Acadian Hotel Shelter - Ashes in Cellar.
Fuel Famine.
Vacant Lot Gardening.
Rentals Increased by Landlords.
Billiard Room License, E. W. Earle.
Cabmen's Shelter, Grand Parade.
Acadian School Property - Outhit Building.
Water Bill G.E. Faulkner, Cunard Street.
Continued Medical Assistance for Explosion sufferers.
Automobiles Speeding.

THEFT OF LIQUOR FROM INSPECTOR'S OFFICE.

Alderman Macnab appeared before the Board, asking when the investigation would be held into the charges made by the Evening Mail of theft of liquor from the Inspector's Office.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following correspondence, which is read -

Extract from minutes of a meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax, held on the 10th day of January, 1918.

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Moved by Alderman Macnab, seconded by Alderman Kelly that His Worship the Mayor hold an investigation into the matter of the statements made by the Evening Mail, charging elected representatives of the City and City Officials with breaking into the office of Liquor Inspector Tracey and stealing "booze".

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Office of City Solicitor,

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Office of the City Solicitor,
January 14th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In reply to your enquiry as to your powers to hold an investigation into the theft of liquor from the Liquor Inspector's Office, I beg to say that it is undoubtedly your power to hold an investigation, but unless it can be treated as a police matter, you have no power to compel the attendance of witnesses or to examine them upon oath, as the only powers possessed by you or the Board of Control of that nature are conferred by Section 253, and are confined to any matter in relation to the administration of the Police Force, including the City Prison.

F. H. Bell,
City Solicitor.

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Halifax, N. S. January 14th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor.
Dear Sir:-

According to your request I beg to report that the thefts from time to time of intoxicating liquor from my office and store room in the City.

On August 10th, 1917, I first noticed a number of cases containing intoxicating liquor in my store room had been opened and a quantity of liquor gone. The lock had been unlocked by a false key, the original keys I held. I notified the Chief of Police, and had a new lock put on, but still found that the door was being opened and liquor disappearing. I then reported the matter to Controller Taylor several times.

On the nights of December 6, 7 and 8, and also again on December 29th or 30th, my office was broken into and five cases of intoxicating liquor stolen.

Edwin S. Tracey,
N.S. Temperance Act Inspector.

His Worship informed Alderman Machab that it was his intention to open an investigation at the earliest possible moment.

After some discussion, the matter is deferred, pending further information from the City solicitor as to the swearing of witnesses.

WALTER CONRAD OVERCHARGING FOR FERRYING.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that a party of about 26 sailors had waited upon him, complaining that Walter Conrad, Ferryman, had agreed to transport them in a launch from a ship in Bedford Basin to the City for 25¢

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each, and return them the next morning for the same price, but that when they presented themselves next morning, Conrad demanded 50¢. His Worship had found it necessary to hire a tug to return the men to their ship.

His Worship laid upon the table a complaint submitted by the men in writing.

His Worship thought that since Conrad makes his landing place at the City Slip, he should be deprived of the privilege if he continues to resort to such practices.

The Secretary is instructed to write Mr. Conrad, requesting him to appear before the Board.

CITY HOME - COST OF MAINTENANCE OF EXPLOSION SUFFERERS.

In compliance with a resolution passed by the Board on the 5th inst., the Secretary of the City Home submitted to the Relief Committee an account for \$238.50, being a charge of 50¢ a day for 477 days cost of maintenance of explosion sufferers in the City Home to December 31st.

His Worship the Mayor submitted a letter from the Relief Committee asking this Board to give early consideration to a suggestion made by the Medical Relief Committee that an institution conducted by the City of Halifax should not render such an account.

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - gratuity of \$1,000 TO MRS. ANNIE.

PRITCHARD.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:-

Board of School Commissioners,
January 12th, 1918.

His worship the Mayor and Board of Control Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Board of School Commissioners to state that at their meeting it was resolved that the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) be paid to Mrs. Annie Pritchard, widow of John Pritchard, janitor of Richmond School, who was killed while in discharge of his duty at Richmond School on December 6th, and that the Board of Control be requested to consider the supplying

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of this amount.

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

The Board decided to recommend to the City Council that the Council do not oppose any legislation sought by the School Board for the purpose of obtaining authority to pay the gratuity suggested.

*School Board
Council*

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE.

Read tender Austen Bros. to supply a Seagrave Triple Combination 750 gallon Motor Fire Engine for \$13,185.00 as follows:-

Halifax, January 11th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your request of the 8th for price on new Triple Combination 750 gallon motor fire engine to carry 1000 ft. of hose and 35 gallon chemical tank to comply with Underwriters' specification.

We are this morning in receipt of a telegram from our principals, Messrs. Hugh Cameron & Co., from which we quote as follows:-

"Price thirteen thousand one hundred and eighty-five dollars delivered Halifax with man to instruct in operation. This price includes all Halifax requirements and in quoting it we are giving consideration to Halifax present conditions. It is the best machine that can be produced.

Our regular delivery is from one hundred and fifty to one hundred and eighty days but we have been able to get another municipality to extend kindness to Halifax in allowing machine sold to them to be shipped to you. This shipment can be made in thirty days.

The Waterous Company and the Seagrave Columbus Company are behind this machine therefore you may have no hesitancy about the reliability. We have just delivered two, one to Hamilton and one to Grantford.

(Sgd.) Hugh Cameron & Co. "

We understand complete specification of this equipment will be here by the earliest possible mail.

We may say that immediately we received your enquiry we wired our principals fully and received their reply on the 9th, advising that they would wire definite information the following day.

Your enquiry of the 8th did not specify any definite date for receiving tenders, but simply stated to rush

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answer and we were unaware that these tenders were to be opened at the Board of Control meeting yesterday, but heard indirectly there was to be a meeting in connection with this matter, which the writer attended and was surprised to find that tenders were to be opened.

We hope the above tender will receive your consideration.

For AUSTEN BROS., Limited,
Harold E. Austen,
V. President.

Also read letter covering complete specification of the equipment received by mail this morning.

Read joint report Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department on tenders received, as follows:-

Office of Chief Fire Department,
January 15th, 1918.

The Board of Control,
Gentlemen:-

After going over the tenders for a triple combination motor pumping hose and chemical engine, and after giving the tenders our careful consideration, we have arrived at the conclusion that it is in the best interests of the City to accept the tender of the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company, it, in our opinion, being the best tender, we believing it to be good practice to standardize the Department as much as possible.

It is recommended that this apparatus be purchased at once, because of the conditions in respect to wooden buildings being erected all over the City in connection with the housing problem.

J. W. Churchill,
Chief Fire Department.

J. J. Hines,
Controller Fire Department.

The report and tenders are referred to Controller Hines for further report in detail.

HILLIS & SONS LIMITED STOVE FOUNDRY.

James Hillis, of Hillis & Sons, Limited, stove manufacturers, appeared before the Board, stating that he was desirous of starting up again at once, and wanted to know if it is the intention of the Railway Authorities to extend their tracks to the westerside of Campbell Road. It is necessary for his business to have a railway siding, and if he could not have such at the site of his foundry blown up in the explosion, he would like to get a new site,

*Cont. Hines
Chief Fire Dept.
City Engineer*

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and thought the Hennessey Field on West Young Street, where a railway siding could be obtained, would suit his purpose. He would prefer to remain on the present site.

The Secretary is instructed to write the Minister of Railways for the information desired by Mr. Hillis.

Mr. Hillis is requested to put his application in writing, and promises to do so.

STREET LIGHTING.

At request of Controller Murphy, H. R. Mallison, of the Tramway Company, and the City Electrician appear before the Board in connection with the unsatisfactory condition of the street lighting service.

Mr. Mallison stated that as he already had informed the Board in writing, the Company was unable to obtain inner globes for the present street lamps. He admitted that there is a large number of outages, but the Company cannot help it for the reason that three shipments of inner globes have been lost on the railway, and that they had been unable to locate them. 84 lamps were destroyed by the explosion. These lamps are not at present manufactured, and they are unable to replace them. The present contract expires next March, and he did not think the City would expect the Company to instal a new plant on a contract expiring in so short a time. He thought an arrangement might be made whereby parts of the service in the North End where necessary could be lighted with incandescent lights. This service would give as much, if not better satisfaction than the arc lamps for the reason that the military authorities yesterday renewed their orders to have the lamps darkened. He suggested that the Company's Superintendent and the City Electrician get together, and report to the Board of Control what is required by the City and what can be done by the Company, at what cost, or at what reduction from the present cost.

*Letter
Minister of
Railways
Hillis & Co.
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Mr. Mallison's suggestion is concurred in, and the City Electrician instructed accordingly.

STREET RAILWAY SERVICE.

In answer to complaints made by His Worship and members of the board, Mr. Mallison admitted that the street railway service has been bad; it is getting better every day, will very shortly be greatly improved, and in his opinion, adequate.

HIGH VOLTAGE ELECTRIC WIRES.

In answer to Controller Murphy, Mr. Mallison stated that the electric wires running up through the City from the Company's power plant to Richmond to supply the Town of Dartmouth with electric light and power, now carries 13,000 volts. Mr. Mallison denied reports that this line had been broken.

Controller Murphy requested Mr. Mallison to make further inquiry into the reports that the Company had had considerable difficulty with the line, and that it had been broken.

THE City Electrician is instructed to make a survey of the line, and report.

Controller Murphy thought the Electrician should have before now made a survey of the line, and reported to the Board of Control without being requested to do so.

DECAYED ELECTRIC POLES, BARRINGTON STREET.

Controller Murphy exhibited portions of wood of a decayed electric wire post which had been broken by an automobile on Barrington Street yesterday, and asked Mr. Mallison if the post had been inspected and reported.

The City electrician stated that the line of which that post formed part had been ordered out a year ago but that the Company had not yet received a permit from the Works Department.

Electrician ✓
Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Electrician ✓
Mr. Mallison ✓

Engineer ✓

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CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor is called away to attend another meeting, and Controller Murphy is appointed to the chair.

MENTALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

Read letter Ernest H. Blois, Superintendent Neglected and Delinquent Children, relating to the necessity of providing at once for a number of mentally defective children.

Referred to Controller Hines to confer with the City Medical Officer, and report.

INSURANCE RATES - FIRE DEPARTMENT IMPROVEMENT.

Read letter Board of Fire Underwriters as follows:-

N. S. Board of Fire Underwriters,
Halifax, January 10th, 1918.

John Hines, Esq.,
Controller, City.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your query last night over the 'phone as to what reduction will be made in rates in Halifax if the City complies with the recent recommendations made towards improving the Fire Department, etc., I have to advise you that before any direct reply can be given to your query, it will be necessary for your query to come before my Board as nothing has been decided on in this connection.

I might say to you, however, that personally I know my Board has on many occasions urged the City Authorities to have the water protection and Fire Department improved, and in 1916 had the Engineers of the National Board of Fire Underwriters investigate and make recommendations towards improving these departments, a copy of their report was furnished to each of the Aldermen, and Committee Meetings were held, at which representatives from your Board of Contro, heads of the departments investigated, and members of my Board attended, with a view to having some action taken to carry out these recommendations. Very little improvements, if any, have been made, and as I know the Head Offices of the Insurance Companies doing business in this City feel the present rates are inadequate for the risks assumed under existing conditions, I fear that unless the Civic Authorities speedily act in improving the Department named, that they will require a readjustment of the present insurance rates with a higher tendency.

Edward J. Fahie,
Secretary.

P.S. Can you let me know if any investigation has been made to determine whether or not the recent explosion has had any effect in disrupting or impairing the City's water works system.

E. J. F.

Consideration of the letter is deferred until the Fire Insurance Underwriters are in a position to write this

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Cont. Hines ✓
City Medical ✓
Officer ✓
E. H. Blois ✓

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Board more definitely.

The City Engineer is requested to report on the Underwriters' question respecting water works system.

ACADIAN HOTEL SHELTER - ASHES IN CELLAR.

Read report Medical Relief Committee complaining of a quantity of ashes in the cellar of the Acadian Hotel, which is now used as a temporary shelter.

Controller Murphy stated that this matter has been attended to, and the letter is handed over to him.

FUEL FAMINE.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners, as follows:-

Board of School Commissioners,
Halifax, January 14th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter containing the extract from the minutes of the Board of Control January 10th, I am directed to state that the Board has already consulted with Hon R. G. Beazley, Chairman of the Fuel of the Province of Nova Scotia.

S. J. Wilson,
Secretary.

Filed.

VACANT LOT GARDENING.

Read letter Department of Agriculture re vacant lot gardening.

The Secretary is instructed to inform the Department that vacant lot gardening movement in the City of Halifax is in charge of a Committee of which Ex Controller John McKeen is Chairman, and requesting them to communicate direct with him.

The letter and pamphlets are referred to Ex Controller McKeen.

RENTALS INCREASED BY LANDLORDS.

Read letter Trades and Labor Council as follows:-

Halifax District Trades and Labor Council,
Halifax, N. S., January 12th, 1918.

Mayor Martin,
Your Worship:-

I have been instructed by the Halifax

*Plc
Engineer
S. J. Wilson
City Clerk
Cont. Murph
Med. Relief
Comm.*

*Engineer
Cont. Murphy
Medical Relief
Committee*

*247-157
Halifax*

*J. B. Spencer
Editor
Sept. 23
J. M. Keen*

January 15th, 1918.

District Trades and Labor Council to transmit for the consideration of the Board of Control the advisability of taking such stern steps that will prevent the landlords of the City of Halifax from taking advantage of the scarcity of housing accommodations to increase the rentals.

The working people of Halifax are today confronted with the most difficult problem of maintaining a fair standard of living without having this serious condition accentuated by an abnormal increase in rentals. We had several cases reported to us where advantage had been taken of the condition created by the explosion to unfairly increase rentals and unless immediate and drastic steps are taken to anticipate such action the working people will suffer.

We believe that any person who takes advantage of the situation created by the explosion to extort unjustifiable rentals from the class least able to carry the burden will meet with universal condemnation.

Jas. A. Garnett,
Secretary.

The following resolution is submitted and unanimously adopted:-

WHEREAS it has been reported that certain owners of property have taken advantage of conditions created by the explosion of December 6th to increase rentals;

AND WHEREAS such increase would fall upon a class of our citizens least able to bear it, and at a time when such a burden should not be imposed upon them;

RESOLVED that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to insert an advertisement in the newspapers requesting all persons whose landlords threaten to increase rent to communicate the fact to His Worship so that the names of all landlords who raise rents may be published;

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rehabilitation Commission, when appointed, be urged to consider this subject as one of first importance, and to take such prompt action as may be necessary to protect those affected.

Billiard ROOM LICENSE E. W. EARLE.

On the application of E. W. Earle, submitted January 3rd, for a billiard room license at 627 Barrington Street, Controller Taylor reports recommending that the license be granted. Approved.

CADRENS SHELTER, GRAND PARADE.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The small structure which was erected on the

at the time of the explosion

and the explosion

*J. S. Rogers
Chairman
Halifax Relief
Commission*

and City Clerk

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south portion of the Parade grounds, and utilized up to the present with the Recruiting Campaign, is now, I understand, being discontinued for this purpose. I would like to recommend that instead of immediately removing this structure, it be allowed to remain till the Spring, and permission be given the cabmen who have privileges at the Parade, to occupy same during the winter months.

I feel sure this request will meet with your favorable consideration.

John Murphy,
Controller.

On motion of Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor ~~that~~ the report ^{is} ~~be~~ adopted and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval, ~~and that~~ the Military authorities ^{to} be asked as to whether they have any further use for the building.

AUTOMOBILES SPEEDING.

Controller Hines again complained of the dangerous speeding of automobiles through the streets, and referred particularly to military automobiles.

Referred to Controller Taylor for attention.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY - OUTHIT BUILDING.

Controller Murphy reported that the Clerk of Works had taken up with the Plate Glass Insurance Company the matter of the insurance of the plate glass in the Outhit Building, Barrington Street, and that the Company stated they have the claim under consideration.

On motion of Controller Hines, the City Engineer is instructed, pending the settlement of the City's claim for damages, to make temporary provision for the lighting of Mr. Outhit's building.

WATER BILL, G. E. FAULKNER, CUNARD STREET.

Read water bill against property on Cunard Street, G. E. Faulkner, Agent, claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City engineer for report.

CONTINUED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR EXPLOSION SUFFERERS.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the Secretary is instructed to write the Medical Relief Committee, asking that suitable provision be made for the continuance of

Col Thompson ✓
W R Powell ✓
Council ✓

Cont Taylor ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

*Medical Relief
Committee*

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of medical assistance to those injured or otherwise suffering from the effects of the explosion.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. Fred Wray

CITY CLERK.

William Foundry Site, Quathrocks, Ltd.
Colony Road Lighting.
Police and Fire Department.
Mayor's Fire Engine.
City Gas-Works Accounts.
City Gas-Works for Supplies.
North West Arm Sewer, First Location - Progress Bay.
Staff of Liquor from Inspector's Office.
Financing City Loans - Letter from Finance Department.
Miscellaneous.

WILLIAM FOUNDRY SITE, QUATHROCKS, LTD.

Read letter from William Foundry Site regarding the
proposed site for the new plant, as follows:

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

Dear Sirs:
Board of Control.

At a meeting of the Directors of William Foundry Site, Ltd.,
it was decided to endeavor to obtain a more suitable site
for our manufacturing business than the old location.

In regard to our old plant being situated on the
side of a hill, it made it very difficult after our
idea was proposed, to haul material to the site, and it was
impossible to have a railway siding brought into the
plant. All the material used in connection with our
manufacturing plant as you know, is of a heavy nature and
our expense for trucking has been a very serious handicap
to us in the past, particularly in competition for heavy
work. Considerable work on this site has been done
for no other reason than to have our old plant
moved to our new site which we had to do.

It is our hope that it is desirable to construct a temporary
road of any size preferably about a railway siding
running into the yard, and as our old plant is on a hill
and steep, this is the time for us to order to construct the
road, so that we can get situated on land we will be in a position
to meet any competition and be able to manufacture
as cheaply as possible.

We understand the Board of Control, corner of West Street
and Spring Road, is available, and we are sure to apply for
this property.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Hillis' Foundry Site, Incinerator Lot.
Coburg Road Lighting.
Policemen Johnston and Richards.
Motor Fire Engine.
City Home Coal Accounts.
City Home Tenders for Supplies.
North West Arm Sewer, First Section - Progress Payment.
Theft of Liquor from Inspector's Office.
Financing City Loans - Letter Finance Department.
Estimates.

HILLIS' FOUNDRY SITE, INCINERATOR LOT.

Read letter Hillis & Sons re the obtaining of the incinerator lot, Kempt Road and Young Street, as follows:

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

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

At a meeting of the Directors of Hillis & Sons, Ltd., it was decided to endeavor to obtain a more suitable site for our manufacturing business than the old location.

On account of our old plant being situated on the side of a hill, it made it very difficult after our business expanded, to handle it successfully, and it was impossible to have a railway siding brought into our plant. All the material used in connection with our manufacturing plant as you know, is of a heavy nature and our expenses for truckage has been a very serious handicap to us in the past, particularly in competition for heavy work. Considerable work of this class has left Halifax for no other reason than our overhead for cartage which some of our outside competitors did not have to bear.

We feel it is impossible to conduct a foundry business of any size profitably without a railway siding running into the yard, and as our old plant is entirely wiped out, this is the time for us in order to overcome the difficulty, to get situated so that we will be in a position to meet any competition and be able to manufacture as cheaply as possible.

We understand the Hennessey Lot, corner of West Young and Kempt Road, is available, and we now wish to apply for this property.

As we are very desirous of getting this matter settled

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at once, we would ask you to please give it your earliest possible attention and oblige,

Hillis & Sons, Ltd.,
Jas. Hillis.

Mr. Hillis appears before the Board and states that notwithstanding the letter mentions the Hennessey property, his application is for a portion of the incinerator lot owned by the City, of which he would require about 150' by 200'.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

Mr. Hillis is informed that the Minister of Railways had been applied to for information desired, as follows:-

City Clerk's Office,
January 17th, 1918.

The Hon. Minister of Railways,
Ottawa.

Sir:-

The factory of Messrs. Hillis & Sons, Limited, Iron Founders and Stove Manufacturers prior to the explosion of December 6th, 1917, occupied a site on the western side of Campbell Road at a considerable elevation above the Canadian Government Railway tracks where it was impossible to place a railway siding. The whole factory was blown to pieces and the Company is considering the matter of at once rebuilding. They cannot do business successfully without a railway siding running through their lot and have to be assured of a determination as to this problem before planning reconstruction. They would prefer to continue on the present site if the Government proposes extending their tracks to the western side of Campbell Road or building a branch line or sidings to the westward of the Campbell Road properties. If this question is not settled speedily they would have to seek a new location. Will you be good enough to let the City of Halifax have this information at the earliest possible moment so that Messrs. Hillis and others may be in position to make some progress.

Minister of Railways ✓

If there is any likelihood of the Government expropriating property on either the east or west side of Campbell Road for railway purposes the persons immediately interested are most anxious to be informed so that there may be as little delay as can be avoided and as much useless expense saved as reasonable expedition can accomplish.

An early reply will be appreciated.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

COBURG ROAD LIGHTING.

Read letter F. W. Bowes, complaining of insufficient lighting on Coburg Road near the railway cutting.

Referred to the City Electrician and City Engineer for

*Electrician ✓
Engineer ✓*

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report.

POLICEMEN JOHNSTON AND RICHARDS.

On recommendation of Controller Taylor and the Chief of Police, Clarence Johnston and Howard Richards are appointed to the permanent force as policemen from the temporary force.

Chief of Police ✓

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE.

Controller Hines verbally reported that agreeably to resolution of the Board, he and the City Engineer and Chief of the Fire Department had made careful comparison of the various tenders received for a triple combination motor fire engine.

The Chief of the Fire Department informed the Board that the difference between the tenders was as follows:-

La France Fire Engine Co. tender \$13,100.00

Extras -

Self Starter	\$200.00	
Dayton Airless tires	450.00	
Sundries	150.00	<u>800.00</u>

\$13,900.00

Seagrave Co. tender

\$13,185.00

Extras -

Dayton Airless tires	\$450.00	
Sundries	150.00	<u>600.00</u>

\$ 13,785.00

Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department, in answer to questions by the members of the Board, strongly urged the purchase of an American LaFrance triple combination engine.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the City Council be recommended to purchase a triple combination motor fire engine, and that the tender of the American LaFrance Fire Engine Co. at \$13,900.00 be accepted.

Council ✓

Motion passed unanimously.

Controller Murphy arrives and takes his seat at the

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Board.

Controller Murphy is informed as to the action taken by the Board in respect to motor fire engine.

CITY HOME COAL ACCOUNTS.

Read letter Secretary City Home requesting that the City render their accounts for coal purchased by the City Home.

Referred to the Clerk of Works to furnish the accounts.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

The Secretary of the City Home informed the Board that he had interviewed Wentzells Limited, who at present had the expiring contract for groceries, and the Leonard Fisheries for fresh fish, and that Wentzells Limited agree to extend their tender at present rates for a period of three months, and the Leonard Fisheries on the same terms until October 31st, 1918. Approved.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER, FIRST SECTION - PROGRESS PAYMENT.

Read report acting City engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
January 15th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

-Certificate #7 -

I beg to recommend payment to the Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton Bros. of the sum of four thousand one hundred and nine dollars and eighty-eight cents (\$4109.88) on account on their contract for the construction of the North West Arm Sewer from Jubilee Road to Oakland Road.

Estimated value of work done	\$67,243.87
10% retained	6,724.38
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	60,519.49
Paid on certificates 1 to 6	56,409.61
Bal. recommended	<hr/>
	\$4,109.88

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

THEFT OF LIQUOR FROM INSPECTOR'S OFFICE.

His worship the Mayor instructs the Secretary to notify the Chief of Police, the Liquor Inspector and the Aldermen to attend an investigation to be held by him at the City Council Chamber, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock,

Secy City ✓
Home ✓
Clerk & ✓
works.

Council ✓

all sent ✓

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into charges of theft of liquor from the Inspector's Office, City Hall. Approved.

FINANCING CITY'S LOANS - LETTER FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Read letter Finance Department, Ottawa, requesting the City Treasurer to fill in schedules of contemplated debenture issues during the year 1918, and securities falling due during 1918.

*Cont. Finlay
City Treasurer*

Referred to Controller Finlay and the City Treasurer for report.

ESTIMATES.

The Board decides to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to discuss estimates for 1918-19.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. Fred Wragham

CITY CLERK.

COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of December, showing each weigher to have received \$95.00. Filed.

ORDERS FOR CAST IRON PIPE.

Orders are received for supply of cast iron pipe for the Works Department from the following:

H. B. Bond & Co.	97.00 per ton.
United States Cast Iron Pipe Co.	37.12
Canada Iron Foundry Limited	30.00
Brownell, McCall & Co.	72.00

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WINE DEPARTMENT - GRANTING OF LICENSE BY JOHN GARDNER.

Read report of Board of Control meeting

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

January 18th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Walter Conrad Overcharging for Ferrying.
Coal Weighers' Monthly Report.
Tenders for Cast Iron Water Pipe.
Fire Department - Gratuity to Heirs of John Spruin.

WALTER CONRAD OVERCHARGING FOR FERRYING.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that Walter Conrad had telephoned that it was impossible for him to appear before the Board at this morning's meeting. In reference to complaint of overcharging made by sailors, Mr. Conrad stated that the regular fare from the Basin to the City is \$1.00; it was his son who transported the sailors from the Basin to the City for 25¢, but there was no agreement made to return them, as stated by the sailors. Mr. Conrad stated further that the sailors had used abusive language.

Mr. Conrad will appear before the Board at a later meeting.

COAL WEIGHERS' MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of December, showing each weigher to have received \$58.02. Filed.

TENDERS FOR CAST IRON PIPE.

Tenders are received and opened for supply of cast iron pipe for the Works Department from the following:-

R. D. Wood & Co.	\$93.25	per ton.
United States Cast Iron Pipe Co.	57.12	" "
Canada Iron Foundry, Limited	80.00	" "
Drummond, McCall & Co.	72.00	" "

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - GRATUITY TO HEIRS OF JOHN SPRUIN.

Read extract minutes of Board of Control meeting

Council ✓
Engineer ✓

January 18th, 1918.

January 10th, 1918, as follows:-

"Moved by Controller Hines, that this Board recommend to the City Council that authority be obtained to pay the sum of \$500.00 to the heirs of John Spruin, a member of the Veteran Firemen's Association, who was killed by the explosion whilst responding to an alarm of fire with the Fire Department.

Consideration of the motion is deferred, the Secretary to lay upon the table the understanding between the Veteran Firemen's Association, the Union Engine Company and the City, submitted to the City Council in July last."

Cont. Hines. ✓

The Secretary lays upon the table the understanding between the Veteran Firemen's Association, the Union Engine Company and the City, submitted to the City Council in July last.

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

Kathleen Monaghan
ACTING SECRETARY.

Halifax, N. S., January 18th, 1918.
Board of School Commissioners,
Halifax, N. S.

In response to the request made by your delegation this afternoon that the Relief Committee loan the Board an amount not to exceed \$50,000 - to enable you to finance the temporary repairs now being carried on - it was decided by the Committee to allow the matter to stand over until the first of next week, and in the meantime to ask you to get a suitable resolution passed by the Board of Control requesting the loan.

Ralph F. Bell,
Genl. Relief Committee.

In the Relief Committee's letter indicating they desire a resolution from the Board of Control requesting the loan.

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WHEREAS the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has made application to the Board of Control for the financing of emergency repairs to school buildings damaged as a result of the fire of December 17th, 1917;

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

January 21st, 1918.

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

SCHOOL BUILDINGS, EMERGENCY REPAIRS - FINANCING OF.

John P. Quinn, Chairman, and H. S. Crosby, representing the Board of School Commissioners, appeared before and addressed the Board in respect to the financing of emergency repairs to school buildings. The delegation informed the Board that the Bank of Nova Scotia had declined to advance the sum of \$25,100.00 applied for, and that the School Board's Committee had gone before the Relief Committee, asking them for the amount of \$50,000.00.

It was found by the School Board that there are buildings in addition to those first inspected which could be temporarily repaired for housing the children, and that it was estimated \$50,000.00 would cover the cost. They therefore asked the Relief Committee for that sum, to which they received the following reply:-

Halifax, N. S., January 18th, 1918.

Board of School Commissioners,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs:-

In response to the request made by your delegation this afternoon that the Relief Committee loan the Board an amount not to exceed \$50,000 - to enable you to finance the temporary repairs now being carried on - it was decided by the Committee to allow the matter to stand over until the first of next week, and in the meantime to ask you to get a suitable resolution passed by the Board of Control requesting the loan.

Ralph P. Bell,
Secty. Relief Committee.

As the Relief Committee's letter indicates, they desire a resolution from the Board of Control requesting the loan.

The following resolution is submitted:-

January 21st, 1918.

*R.T. MacIlreith ✓
John P. Quinn ✓*

WHEREAS the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has made application to the Board of Control for the financing of a sum not to exceed \$50,000.00 for immediate emergency expenditure for necessary repairs to school buildings damaged as a result of the explosion of December 6th, 1917;

RESOLVED that the Board of Control, on behalf of the Corporation of the City of Halifax, ask the Relief Committee to advance to the Board of School Commissioners the said sum of \$50,000.00 for which, if necessary, suitable legislation will be applied at the earliest opportunity.

The resolution is moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines and passed, Controller Finlay dissenting.

The Secretary is instructed to immediately forward a copy of the resolution to R.T. MacIlreith, Chairman of the Executive Relief Committee, and a copy to the Chairman of the Board of School Commissioners.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin
MAYOR.

L. J. Wagoner

CITY CLERK.

HILLIS & SONS - INDUSTRY LOT.
The Board of Trade appears before and address of the Board asking that the City do its utmost to assist Hillis & Sons, Ltd., in every possible way in the resuscitating of their foundry business. In their opinion this firm should receive every consideration from the City as it is a necessity to have this foundry business re-established in Halifax as promptly as possible.

Read report Acting City Engineer re the application of Hillis & Sons for the Indusretor lot, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
January 22nd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

I beg to report on the accompanying Minutes of the Board of Control covering letter from Hillis & Sons, Ltd., applying for a portion of the Indusretor lot, as defined.

This property was originally purchased by the City in 1897 in connection with the laying of the 27-inch main. It is the most suitably situated property owned by the City

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

January 22nd, 1918.

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.

Hillis Foundry Site - Incinerator Lot.
Acadian School Property, Argyle Street.
School Buildings, Emergency Repairs, Financing of.
Relief Administration Building, Grand Parade.
City Laborers Increase of Pay.
Care of Mentally Defective at City Home.
Recruiting Station - Cabmen's Shelter Grand Parade.
Keefe Construction Company Security for Market Contract.
Infectious Diseases Hospital.
Nova Scotia Car Works Water Rates.
Removal of Liquor from Office of Inspector.
Street Lighting Account for December.
Carleton House Water Supply.
Waste of Water Campbell Road.
Salvage of Water Meters.
Street Lights.
Hackman Overcharging.

HILLIS' FOUNDRY SITE - INCINERATOR LOT.

D. Macgillivray, President and H. G. Bauld representing the Board of Trade appeared before and addressed the Board asking that the City do its utmost to assist Hillis & Sons, Ltd., in every possible way in the reestablishing of their foundry business. In their opinion this firm should receive every consideration from the City. It is a necessity to have this foundry business re-established in Halifax as promptly as possible.

Read report Acting City Engineer re the application of Hillis & Sons for the Incinerator Lot, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
January 22nd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control covering letter from Hillis & Sons, Ltd. applying for a portion of the Incinerator Lot, so called.

This property was originally purchased by the City in 1893 in connection with the laying of the 27-inch main. It is the most centrally situated property owned by the City

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having railway accommodation. The Incinerator is on the northern part of the lot. Application for the sale and use of this lot have been made at various times but the view of this Department has always been that the lot is too valuable for City purposes to be sold or disposed of.

In the near future it is probable that a pumping station may be erected on this site, and there are various other purposes that it is conceivable it may be used for by the City.

The property opposite this lot on the east side of Robie Street is, I understand, in the market, and if so could be purchased by Hillis & Sons for their foundry. A railway siding to this property was reported on some months ago, and there is no physical difficulty in the way of running a railway through it.

Every citizen sympathizes with the loss sustained by Hillis & Sons an old established Halifax firm, and also realizes the necessity of having such enterprises continued in the City, and is prepared to do everything possible to mitigate their loss and retain the industry in the City but I regard the retention by the City of the lot of land asked for, as being of the utmost importance, and must therefore urge strongly that neither the lot or any portion of it be disposed of but that it be retained and kept intact for City use.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Controllers Murphy and Hines and the City Engineer are appointed a Committee to interview Hillis & Sons, Ltd. and report to this Board.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY, ARGYLE STREET.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
January 22nd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I have received an offer of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the Acadian School property on Argyle Street. The person making this offer is at present in business in Halifax and requires the property for business purposes. He does not wish to be known in the matter unless the City considers his offer favorably, when he is prepared to pay cash and take immediate delivery of it.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Consideration of the report is deferred.

The City Engineer is requested to report at Thursday's meeting as to the probable cost of putting the Acadian School property in a state of repair.

APPROVED
Cont. Murphy ✓
Cont. Hines ✓
Engineer ✓
Hillis & Sons Ltd ✓

Engineer

January 22nd, 1918.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS - EMERGENCY REPAIRS - FINANCING OF.

Read letter Halifax Relief Committee as follows:-

Halifax Relief Committee,
City Club, Halifax, N. S.,
January 21st, 1918.

Board of Control.
C i t y.

Dear Sirs:-

At the Meeting of the Managing Committee held this afternoon it was decided that the Relief Committee loan to the City of Halifax - for the specific purpose of emergent repairs to School Buildings - a sum not to exceed TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$25,000.00) and that the Finance Committee be authorized to pay same to the City and take voucher for same - the loan to be ultimately repaid with interest.

Ralph P. Bell,
Secretary Relief Committee.

The following resolution is submitted:-

RESOLVED that the City on behalf of the Board of School Commissioners accept loan of \$25,000.00 from the Halifax Relief Committee for the purpose and on the terms set out in their letter of 21st instand and undertake to use its best endeavors to obtain any legislation that may be required in connection with the same.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines and passed, Controller Finlay dissenting.

RELIEF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, GRAND PARADE.

The Acting City Engineer asked the Board if they had received from the Relief Commission an application for permission to erect an administration building on the Grand Parade.

The Engineer is informed that the application has not reached the Board.

The Acting City Engineer on behalf of the Relief Commission asks that they be given permission to erect a temporary wooden building on the Grand Parade for administration purposes, the building to be erected and to occupy the whole of the southern end of the Parade south of the fountain.

The Engineer stated that such a structure would be

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Chairman ✓
School Board ✓
City Treasurer ✓
Chairman Relief ✓
Finance Com ✓*

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in violation of the law and that there would probably be opposition made by the Board of Fire Underwriters.

Engineer ✓

The Board unanimously decides to grant the permission asked for and the Acting City Engineer is instructed accordingly.

CITY LABORERS INCREASE OF PAY.

*Cont. Murphy ✓
Engineer ✓*

Read application City laborers and City Water Works Laborers for an increase in pay to thirty cents per hour.

Referred to Controller Murphy and the City Engineer for consideration and report with the Estimates.

CARE OF MENTALLY DEFECTIVE AT CITY HOME.

Read letter E. H. Blois, Superintendent Neglected and Delinquent Children, and report Controller Hines as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., January 21st, 1918.

Controller John J. Hines,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Hines:-

With further reference to my letter to you on January 14th and reply thereto by the City Clerk, I must again urge upon you the necessity of immediate action.

I would call to your notice the fact that the same objection (that there was no accommodation in the City Home) was made a number of times before when we desired to have this type of child cared for there, but that when the necessary pressure was brought to bear on the right spot the children were taken in and provided for at the City Home.

It ought not to be necessary to resort to such devices to have matters of this kind attended to.

Ernest H. Blois,
Supt. Neglected and Delinquent Children.

Halifax, N. S. January 22nd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

As the members of the Board are aware, we have within the past week been asked to take care of several cases of mentally defective persons, at the City Home. It is unnecessary to make any reference to the fact that we are in

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no way equipped to take care of people of this class in our institution, due first to the fact that we have no means of segregating them from other inmates, and further that we have not at our disposal, nor are we in a position at this time to supply the trained help necessary to the proper care of this class of inmate.

The members of our Board made an inspection of the institution on Sunday last and are thoroughly familiar with the conditions obtaining there.

The City will have at an early date to seriously consider many very necessary changes. At this time, however the immediate problem confronting us is the care for cases as referred to above, until such time as some permanent provision is made to look after same.

The upper floor of the City Home is at present unoccupied. We arranged yesterday to inspect these quarters accompanied by Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Egan and Mr. Blois. They felt that portions of this upper floor could be utilized to advantage for the special purpose under discussion. We pointed out to them that the City is not in a position at this time to make any extraordinary expenditure for the special care of this class of patient, due to the fact that no provision was made in our appropriations for this purpose. We suggested to Mr. Blois that in order to relieve the situation we would be prepared to recommend to Council that some portion of this upper floor be set apart for this purpose, provided that he, on behalf of the Province, would make arrangements to secure for us the necessary additional attendants required to look after same. This Mr. Blois felt inclined to undertake. If such a change were made, we could probably separate several of the cases at present in the institution in addition to caring for others now at large.

I am placing the matter before the Board so that they will thoroughly understand the situation and would recommend that the change outlined above be put into effect as I feel it can be done at slight expense and will help in part at least to relieve the situation now confronting us, with cases such as it is intended to care for.

J. J. Hines,
Controller.

The report of Controller Hines is unanimously approved and Controller Hines is authorized to put the portion of the upper floor of the City Home, referred to in his report, in suitable condition for the purpose for which it is proposed to apply it.

RECRUITING STATION- CABMEN'S SHELTER GRAND PARADE.

The City Clerk reported that he had received a verbal message from the Military Authorities stating that they had no further use for the temporary structure on the Grand Parade which had been used as a recruiting station,

*Cont. Hines ✓
Jas. W. Boyan ✓
C. J. Home ✓*

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Controller Murphy stated that the building might be used as a Cabmen's shelter until the Spring and that in any case it would have to be shifted to make room for the proposed Relief Administration Building.

It is suggested that the building might be used by the contractors erecting the Administration Building.

The City Engineer is instructed ^{not} to raze the building but to shift it.

KEEFE CONSTRUCTION CO. SECURITY FOR MARKET CONTRACT.

The following resolution is moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor and passed unanimously:-

WHEREAS the M. E. Keefe Construction Company have completed their contract for the construction of the Market Building, and have requested a return of the Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars in bonds of the City of Halifax, deposited by it as security for the said contract;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Treasurer of the City be instructed to return said bonds to the said Company.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.

Read letter City Health Board, as follows:-

Office of City Health Board,
January 21st, 1918.

Mayor and Members Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

At a special meeting of the City Health Board held this day I was directed to ask that you give permission to the Board to erect a temporary hospital for the treatment of Infectious Diseases, on the south side of the City Home property.

J. A. Watters,
Secretary City Health Board.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that this Board request the Commissioners of Victoria General Hospital to extend to the City Health Board the privilege of the temporary use of a small building on the Hospital property for the purpose of an Infectious Diseases hospital until the City establishes a proper institution of its own, and that the Board of School Commissioners be requested to assist this Board by making a similar application. Motion passed.

Engineer ✓

Treasurer ✓

Letter to Health Board ✓

*Letter W W Kenny ✓
✓ Hospital
Letter Secy ✓
School Board ✓*

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NOVA SCOTIA CAR WORKS WATER RATES.

Read letter Canada Corporations Limited re water rates Nova Scotia Car Works, as follows:-

Canada Corporations Limited,
Halifax, January 21st, 1918.

A. J. Finlay, Esq.,
Finance Department, City Hall,
Halifax. N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our recent interview when the writer again referred to the payment made by this Corporation on the 8th of February last year, of the sum of \$4175.35 in respect of Water Rates claimed to be due to the City we now beg to enclose a copy of a letter which we addressed to the Board of Control on this subject the 9th of February 1917, in which, as will be seen, we respectfully urged our contention that the City was not entitled to make this charge, and that the payment was consequently made in error and should be refunded to us.

May we ask that you will be good enough to give this communication your consideration, and to give us an opportunity of discussing the matter further with you.

Canada Corporations, Limited,
J. Moorman, Manager.

Referred to Controller Finlay and the City Solicitor to consider the previous correspondence on this matter and the opinion of the City Solicitor given some time ago and report.

*Cont - Finlay ✓
City Solicitor ✓*

REMOVAL OF LIQUOR FROM OFFICE OF INSPECTOR.

Read letter Social Service Council covering resolution, as follows:-

The Social Service Council of Nova Scotia,
Halifax, N. S., January 21st, 1918.

To the Members of the
Board of Control, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs:-

I am instructed to forward to you the enclosed resolution passed today by this Council.

F. E. Barrett,
Secretary.

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Whereas for some time past statements have been made in the Press and rumors have been current casting discredit upon matter connected with the good government of the City of Halifax,

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And Whereas at the investigation now being held before the Board of Control regarding police administration and the removal of liquor from the office of the Inspector, evidence was given which tended to confirm the said statements and rumors,

And Whereas the said statements, rumors and evidence involve a member of the Board of Control and certain city officials,

And Whereas the provisions of Sections 252 and 253 of the City Charter, under which the said investigation is being held, limit the inquiry to be made by the Board of Control to matters affecting the Police Force,

And Whereas the said hearing now being held by the Board of Control is for this and other ~~insu~~ reasons insufficient and unsatisfactory,

And Whereas Section 151 of the City Charter provides that the Council by a resolution of two-thirds vote of all the members, may request the Judge of the County Court to investigate, among other things, any matter relating to improper conduct on the part of any member of the Council of any official of the City and any matter connected with the good government of the City, or the conduct of any part of the public business thereof,

Therefore Resolved that the Social Service Council of the Province of Nova Scotia hereby urges the City Council of the City of Halifax by resolution to request the Judge of the County Court to forthwith institute an investigation as provided for in Section 151 of the City Charter,

Further Resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the City Council and the Board of Control. X

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the Secretary be instructed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter and resolution from the Social Service Council and to inform the Council that when that body or any person lays any charge against any official or any other person connected with the civic administration the Board of Control will be pleased to deal with the same or if necessary follow the course suggested in their resolution by recommending to the City Council that the matter be investigated by the Judge of the County Court. Motion passed.

STREET LIGHTING ACCOUNT FOR DECEMBER.

Read reports City Electrician re street lighting account for the month of December, as follows:-

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City Electrician's Office,
January 7th, 1918.

H. W. Johnston, Esq.,
Acting City Engineer.

Dear Sir:-

The street lights reported out for the month of December, exclusive of the devastated area, with fines for the same, are as follows:-

Total light hours.....6728 @ 1.6.....\$107.65

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

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City Electrician's Office,
January 12th, 1918.

H. W. Johnston, Esq.,
Acting City Engineer.

Dear Sir:-

The street lights out in the devastated area total eighty-four @ 17.1 cents per night.

Number of nights 26. Total fines for above \$373.46

One incandescent street light for same time, \$1.30.
Total, \$374.76.

P. R. Colpitt,
City Electrician.

Read account Halifax Electric Tramway Company for street lighting for the month of December -	\$2373.56
Less fines for outages as above -	482.41
	\$1891.15

The account, \$1,891.15, is passed for payment.

CARLETON HOUSE WATER SUPPLY.

Read complaint Carleton House, Argyle Street, of unsatisfactory water supply.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WASTE OF WATER CAMPBELL ROAD.

Controller Finlay calls attention to the City water running to waste on Campbell Road near Lynch's Bakery.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

SALVAGE OF WATER METERS.

Alderman Godwin asked if an effort is being made to salvage the water meters in the devastated area.

Council ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

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Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

STREET LIGHTS.

Read letter Tramway Company, as follows:-

N. S. Tramways & Power Co., Ltd.,
Halifax, January 21st, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

At a recent meeting of the Board of Control, which I had the honor to attend, the question of the replacement of certain street lighting in the North End was discussed and I was instructed by the Board to have my lighting Superintendent confer with the City Electrician and arrange for some system of lighting for those streets on which the dwellings have been completely destroyed.

I regret that I was unable to report back to the Board of Control for Thursday, as instructed, but now beg to report that as soon as we are able to obtain possession of the inner globes required for our arc lamps, and which globes we are tracing by wire and which we hope to receive from day to day, we will be able to replace fifty of the arc lamps in their former positions in that district North of North Street and West of Gottingen Street, both sides streets included. These lamps will completely cover the entire area which in the opinion of your City Electrician requires to be lighted at the present time. Work on repairing the lines and hanging the arc lamps will be proceeded with forthwith, and these lamps will be lighted just as soon as the inner globes are received.

Trusting this will prove satisfactory to the Board, and with apologies for the unavoidable failure to report on Thursday, I beg to remain,

H. R. Mallison,
Managing-Director.

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HACKMAN OVERCHARGING.

Controller Hines informed that Board that A. J. Grant complained that a hackman named Myra had charged him \$1.50 for driving him from Sackville Street to his store on Upper Water Street.

The Secretary is instructed to notify Myra to appear before the Board.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin.

MAYOR.

L. Fred. Monaghan
CITY CLERK.

This Myra ✓

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His Worship the Mayor verbally reported that a hearing was had before the Public Utilities Board this morning on the unsatisfactory service

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

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The Board of Control met this morning at 11.20 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Tramway Service.
- Telephone Service.
- Traffic Officers.
- Speed of Automobiles.
- Public Schools Hours.
- Continuance of Medical Attendance.
- "Unity of Effort" Conference.
- City Home - Care and Nursing of Inmates.
- Annual Provincial Exhibition.
- School Building Repairs.
- Relief Administration Building.
- John McAskill - Superannuation Assessments.

TRAMWAY SERVICE.

Read letter Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities as follows:-

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities,
Halifax, January 23rd, '18.

Mr. L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk, City.

Dear Sir:-

- Complaint Board of Control, City of Halifax vs. Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co., Limited.-

I have by direction to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 22nd inst., enclosing complaints regarding the alleged unsatisfactory service being furnished by the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co.Ltd.

As a formal complaint required by the rules and regulations of the Board has not been filed, the matter cannot be formally proceeded with. Under these circumstances, the Board has decided to proceed informally by asking the company to attend for a conference respecting such complaints.

Such meeting will be held at the office of the Board, Technical College Building, Halifax, on Thursday, January 24th, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and I have by direction to ask that any persons who can substantiate the complaints set out in the letter should be requested to attend at that time and place. The Board of Trade is also being notified to the above effect.

L. B. Taylor,
Secretary.

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His Worship the Mayor verbally reported that a hearing was had before the Public Utilities Board this morning on the unsatisfactory service given by the Tramway Company.

TELEPHONE SERVICE.

Read letter Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities as follows:-

Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities,
Halifax, January 23rd, 1918.

Mr. L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk, City.

Dear Sir:-

-Complaint City of Halifax vs. Maritime Tel.
& Tel. Co., Ltd. -

I have by direction to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 22nd inst. being an informal complaint regarding telephone service being furnished by the Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co., Ltd.

As this complaint does not comply with the regulations of the Board, it can only be treated as an informal complaint, and as such the Board will consider it on Friday morning, January 25th, at ten o'clock in the forenoon at the office of the Board, Technical College Building, Halifax, at which time and place representatives of the City will be heard.

The Company is also being asked to attend.

L. B. Taylor.
Secretary.

The Board decides to attend the hearing.

TRAFFIC OFFICERS.

In answer to His Worship the Mayor, Controller Taylor informed the Board that the Police Department have placed traffic officers at the corner of Barrington and Buckingham Streets, and the corner of Spring Garden Road and Barrington Street.

SPEED OF AUTOMOBILES.

In answer to His Worship the Mayor, Controller Taylor informed the Board that the Police Department has notified automobile owners in writing, cautioning them against fast driving.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOURS.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

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Halifax, January 23rd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

It has been brought to my attention by several of our citizens that at present, in a number of our public schools, the hours are apparently very long, and that the afternoon session, which continues to five o'clock, is rather late, particularly for many of the younger pupils.

While not wishing to interfere in any way with the work of the School Board, nor with their judgment in the matter, I think it fitting that we bring this situation to their attention with a view to seeing if the afternoon session could not be re-arranged, so as to enable them to dismiss the classes at four instead of five o'clock.

John Murphy,
Controller.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the Secretary is instructed to forward a copy of the report to the Board of School Commissioners.

CONTINUANCE OF MEDICAL ATTENDANCE.

Read letter Medical Relief Committee as follows:-

Halifax, January 22nd, 1918.

To City Clerk,
Halifax, N.S.

Sir:-

With reference to your communication of January 15th regarding the motion of the Board of Control re suitable provision being made for the continuance of medical attendance to those injured or suffering from the effects of the explosion, I may say that the Medical Relief Committee is trying to make such provision at the present time, and that the Emergency Hospitals and Dressing Stations are still working and apparently doing their work satisfactorily. Every effort will be made to give the sufferers relief and medical attendance as far as is possible.

F. McK. Bell, Lt. Col.
Chairman Medical Relief Com.

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"UNITY OF EFFORT" CONFERENCE.

The Secretary is instructed to write the Board of Trade and Trades and Labor Council, requesting them to appoint representatives to attend a meeting of the Board of Control to be held in the City Council Chamber on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the best means of arriving at some unity of action, of

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talking over ways and means and framing a proper policy to be pursued in connection with the results of the explosion of December 6th.

CITY HOME - CARE AND NURSING OF INMATES.

Read report Secretary City Home, covering report City Medical Officer, as follows:-

Halifax, January 20th, 1918.

A meeting of the Board of Control was held at the City Home this day. Present Controllers Hines, Murphy and Finlay.

Read letter from Dr. W. B. Almon, City Medical Officer, which was ordered to be forwarded to Controller Hines to be taken up at regular meeting of the Board.

The Board then inspected the various wards of the institution, and were satisfied with conditions as far as general cleanliness and order were concerned.

Enclosed you will please find Dr. Almon's letter, as before mentioned.

James O'Bryan,
Secty. City Home.

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Halifax, January 19th, 1918.

To John Hines, Esq.,
Controller, City of Halifax.

Sir:-

In accordance with your instructions, I beg leave to make a few suggestions that I think would greatly improve the conditions of persons in the City Home who need medical and nursing care in that institution.

As you can readily understand the great majority of these patients are suffering from diseases which are incurable and which the chief thing one can do is merely to make them as comfortable as possible. This can only be accomplished by careful nursing. For this reason I think that we should endeavor to only employ persons as nurses who are qualified nurses, or at least nurses who have seen some years of experience.

We have in the institution two hospital wards, one male and one female.

These patients are practically all suffering from incurable and chronic diseases and medicine in most cases utterly useless.

In the female wards for the past few years our attendants have done their work fairly well, but they have lacked experience in most cases, and I believe we should have trained nurses in this ward.

In the male hospital ward, we have the same class of patients, and there has never been in charge anyone who has

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had the slightest experience as a nurse except what has been picked up in the City Home. This ward particularly needs a change. I believe that it is absolutely necessary that a female nurse be placed in charge of this ward and if this is done there will be a great improvement in the comfort of the patients.

We have also in the building two wards for the harmless and hopeless insane. These wards are overcrowded, but in the female side, at least, the nursing is satisfactory, though I would suggest that in future we should have in each ward one graduate nurse from the Nova Scotia Hospital or some similar institution.

While on the subject of nurses, I must call your attention to the fact that the nurses practically sleep in the wards with the patients, having a small room at the end of the ward; this is very objectionable, especially so in the case of the nurses in the Insane Ward.

Another matter which I think should be energetically dealt with is the question of the cure of the feeble minded, especially children. I am constantly having to take into the City Home cases of this kind because there is no where else for them to go. Now this is absolutely wrong. It is not fair to these children to take them and condemn them to spend their days in a ward with harmless insane, and as many of them are mischievous and bad tempered, it is not fair to the harmless insane to have these irresponsible children in the same wards with them.

This is a subject I think for the Provincial Government to deal with.

W. Bruce Almon,
City Medical Officer.

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

ANNUAL PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

His Worship the Mayor submits a draft report from this Board to the City Council, urging the rehabilitation of the Annual Provincial Exhibition, as follows:-

City Hall, January 24th, 1918.

The City Council.
Gentlemen:-

The Board of Control deem it their immediate and pressing duty to report to the City Council on the matter of the Annual Provincial Exhibition.

About twenty years ago (Chapter 3, Acts Nova Scotia, 1896) the Government of Nova Scotia and the City Council of Halifax mutually decided that it was expedient to provide for an annual agricultural and industrial Exhibition for the Province, to be held in the City of Halifax, and for the establishment and maintenance thereof on the joint account of the Provincial Government and the Corporation of the City of Halifax in equal parts.

This Exhibition was established and was held every year with one exception up to the present time, war conditions having interrupted it for the year in which no fair was held.

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In common with almost every property in the City of Halifax, the Exhibition suffered by the explosion of December 6th, 1917. Almost every building on the grounds was levelled to the earth, and such of the structures as were left standing were rendered unfit for occupancy or for permanent repair.

The financial loss, both the Provincial Government and to the City of Halifax, has been very great, but has as yet not been accurately scheduled.

The explosion came about through no fault of the Exhibition Commission, and that body will use its best efforts to secure from every or any proper source, due and complete reparation.

Whilst these matters are under consideration in detail, the broad question of rehabilitation requires our most earnest consideration.

The Board of Control is firmly convinced that the reasons enunciated in its early days for the establishment of the Annual Exhibition in this City are as sound today as they were then.

The Board believes it to be unnecessary to elaborate the advantages of the holding of frequent Exhibitions. Practical demonstrations on both hemispheres have established their world wide intrinsic value.

The Exhibition receives no annual grant from either the Province or the City, and when their receipts do not come up to their expenditures, the difference is called a deficit.

The Commission has always been criticized for this deficit, while the truth is that the work is merely a misnomer brought about through the system of financing and not because of unforeseen eventualities or mismanagement. We give no annual subsidy or grant, such as is the custom elsewhere.

The Board is of opinion that the time never existed in the history of the Province when the need of an Annual Provincial Exhibition was more urgent than the present. The Exhibition must not be looked upon as a holiday-making. The war has created conditions demanding the utmost zeal on the part of our educators in every branch of human endeavor. We must use every effort to present before every individual in the Province every possible bit of information in our power tending to educate our people in regard to all our activities, education, mines, fisheries, lumber, manufactures, agriculture and its multitude of subdivisions, arts and sciences.

There is no better medium for this than an Annual Provincial Exhibition.

This Board therefore recommends to the City Council that every means within their power be taken to reestablish or rehabilitate the Annual Provincial Exhibition in the City of Halifax, and to that end to seek the earnest cooperation of the Provincial Government.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
Secretary Board of Control.

The report is unanimately approved, and ordered to be

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forwarded to the City Council.

The following resolution is submitted and adopted:-

RESOLVED that the report of the Board of Control respecting the rehabilitation of the Annual Provincial Exhibition be adopted, and that His Worship the Mayor, the City Engineer and the City Solicitor be appointed a Committee to await upon the Provincial Government and urge their co-operation with the City in reestablishing the Annual Provincial Exhibition in the City of Halifax, and report to the Board of Control the means suggested for putting the Exhibition on an active and sound basis.

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SCHOOL BUILDING REPAIRS.

The Secretary is instructed to write the Chairman of the Relief Finance Committee, requesting them to pay over to the City Treasurer the sum of \$25,000.00, in accordance with the agreement set out in the minutes of the Board of Control for January 22nd, 1918, for repairs to school buildings.

Relief Finance Committee Treasurer

RELIEF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

His Worship the Mayor reported that it is not now the intention to erect the relief administration on the Grand Parade, the Committee having decided to place it on the Sackville Street slope of the Citadel.

Engineer

JOHN McASKILL - SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS.

Read report City Treasurer re superannuation assessments of Sub-foreman John McAskill.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

The Board adjourned.

Engineer

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. D. Wagoner

CITY CLERK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

January 28th, 1918.

A special meeting of the Board of Control was held this evening at 8 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor, Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell, Alderman Parker, Mr. Coolen, Mr. Shaeffer and other representatives of the Trades and Labor Council.

REHABILITATION.

The following correspondence is read:-

City Clerk's Office,
January 24th, 1918.

E. A. Saunders, Esq.,
Secretary Board of Trade,
City.

Sir:-

I am directed by the Board of Control to request that the Board of Trade may be pleased to appoint representatives to attend a meeting of the Board of Control to be held in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing the best means of arriving at some unity of action, of talking over the best ways and means and framing a proper policy to be pursued in connection with the results of the explosion of December 6th,

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

Board of Trade, Halifax, N. S.,
January 26th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 24th, and to thank you for the invitation to participate in the meeting called at the City Hall for Monday evening.

As a meeting for the same purpose was previously arranged by the Council of the Board of Trade for the same evening, at the Board of Trade Rooms, it is felt that the Council of the Board of Trade, for this occasion at least, had better carry out its own meeting, as arranged.

I am informed by our President that he had personally spoken to Mayor Martin on Thursday morning on the subject,

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and that he had suggested that the Mayor and members of the Board of Control could, perhaps, joining the Council of the Board of Trade in an informal and private discussion of the important subject which was to be considered.

E. A. Saunders,
Secretary.

The Trades and Labor delegates present were in attendance in response to an invitation similar to the above addressed to them.

His Worship the Mayor explained the purpose of the meeting as outlined in the invitations, the reason for calling the meeting this evening being that the Halifax Relief Commission proposed appearing before the Board of Control tomorrow morning.

The meeting discussed a large number of questions which should be placed before the Relief Commission for consideration, among them being the housing problem, increase of rentals, reimbursing the City for loss of taxes, building restrictions in the devastated area, the setting apart of manufacturing and residential districts, the erection of dwellings by the City or by the Relief Commission which would rent for about \$15.00 per month and become the property of the tenant after a certain number of payments, the replanning of the district, the rebuilding by the Commission or the payment of cash value of buildings destroyed, a statement as to the final policy to be adopted whether there is to be full reparation, and in the case of rebuilding whether such will be made by rebuilding or in cash in certain cases, fire and life insurance adjustments, interest on mortgages, Government expropriation and re-selling with first choice to original owner, notice to sufferers to file claims, a Ward VI Committee to advise or assist the Commission, notice to those affected as to whether they should or should not themselves repair or rehabilitate and send in bill of costs.

His Worship the Myor stated that the Relief Commission

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would be consulted as to all these and kindred matters.

The meeting adjourned.

P. J. Martin, Mayor
E. J. Wray, City Clerk

MAYOR.

CITY CLERK.

Mr. Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF MATTERS.

- School Buildings Emergency Repairs.
- Public Street Cans.
- Conservation of Fuel.
- Letter for Civil Service.
- Rules of the Road.
- Tramway Company Table.
- V. E. Westover Superintending Assessments.
- Ferry Landing Privileges, Blowing Rock.
- Halifax Railway Company Carriages.
- Case of Public Works.
- Infected Persons Hospital.
- Fire Insurance Office.
- Halifax Snow Clearance, J. A. Ferguson.
- Explosives.
- Halifax Relief Commission.
- Market Building for Storage of Clothing.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Controller Murphy laid upon the table the following receipt which the City Treasurer had given the Halifax Committee for a cheque for \$15,000.00 for emergency repairs to school buildings:-

January 27th, 1918.

Received from the Finance Committee of the Halifax Relief the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) which is lent by the Committee to the City of Halifax for the specific purpose of emergency repairs to school buildings. It is understood that this amount is to be repaid with interest at 5 per annum, when the Halifax Committee may wish, at reasonable notice, and after the City has obtained the necessary legislative authority to borrow money for school purposes, the City undertaking to use the best endeavor to obtain the necessary legislation at the approaching session of the Provincial Legislature.

James J. Macdonald,
City Treasurer.

The form of receipt is approved.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

Read letter from the Halifax Relief Committee.

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 9.45 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

School Buildings Emergency Repairs.
Renwick Street Dump.
Conservation of Food.
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Rules of the Road.
Tramway Company Tolls.
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Fire Insurance Rates.
Billiard Room License, H. L. Ferguson.
Explosives.
Halifax Relief Commission.
Market Building for Storage of Clothing.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS EMERGENCY REPAIRS.

Controller Murphy laid upon the table the following receipt which the City Treasurer had given the Relief Committee for a cheque for \$25,000.00 for emergency repairs to school buildings:-

January 25th, 1918.

Received from the Finance Committee of the Halifax Relief the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) which is lent by the Committee to the City of Halifax for the specific purpose of emergent repairs for School Buildings. It is understood that this advance is to be repaid, with interest at 5% per annum, at such time as the Halifax Relief Commission may name, on reasonable notice, and after the City has obtained the necessary legislation to enable it to borrow money for school purposes, the City undertaking to use its best endeavors to obtain the necessary legislation at the approaching session of the Provincial Legislature.

James J. Hopewell,
City Treasurer.

The form of receipt is approved.

FENWICK STREET DUMP.

Read letter W. C. Boak complaining of a nuisance created by the deposit of garbage and filth at the Fenwick

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Street dump, and threatening legal proceedings.

Referred to the City Engineer for immediate action.

CONSERVATION OF FOOD.

Read letter and resolution Ottawa City Council as follows:-

City Hall, Ottawa,
22nd January, 1918.

The City Clerk,
Dear Sir:-

I beg to enclose you copy of a motion respecting above, adopted by our City Council at a meeting held last evening.-

"That this Council hereby places itself on record as recognizing the necessity for active co-operation by the people with the Food Controller for Canada in the direction of producing, conserving and maintaining reasonable prices for all food commodities.

Considering the present need among the Allied armies in the field and the Allied nations in Europe for food such as Canada can supply, this Council views with favor restrictions in the use of wheat flour and of cured ham and bacon, with the object of releasing for shipment overseas considerable quantities of these important food necessities.

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipal Councils of all cities in Canada with a request that they consider it favorably and co-operate with this Council."

Norman H. Lett,
City Clerk.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

RELIEF FOR CIVIL SERVANTS.

Read telegram secretary of the Customs Association of Manitoba, Winnipeg, as follows:-

Winnipeg, Man., January 28th, '18.

Mayor,
Halifax, N.S.

Understand civic servants are debarred from participating in the Halifax relief fund to same extent as general sufferers. Please advise if this information is correct.

H. R. Whalley,
Secty. Customs Assn. of Manitoba.
457 Furby Street, Winnipeg.

Referred to the Chairman of the Relief Commission for

reply.

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RULES OF THE ROAD.

Alderman Gillis, representing the Automobile Association, submitted the following resolution for the favorable consideration of the Board:-

WHEREAS the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia are the only places on the Continent of America that require vehicular traffic to "Keep to the Left" in meeting each other;

AND WHEREAS this "Drive to the Left" is the cause of many accidents on our highways, and results in great confusion to visitors to our Province, and furthermore prevents many people from touring in Nova Scotia owing to the liability of damage;

AND WHEREAS the Province of New Brunswick will likely alter its traffic laws after May 1st, 1918 to "Drive to the Right", and Prince Edward Island will amend its law in the same way if New Brunswick and Nova Scotia make the change;

NOW THEREFORE we respectfully ask that you will cause enacted at the next session of the Legislature a change in the Road Act, so that all vehicles will "Drive to the Right", and thus make our Province conform to the custom of all the rest of the Continent.

The resolution is concurred in and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

TRAMWAY COMPANY TOLLS.

Controller Finlay laid upon the table affidavits from the Tramway Company showing their gross receipts for the six months from May 1st, 1917, to October 31st, 1917, to have been as follows:-

Street Railway Fares.....	\$222,945.77
Electricity and gas.....	138,694.54

On the above the City received 4% from the Tramway

receipts netting.....	\$ 8,917.83
and 2% from electricity and gas, netting.....	2,773.89
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	\$11,691.72

The statements are ordered to be filed with the City Treasurer.

W. E. MESSERVEY SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS.

W. E. Messervey, Ex Liquor License Inspector, again applied for a refund of the assessments paid by him as Liquor License Inspector into the Officials' Superannuation Fund.

Referred to the Trustees of the Fund for report.

*Council ✓
as Gillis ✓*

Treasurer ✓

Treasurer ✓

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FERRY LANDING PRIVILEGES, FLEMING PARK.

Read application William Robinson, as follows:-

Halifax, January 25th, 1918.

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

As the Board is aware, I have for some time been conducting ferrying to Fleming Park, and have constructed there a suitable landing for the purpose. In order that there might be some regulations governing the use of same, I would like to have the privileges, same as arranged under my lease, for the Halifax end. It would of course be understood that I have no intention of asking exclusive rights, and would be very glad to extend privileges to any desiring to utilize this float. It would, however, be much more satisfactory to the general public if some one had the authority over same.

Trusting that this privilege will be extended and assuring your Board that any possible safeguard will be taken for the convenience and safety of the public, I remain,

William Robinsen,
Boatman, South Street,
N. W. Arm.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FORT MASSEY CEMETERY CARETAKER.

Read application Military Authorities asking the City to nominate a suitable man to fill the position of caretaker of Fort Massey Cemetery, or to agree to the appointment of such a person by them.

The Secretary is instructed to inform the Authorities that the City has no objections to their making the appointment.

CARE OF FEEBLE MINDED.

Read letter Social Council of Women, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., January 26th, 1918.

To the Mayor and Board of Control.

At the last meeting of the Local Council of Women, the following resolution was ordered to be sent to the Board of Control. The first part has already been dealt with by your Body, but we would respectfully call attention to the second part. The whole resolution reads as follows:-

The Local Council of Women would call attention to the fact that we have at present among us a number of imbecile children for whom the City is making no provision. Uncared for, they are

*Wm Robinson ✓
Engineer ✓*

C.R.C.S., M.D. No 6 ✓

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a serious menace to the community. To impose them on institutions for normal children is an act of gross injustice, hampering greatly the good work of such institutions as well as injuring the other children.

We would, therefore, urge the fitting up of a ward in the City Home or elsewhere, where such cases can be placed under competent care.

Furthermore, we are looking forward to having some agency begin this year in a small way, the establishment of a home for the feeble minded. We would, therefore, beg that you include in this year's estimates a sum of money sufficient to provide for the maintenance of at least twelve (12) children at the same rate as is now paid by the City and Province for its neglected and delinquent children.

(Mrs. W.) Agnes Dennis,
President Local Council of Women.

Deferred for consideration with proposed legislation.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.

Read letter V. G. Hospital as follows:-

Halifax, N.S., January 24th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 23rd inst., having reference to temporary use of a small building on the Hospital grounds for infectious diseases purposes, and to say that your communication will be placed before the Board of Commissioners at its next meeting.

W. W. Kenney,
Supt. V. G. Hospital.

Filed.

FIRE INSURANCE RATES.

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters, as follows:-

Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters,
Halifax, January 28th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

Your esteemed favor of the 17th inst. came duly to hand asking what reduction or other favorable adjustment in insurance rates will be made if the City carried out the following improvements in the Fire Department -

1. Purchase of a third motoroengine.
2. Repair of "Patricia" or purchase of a new one in its place.

*Mrs. Dennis ✓
Solicitor ✓*

W. W. Kenney ✓

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3. Permanent crews for three motor engines.
4. Fully paid permanent men for each piece of fire apparatus.

In reply I have to advise you that your letter came before my Board and I am directed to point out that altogether though we have been cognizant of the inefficiency of the water service, the unreliability of the fire alarm system and the unpreparedness of the fire department, more especially since the investigation into these departments by the National Board of Fire Underwriters' engineers as contained in their report of December, 1916, we have refrained from increasing or loading the fire insurance rates in Halifax, having urged and expected the Board of Control, long ere this, to have attended to the recommendations now outlined in your letter.

I have to further point out that no increase in insurance rates was imposed by our Board for the non attention to these recommendations, and that although, as pointed out to Controller Hines in my letter of the 10th inst. that the Head Offices of "The Insurance Companies doing business in the City feel that the present rates are inadequate", and which is confirmed by an article in the New York Journal of Commerce of recent date and which sets forth that - "Before leaving the subject of Halifax, it may be said that many Canadian Managers are disposed to think that the local Agents' Board should have imposed considerably higher rates in this City following the receipt of the report of National Board Engineers in December, 1916. That report reflected severely upon the dangers of conflagration and the lack of adequate fire protection and building laws to which must now be added the hazards which may arise from disturbances to electric wires and heating arrangements following the general shattering of buildings caused by the explosion, and a stiff advance of say 50% in existing rates, which are notably low, seems fully warranted", you will see that we can hold out no promise of a reduction in the present rates for the carrying out of these improvements, but fear that unless the water protection, fire department and fire alarm system are improved, a very material increase in rates will require to be made.

Edward J. Fahie,
Secretary.

Consideration of the communication is deferred.

BILLIARD ROOM LICENSE, H. L. FERGUSON.

On recommendation of Controller Taylor, a license is granted to H. L. Ferguson to conduct a public billiard room at #623 Barrington Street.

EXPLOSIVES.

Read letter Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters as follows:-

Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters,
Halifax, January 28th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

I will be obliged if you will kindly let me

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know whether or not the City Authorities have any knowledge of explosives being stored by the Military or Naval Authorities within the City Limits, and especially so as regards warehouses on the water front, and if so, what steps have been taken to compel the Authorities to immediately stop such a practice? Awaiting your kind advice,

Edward J. Fahie,
Secretary.

Read the following correspondence:-

Mayor's Office,
January 24th, 1918.

Brigadier General Benson,
C. C. 6th Division.
Capt. F. Pasco,
Capt. Superintendent,
H. M. Dockyard.

Sir:-

On behalf of the City of Halifax, I deem it my duty to object to the loading or unloading of munition ships at the piers in the City of Halifax. Despite any rules and regulations which might be laid down for safety in the handling of explosives, the danger of the unexpected happening is bound to exist, and I must strongly urge that all cause of danger be removed rather than depend on the uncertain chance of surrounding the operations with precautionary rules.

In support of this protest I wish to point out to you the case of the S. S. Picton, a munition ship which, in company with the President of the Board of Trade, I visited this morning.

We found the Picton unloading explosives at a pier at the Halifax Ocean Terminals, and necessary precautions in case of fire were not taken. We found three fire hydrants, but the fire hose was 200 feet away, locked up, and no person around to look after it. In our opinion there should be two firemen on duty night and day ready for emergency. There should also be additional sentries at the harbor end of the pier. We found a blazing tar pot used for repairing the roof of a shed in the immediate vicinity of where the explosives were being handled.

Under these circumstances we cannot feel assured that sufficient safeguards will always surround the handling of munitions and therefore must object to the loading or unloading of explosives altogether at any pier in the City.

P. F. Martin,
Mayor.

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Militia and Defence, Halifax, N. S.
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P. F. Martin, Esq.,
Mayor of Halifax.

Your Worship:-

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. on the subject of loading or unloading munition ships at the piers in the City of Halifax, I have the honor to state that since I have been in command of this District no

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no munition ships over which I have had control have been unloaded at any pier in the City of Halifax.

It is the custom, from time to time, to take small quantities of small arm munition on troopships, and early in the war, a quantity of shells were shipped also. The loading of munition ships, however, with dangerous explosives is not carried on by the Military from this Port.

When steamers arrive carrying munitions for this Garrison, notice is received of the vessel's approach to the Harbor, and arrangements are immediately made to have lighters alongside the ship immediately she comes to anchor. The munitions are loaded, under proper supervision, upon the lighters and taken to our magazines.

The S. S. "Picton" to which you refer was not brought to the pier at the Halifax Ocean Terminals under my direction, not had I any knowledge of it being there until I was asked by a representative of the Imperial Munitions Board, to provide sentries to maintain a watch over the building in which the munitions were store. I simply provided the number that was asked for.

The building at the pier is not in any wise under my control, and if necessary precautions to guard against fire have not been taken there, it would seem to me that this is a matter for the Terminal people.

I am at all times ready to supply such guards as may be required for general safety as far as the exigencies of the service will permit.

T. Benson, Major General,
Commanding M. D. 6.

H.M.C. Dockyard, Halifax, N. S.,
January 25th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 24th inst. regarding the loading and unloading of munition ships at the piers in the City of Halifax and quoting as a particular instance the unloading of the S. S. "Picton" at a pier of the Halifax Ocean Terminals, I have to inform you, that immediately on receipt of same, I instructed Commander Holme, R. N., and Commander Holloway, R. N. R., to proceed at once to the wharf at which the "Picton" was unloading, thoroughly inspect the precautions taken against fire, etc., and render a full report. These Officers have reported to me as follows:-

S. S. "Picton" is lying alongside and discharging her cargo into Shed No. 24, and there is also a portion of this cargo in Shed No. 23. Said cargo consists, not of high explosives, but of fixed 18 pdr Shrapnel Ammunition. A thorough examination was made into the precautions taken for the prevention, the discovery and the extinguishing of fire, and the following arrangements are in force:-

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(1) There is a watchman on duty, day and night, in each of sheds No. 23 and 24 and these watchmen are provided with keys admitting them to every locked portion of these buildings.

(2) Military sentries are posted at each end of the approach to these buildings and a third sentry patrols the wharf in front of the Sheds.

(3) Three hydrants are provided in front of the Sheds and these (as ascertained by personal inspection) are kept ready for immediate use.

(4) In each shed 600 feet of fire hose in good condition, is kept in an open portion of the shed. That in Shed No. 23, on a reel with a branch-pipe attached. That in Shed No. 24 in an open box: branch-pipe being kept in the foreman's office, the key of which is, after working hours, in possession of the Watchman.

(5) A 40-gallon chemical Fire Engine, with hose complete and two hand chemical fire extinguishers are placed in a closed compartment at the inner end of No. 24 shed. This compartment is usually unlocked: should it be locked, the keys are in possession of the Watchman. I personally observed a test of one of the hand fire extinguishers and found it to be in perfect working order. The large chemical fire engine was tested and refilled on the 8th inst.

Note. In the event of any difficulty in obtaining the keys, an axe is placed in a convenient position. By this means the locked doors could be forced without delay.

(6) I was informed that all the watchmen are fully instructed as to the procedure to be followed in case of fire and I was also informed that the Night Watchman in Shed No. 24 had formerly been a member of the Local Fire Brigade.

(7) Conspicuous notices against smoking are posted throughout the building and all the workmen are searched daily before commencing to work, to ensure that no matches are brought into the sheds.

The Foreman stated that the fire arrangements had been inspected by the Fire Chief on the 24th January, and that he had pronounced them satisfactory.

In your letter I note that you mention the fire hose was 200 feet away from the fire hydrant, and locked up. It is desired to point out, that the hose you speak of, is additional to the regular fire equipment and is used for watering ships coming alongside the wharf. This is placed in the foremen's office for safe keeping, but is readily accessible, and the foremen stated that he would have this additional hose left outside in the open nightly, as an added precaution.

The "Blazing Tar Pot" mentioned in your letter, is an ordinary pitch cauldron, in which pitch is being melted. It is not within 60 feet of the nearest shed, is not blazing in any sense of the word, but by being melted the pitch naturally gives off smoke. There is a small wood fire burning under neath the cauldron, but it is under the immediate observation of one of the sentries in addition to the person actually attending to it.

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Regarding the nature of this ammunition, Commander Holme examined some cases which had been severely damaged in the explosion, the cases being smashed and contents very badly crushed. I have, at the present time, in my office an 18 pdr. shell case, a portion of which was crushed in the explosion and the contents forced out, but even then the shell did not explode.

In conclusion, I must state that I am perfectly satisfied that every possible precaution is being taken, and will be taken, during the time this cargo is being unloaded, and that there is absolutely no danger under the present conditions. I would suggest, that in future when you receive any intimation of unrest from the people of Halifax in connection with any action taken at this Port, that it might be of assistance to request some Naval or Military Ordnance Officer who is thoroughly conversant with the nature of various classes of ammunition and their danger, to accompany you in your investigation. I am sending a copy of your letter, together with the report of my Officers to the Department of Naval Service, Ottawa. In the meantime, I must ask you to kindly accept my assurance in the case of S. S. "Picton", and in your official capacity endeavor accordingly to allay any fears the people may have.

Fred. C. Pasco,
Captain Superintendent.

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Office of Chief Fire Department,
Halifax, N.S., January 29th, 1918.

The Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Acting on instructions of Controller Hines, I have visited Piers 23 and 24 of the Ocean Terminals on January 24th and 27th, and beg to report as follows:-

1. I found that the nearest City hydrant is situated at the foot of Inglis Street and that in the event of fire on the Piers the Fire Apparatus would have to cross four railway tracks, and that they may at the time of such fire be shut off from the Piers by cars shunted across the right of way to same.
2. I found on the south side of Piers 23 and 24 four stand pipes for dual purpose of supplying water to ships and for fire protection. Those stand pipes are located under the wharf and are difficult to connect to and hatches are provided over them. I was informed that one of those stand pipes was not working and that another was frozen. I found the hatches over those stand pipes frozen so solid that a peavey handle was broken in endeavoring to raise them and apparently little effort made to keep the hatches from freezing up, exposed to the weather as they are, and no tools of any kind near by by which to lift them.
3. I found stove pipes through the walls of both piers connected to stoves of which soft coal was burning, that I consider in direct opposition to the Building Laws.
4. There were three tar pots in the immediate vicinity of the Piers, one of which was about 12 feet of 4 paces from Pier 23 and shunting engines are continuously on the tracks near by - a spark from which might cause fire. There was some cotton waste in a room on a shelf and I was informed

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that it was for making mops for tarring the roofs. It is not deemed good practice at any time to allow cotton waste to be allowed to be lying around. There was also a cask of dry shavings and saw dust in Pier 23, apparently sweepings of some carpenter work that had been done.

In the entrance to Pier 24 there was a case of fire hose apparently just being opened and on my previous visit I did not notice it.

To the left of the entrance to Pier 24 there is a room with three 2½ gallon fire extinguishers which I consider of little use in a building of this construction. There is also one fourth-gallon fire extinguisher on wheels and when being taken out had but two inches or thereabouts of a clearing of a pile of lumber on the outside of the door. That is the lumber was piled against the wall and overlapped the door. There are three axes poorly placed and no signs over them "For Fire Purpose Only". Neither is there any sign on any of the apparatus.

Pier 23 is the same as Pier 24 in respect to fire protection, any more than the door to where the 40-gallon extinguisher is stored was blocked and overlapped with heavy plank to the height of 7 or 8 feet, which might be serious in case of fire. There was one small extinguisher, which had burst by being frozen.

There is a two wheel hose in Pier 23 and some hose. The reel is so situated that it might be blocked up at any time and not easy to get at; the shut off nozzle attached to reel by some piece of cord might easily be lost among the stores. (Shut off nozzles are generally used when entering dwellings or such buildings).

In brief I consider the fire protection at Piers 23 and 24 practically null. The men in charge as watchmen do not know how to operate the 40 gallon extinguishers and have no experience as firemen.

The cargo being discharged from the S. S. Picton is being piled some 14 layers high in cases marked N.C.T. of 118 and 119 lbs. gross each, and each case contains 4 shells termed 18 pounders. The weight is so heavy that the flooring under them (practically new) is sagged about two or more inches, and piles of lumber in close proximity to same. Much of the cargo is damaged and exposed and it occurred to me that by friction of rats gnawing at same might cause serious trouble. However, I do not propose to know the nature of the cargo any more than I report from a fire protection standpoint, and would recommend as follows:-

1. Recommend that 2 experienced men be on patrol continuously on fire duty, 3 shifts in every 24 hours.
2. Recommend that the right-of-way to the piers at all times be kept free to admit apparatus.
3. Recommend that a permanent house or room be conveniently located to contain hose reel, and that two straight one-inch nozzles be substituted for the shut off nozzle now on reel.
4. Recommend that auxiliary fire boxes be installed and conveniently located in Piers 23 and 24.
5. That the axes be better distributed in Piers 23 and 24

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and that hose now so much distributed be kept more intact.

J. W. Churchill,
Chief Fire Department.
J. J. Hines,
Controller.

Whilst the report of the Chief of the Fire Department was being read, the fire bells rang in for a fire in ammunition shed No. 24, and the Chief of Police reported to His Worship the Mayor that all the residents of the south end were ordered out of their houses and the school children out of the schools, because of fear of an explosion. He did not know who had given the orders.

Shortly afterwards the Chief of the Fire Department appeared before the Board and exhibited before them two burned articles which he had taken from the fire in Shed No. 24, a workman's sheepskin coat badly burned, and a wooden ammunition box partly filled with excelsior and oily rags, all showing much evidence of the effects of fire.

The Secretary is instructed to forward a copy of the report of the Chief of the Fire Department to Capt. Pasco, and a copy of all the correspondence to the Department of Naval Service, Ottawa.

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Note.- Subsequently to the meeting the following telegrams and letters were dispatched:-

Letter City Clerk to Naval Service, Halifax.

City Clerk's Office,
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Captain Pasco,
Capt. Superintendent,
H. M. Dockyard.

Sir:-

I beg to inform you that in consequence of a report made by the Chief of the Fire Department to the Board of Control as to conditions at sheds 23 and 24, Halifax Ocean Terminals, and also as a result of a fire which occurred in Shed 24 this morning through a workman's coat catching fire from matches or a hot pipe in one of the pockets, we have placed two firemen on duty at these sheds. These men will have to be relieved every eight hours, so that it will be necessary that at least six men be

*Capt. Pasco ✓
Minister of Naval Service ✓
letters ✓
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employed for this purpose, to give three 8-hour shifts of two men each.

Until the Department of Naval Service appoints and places on duty at least six competent men for the duty referred to, such a staff will be maintained by the City at the expense of the Department of Naval Service.

Under directions from the Board of Control I am forwarding you a copy of the report of the Chief of the Fire Department which the Secretary was in the act of reading before the said Board at the moment the fire alarm was sounded for the fire in Shed 24.

The report of the Fire Chief requires immediate attention by your Department.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

Letter City Clerk to Naval Department, Ottawa.

City Clerk's Office,
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Department of Naval Service,
O t t a w a.

Sirs:-

Under directions from the Board of Control I beg to enclose herewith copies of correspondence between the City and the Naval Authorities here with regard to the handling of explosives.

Despite the assurances given by Captain Pasco, a fire actually broke out in Munition Shed No. 24 this morning at the very moment the board of Control was dealing with the Fire Chief's report respecting dangerous conditions and lack of precautions.

This fire spread over a radius of about twenty feet and set fire a munition box partly filled with excelsion and oily rags.

The City of Halifax protests against such a condition of affairs and demands immediate action on the part of the Department of Naval Service.

On account of the fire in the Munition Shed the school children were all ordered out of the schools and the residents of the South End of the City out of thier homes in the bitter cold.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

Telegram Mayor to Hon. A. K. McLean.

Halifax, January 29th, 1918.

Hon. A. K. McLean,
Ottawa.

Have written Department Naval service Ottawa explosives recklessly handled and stored in wooden shed Halifax Ocean Terminals under direction or neglectful and incompetent Halifax Naval Authorities., Fire in munition shed

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No. 24 today, all terrorized people turned out of their homes and children out of school in bitter cold. Munition ships should not be unloaded or loaded at any pier in City and Halifax demands that the practice be stopped forthwith. Please take matter up with Department at once.

P. F. Martin,
Mayor.

Telegram Mayor to Minister of Naval Service.

Halifax, January 29th, 1918.

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne,
Minister of Naval Service,
O t t a w a.

City of Halifax protested against loading or unloading of Munition Ships at any pier in the City but Halifax Naval Authorities say conditions are safe. Conditions are not safe and fire broke out in Munition Shed No. 24 this morning terrorizing the citizens. Consider Halifax Naval Authorities neglectful and incompetent. Munitions landed from S. S Picton should be at once removed from wooden shed No. 24 and taken out of City. Have written by registered mail full particulars.

P. F. Martin
Mayor.

Telegram Mayor to Prime Minister.

Halifax, January 29th, 1918.

Hon. R. L. Borden,
Ottawa.

Something should be done immediately to allay fears of citizens many of whom are in panic caused by fire in munition shed at Terminals and fear of explosion this morning. Would respectfully suggest red tape be brushed aside and action taken to remove explosives from Terminals, and people notified that this has been done.

P. F. Martin
Mayor.

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HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION.

The members of the Halifax Relief Commission, recently appointed by the Government of Canada, T. S. Rogers, K. C., Chairman, Judge W. B. Wallace, and F. W. Fowke, appeared before and addressed the Board, asking for the sympathy, consideration and support of the Mayor, the Controllers and the Aldermen of the City of Halifax, and requested that the City appoint an Advisory Committee to assist them in the various matters which will be constantly arising, and

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have more intimate knowledge at first hand than the members of the Commission. The Commission recommended that such Committee consist of His Worship the Mayor, two Controllers and one Alderman for Ward VI, and one other Alderman, or, His Worship the Mayor, one Controller, and three Aldermen, or that it be composed of such other combination of City representatives as the City might suggest

Council ✓

His Worship the Mayor thanked the Commission and promised early consideration of their suggestions.

MARKET BUILDING FOR STORAGE OF CLOTHING?

Chairman Rogers, of the Relief Commission, requested the temporary use of the Market Building for the storage of a quantity of second-hand clothing until a decision is arrived at as to its final disposition. The Relief Commission would effect necessary repairs to make the building tight for the purpose and would erect a fence to protect the goods.

Engineer ✓
D. S. Rogers ✓

The City Engineer is instructed to give the desired permission.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. H. Wagoner
CITY CLERK.

My investigation leads me to believe that a quantity of phosphorus scattered about the decks of the S. S. ... was carried to the ... shed on the deck of the ... The packages containing the explosives were ... The explosion of a box of explosives ... up a ... ignited the ... and ... causing a ... fire in the ... of ... which was hanging on the wall, ... The explosion was ... removed, ... full of ... and ... to the building over an ... in a ... of full ...

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

January 31st, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Explosives.

Resignation Miss Anna Hall.
Chain Lakes - Housing of Soldiers' Families.
Traffic Ordinance.
Superannuation B.J. Mulcahy, Superintendent City Home.
Superannuation Wm. O'Connell, Attendant City Home.
Care of Mentally Defective Children at City Home.
Relief Advisory Committee.
Estimates 1918-19.
Acadian School Property Damage by Explosion.

EXPLOSIVES.

Read report Chief Fire Department as follows:-

Office of Chief Fire Department,
Halifax, January 30th, 1918.

The Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

A hasty observation on the spot yesterday morning immediately following the occurrence led me to think that the fire in shed No. 24 at the Halifax Ocean Terminal was caused by matches or a hot pipe in the pocket of a workman's coat hanging on the wall.

Later in the day, upon a more careful investigation, I discovered that the fire was the direct result of an explosion of munitions stored in this wooden shed.

My investigation leads me to believe that a quantity of phosphorus scattered about the decks of the S. S. Picton was carried to the ammunition shed on the boots of the stevedores or on the packages of explosives. The packages containing the explosives are fractured so that the dangerous contents are scattered about the floors of the shed. The dragging of a box of explosives across the floor set up a friction which ignited the combination of phosphorus and cordite, causing a miniature explosion which set fire to the sheepskin overcoat of stevedore Samuel Jewers, (91 Cunard Street) which was hanging on the wall, scorched Mr. Jewers' forehead, set fire to an ammunition box from which the explosives had been previously removed, but which was half full of excelsior and oily rags, and set fire to the building over an extensive radius, as well as setting fire to a number of full ammunition boxes stored in the shed.

In the handling of the explosives there should be no possibility of such a combination as phosphorus and cordite coming together under friction.

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I found that the stevedores handling explosives under the conditions named were not supplied with rubber boots or other suitable boots or with mats to stand or walk upon, but wore their ordinary iron nailed boots and set up friction by dragging boxes of explosives across the floor.

I found one of the 40-gallon extinguishers referred to in Captain Pasco's report was frozen when I inspected it, and so must have been frozen at the time of the fire.

It was reported to me that when the fire broke out, any explosives experts that were there hurriedly deserted the building along with all the other workmen, leaving there only two Halifax stevedores, Thomas Lannon, 208 Gottingen Street, hatchforeman for Pickford & Black, and Wm. Earle, 130 Creighton Street, hatchforeman Canadian Pacific Overseas Service, who gallantly stuck to their posts and succeeded in extinguishing the fire before any damage was done. There is no doubt that these two men saved a situation which might have otherwise turned out to be very serious.

I trust, Gentlemen, something in the nature of what has previously been recommended by me will be done immediately to safeguard the handling of explosives.

Notwithstanding all the efforts I have made, and the warnings I have given, this morning when I visited the sheds again, I found a blazing tar por within 12 feet of the east end of Shed No. 23.

I saw a number of cans of different kinds of paints in the ammunition shed with which workmen were stencilling boxes, and was informed that one of the cans contained benzine.

J. W. Churchill,
Chief Fire Department.

Copies of the report are ordered to be forwarded to the Naval Department, Ottawa, and to Captain Pasco.

Read letter A. M. Bell re the handling of explosives.

Filed and ordered to be acknowledged.

RESIGNATION MISS ANNA HALL.

Read resignation Miss Anna Hall, City Clerk's stenographer, to take effect 1st March, 1918. Accepted.

CHAIN LAKES - HOUSING OF SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
January 30th, 1918.

His worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to submit herewith an application from Lieut-Col. R. B. Simmonds of the Housing Relief Committee, asking for permission to make alterations to the barracks at Chain Lakes for the purpose of housing seventeen families of married soldiers.

Naval Dept ✓
Ottawa ✓
Capt-Pasco ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓

A. M. Bell ✓

Anna Hall ✓

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Shortly after the war broke out, buildings were erected at Chain Lakes for the accomodation of a guard for the water supply, and also for other military purposes. This guard was moved away about a year ago, and since then, the buildings have been in charge of a caretaker. Ordinarily there would be grave objections to having families living at this site, but as there is practically immediate accomodation required for so many families, these objections are outweighed by the necessities of the case.

If the Board decides to grant the permission asked for, it should be distinctly understood that the permission is for temporary occupation only, and an agreement to this effect should be entered into by the Military Department, and also an agreement should be made that the families living in these quarters should not encroach or trespass on property designated by the City, such as the slopes of the dams and the shores of the Lake, etc.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

The proposed amendments to the Street Traffic Ordinance, submitted at Board of Control meeting November 29th, 1917, page 564, is taken up, read clause by clause, and tentatively approved.

Controller Taylor and the City Engineer are requested to compare the proposed amendment with the suggestions submitted by the Tramway employees at a meeting of the Board of Control April 12th, 1917, page 863, and ascertain whether all proper recommendations made therein are incorporated in the new regulations, made therein and report back to this Board before the final adoption of the new Ordinance.

Read letter Board of Trade, as follows:-

Board of Trade, Halifax, N. S.
January 31st, 1918.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of joint Committees from your Honorable Body and the Council of this Board, re the Tram Service, held before the Nova Scotia Board of Public Utilities on Thursday last, it was stated that, for some time past, this service had suffered serious delays by tracks being obstructed by Motor Lauries, etc.- in some instances, obstructing track when not in motion and the driver absent.

The Council of the board of Trade discussed this

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matter on Tuesday afternoon last, when I was instructed to write and ask that your honorable Body take up the necessity of the rigid enforcement of present City Traffic Regulations and the revision of same, if necessary, to bring about a betterment of existing conditions.

E. A. Saunders,
Secretary.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is ordered to be forwarded to the Board of Trade.

SUPERANNUATION B. J. MULCAHY, SUPERINTENDENT CITY HOME.

Read request B. J. Mulcahy, Superintendent of the City Home, for superannuation to date from May 1st, 1918.

Controller Hines submits the following resolution:-

WHEREAS B. Mulcahy, Superintendent of the City Home, is suffering from ill health, as the result of the worry and responsibilities of nearly twenty seven (27) years faithful service as Secretary and Superintendent of that important institution, so much so that on the advice of the two Doctors whose certificates are attached, he feels obliged to request superannuation to date from May 1st, 1918;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Superintendent Mulcahy be permitted to vacate his position on May 1st, 1918; that he be paid a retiring allowance of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00) per year, of which sum the officials' superannuation fund will pay Two Hundred Forty Dollars (\$240.00) per year; and that an Act be obtained at the next session of the Local Legislature authorizing the City to pay the balance of Five Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$560.00) per year.

The resolution is seconded by Controller Finlay and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval under the provisions of Section 299 of the City Charter.

SUPERANNUATION WM. O'CONNELL, ATTENDANT AT CITY HOME.

Read application Wm. O'Connell, an attendant in No. 2 Male insane ward, City Home, for superannuation.

Referred to Controller Hines for report.

CARE OF MENTALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN AT CITY HOME.

Controller Hines submits the following correspondence:-

Halifax, January 24th, 1918.

Controller John J. Hines,
City Hall.

Dear Mr. Hines:

I am in receipt of a letter from the City Clerk, together with a copy of your report to the Board of Control regarding the care of mentally defective children at the City Home.

Board of Trade ✓

Council ✓
Debate ✓

Cont. Hines ✓

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First, I think you will recall that when you asked me if the Province would provide the attendants for those children at the City Home I emphatically stated that I could not speak for the Province, but that there were certain private persons, controlling funds, who might be induced to pay for the necessary nurse or trained attendant for a time. These private persons referred to have under consideration a scheme for establishing a small cottage for the feeble-minded, and should this materialize they will require all the funds for that purpose.

However, as the majority of the cases to be cared for have been rendered more urgent by reason of the recent Halifax disaster, and as a considerable portion of the relief funds was specially donated for the children, I approached the Relief Committee with a request to provide the attendants required till such time as the City can get legislation to provide the same.

I herewith enclose a copy of the reply. The original is at my office.

I do not consider that the grant from the Relief Committee should be used after May 1st, 1918, as the City can provide for this in next year's estimates. However, that is a matter for the City and the Relief Commission to arrange for.

In the meantime, I trust that immediate action will be taken to get the wards at the City Home ready for the few children. I shall be glad to co-operate with you in any way you may require.

Ernest H. Blois,
Supt. Neglected and Delinquent Children.

Halifax, January 24th, 1918.

E. H. Blois, Esq.,
Chairman Children's Committee,
Juvenile Court House,
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

You are hereby authorized to make such arrangements as in your opinion are necessary with respect to attendants for weak-minded and imbecile children, which it is necessary for you to place in the City Home. Such arrangements as you effect to be continued by the Relief Committee until such time as the permanent commission may establish some definite policy to take care of this phase of the work, or until the City is able to take this matter over from us.

The total expense under this authorization must not in any case exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). It will be necessary to put these attendants on your payroll each week, fortnight, or month, as the case may be and requisition the Finance Committee the same as you do for your clerical staff.

Ralph P. Bell,
Secty. Relief Committee.

Controller Hines is requested to have a conference with Mr. Blois and with ladies of the Women's Council interested in the matter, and to offer them temporary accomo-

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dition in the City Home for mentally defective children if they will provide the funds for proper attendance and make all other necessary and suitable arrangements.

RELIEF ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

His Worship the Mayor nominates as members of the Advisory Committee which the Halifax Relief Commission at the Board meeting on January 29th requested the City to appoint, the following named:- The Mayor, Controllers Hines and Murphy and Aldermen Godwin and Guildford.

The nominations are confirmed and ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

ESTIMATES 1918-19.

The Board decides to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to take up consideration of the Civic Estimates for 1918-19.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY - DAMAGE BY EXPLOSION.

The Acting City Engineer reports that the estimated cost of repairing the damage done to the Acadian School property, Barrington and Argyle Streets, by the explosion of December 6th, in order to restore it to the same condition it was in at that time, is \$1300.00.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. H. Hoggan

CITY CLERK.

*Cont Hines ✓
EH Blais ✓*

Council ✓

*Engineer ✓
Cont Murphy ✓*

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITYHALL,

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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.

New Motor Fire Engine.
Fire Department Estimates, 1918-19.
Emergency Repairs Smallpox Hospital.
Fire Alarm Boxes.
Cash Statement City Treasurer.
City Home Estimates 1918-19.
City Home Rules.
City Home Improvements.
City Home Nursing Staff.
Police Estimates 1918-19.

NEW MOTOR FIRE ENGINE.

The City Clerk reported that the contract with the American LaFrance Fire Engine Co. for a new motor fire engine, a duplicate of the "Cornwallis", had been duly executed and mailed to the Company. Approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES 1918-19.

The Board resumes consideration of the estimates for the Fire Department for 1918-19.

It is unanimously decided to recommend to the City Council the reorganization of the Fire Department on a fully paid basis instead of a part fully paid and part call force, as at present constituted.

The estimates are considered item by item and finally passed as they appear in the minutes of January 5th, pages 658, 663.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS SMALLPOX HOSPITAL.

The Acting City Engineer informed the Board that the city Health Board had requested the Reconstruction Committee to repair the Smallpox Hospital at Rockhead, and that the Reconstruction Committee had expressed themselves as willing to loan the City of Halifax a sum sufficient to do the work on the same terms upon which the School Board secured

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a loan from them of \$25,000.00, provided the Board of Control would pass a resolution ^{to} that effect.

The Acting City Engineer stated that the estimated cost of repairing the building is \$2200.00, and that the building is worth spending that much on, and he advised that the offer of the Reconstruction Committee be accepted.

Moved by Controller Finlay that the City, on behalf of the City Health Board, accept a loan of \$2200.00 from the Halifax Relief Committee for the purpose of emergent repairs to the Smallpox Hospital at Rockhead, said loan to be ultimately repaid with interest at 5%, and that the City Treasurer be authorized to give a voucher to the Relief Committee therefor, and place the sum to the credit of the City Health Board for the specific purpose named.

Motion passed.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

The City Electrician is instructed to report as to the number of fire alarm boxes immediately required to be installed throughout the City, to suggest locations for same, and the total cost of purchase and installation, with the view of the City undertaking to obtain legislation authorizing a loan for the purpose.

CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER.

Read cash statement City Treasurer for the month of December. Referred to City Council.

CITY HOME ESTIMATES 1918-19.

The Board resumes consideration of the estimates for the City Home for 1918-19 - see same as typed in the minutes of January 2nd, 1918, pages

Controller Hines is requested to ask the Secretary of the City Home to make up a schedule of actual expenditures on each item for the current year up to date.

The following named increases in salary are agreed to:

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Engineer ✓
Secy Health Board ✓
A P Bell ✓
Treasurer ✓

Electrician ✓

Council ✓

Cont. Hines ✓
Secy City Home ✓

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Assistant Superintendent & Secretary	\$100.00
Matron	60.00
Engineer	200.00
Cook and Baker	40.00
Nurse #2 Male Ward	90.00
Nurse #4 Male Ward	60.00
Night Nurse #2 Male Ward	50.00
Cook and Attendant.	34.00
Night Watchman	24.00
Nurse #4 Female Ward	60.00
Nurse #6 Female Ward	60.00
Nurse #2 Female Ward	84.00
Nurse #2 Female Ward	120.00

Further consideration of the estimates is deferred pending report from Mr. O'Bryan.

CITY HOME RULES.

The Secretary of the City Home reported that the Rules for the institution are out of date.

Controller Hines and the Secretary are authorized to revise the rules and report to the Board.

CITY HOME IMPROVEMENTS.

With the view of seeking legislation to authorize the expenditure, Controller Hines is requested to report on the probable cost of installing modern laundry apparatus, a fumigating plant, a fire escape and sleeping quarters for the nurses at the City Home.

CITY HOME NURSING STAFF.

In connection with the City Medical Officer's report on improvements in the nursing staff at the City Home, submitted at meeting January 24th, 1918, which is again read, Controller Hines is requested to make a general report on reorganization of the nursing staff and increasing the number of nurses.

POLICE ESTIMATES 1918-19.

The estimates for the police Department for 1918-19 are considered item by item and passed as follows:-

Salaries	: 1918-19:	Increase	: Decrease:	1917-18	: 1917 Legis-
					lation.
Chief of police	:1800.00	: 200.00	:	: 1550.00	: 50.00
Deputy Chief	:1500.00	: 250.00	:	: 1200.00	: 50.00
Detective	:1400.00	: 250.00	:	: 1100.00	: 50.00
Asst. Detective	:1200.00	: 150.00	:	: 1000.00	: 50.00
City Marshal	:1050.00	: 100.00	:	: 900.00	: 50.00
6 Sergts. @ 1100.00	:6600.00	: 600.00	:	: 5700.00	: 300.00

*Secretary
City Home
Cont - Hines*

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*Cont - Hines
Secy City Home*

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Salaries	: 1918-19	: Increase	: Decrease	: 1917-18	: 1917 Leg- islation.
38 men @ 950.00	: 36100.00	: 3800.00	:	: 30400.00	: 1900.00
3 Men (supernumerary) @ \$850.00	: 2550.00	: 450.00	:	: 2100.00	:
Police Clerk	: 1100.00	: 150.00	:	: 700.00	: 250.00
Motor Patrol Driver	: 1040.00	: 190.00	:	: 700.00	:
Police woman	: 600.00	: 600.00	:	:	:
Patrol Driver	: 800.00	: 800.00	:	:	:
Police Matron	: 100.00	: 100.00	:	:	:
				(Miscellaneous)	
				(Maintenance)	50.00
				(Maintenance)	
	\$55840.00	\$7640.00		\$45350.00	\$2850.00

Maintenance	: 1918-19	: Increase	: Decrease	: 1917-18.
Telephones	: 250.00	: 60.00	:	: 190.00
Patrol Driver (Salaries)	:	:	: 700.00	: 700.00
Patrol Waggon Main tenance	: 350.00	: 100.00	:	: 250.00
Matron Police Station (Salaries)	:	:	: 100.00	: 100.00
Uniform Clothing	: 2100.00	:	:	: 2100.00
Prisoners' meals	: 700.00	: 75.00	:	: 625.00
New Motor Cycle	:	:	: 425.00	: 425.00
Miscellaneous	: 400.00	: 100.00	:	: 300.00
	\$3800.00	\$335.00	\$1225.00	\$4690.00

Recapitulation.

	: 1918-19	: Increase	: Decrease	: 1917-18.
Legislation 1917	:	:	:	: 2850.00
Salaries	: 55840.00	: 7640.00	:	: 45350.00
Maintenance	: 3800.00	: 335.00	: 1225.00	: 4690.00
	\$59640.00	\$7975.00	\$1225.00	\$52890.00
	52890.00			

Increase.....\$6750.00

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. Wraghan

CITY CLERK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

February 1st, 1918.

The Board of Control met this afternoon at 2.30 p. m.; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Underkeeper Ingraham, City Prison.
- City Prison Estimates 1918-19.
- Explosives.
- Estimates Public Gardens.
- Estimates for Salaries, 1918-19.
- Salary Chief Fire Department.

UNDERKEEPER INGRAHAM, CITY PRISON.

Read resignation Ira J. Ingraham, underkeeper at the City Prison, as follows:-

Halifax, January 31st, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I hereby tender my resignation as underkeeper at the City Prison, to take effect February 1st, 1918, my reasons for resigning are that the present salary is not sufficient, owing to the high cost of living.

Ira J. Ingraham.

Accepted.

CITY PRISON ESTIMATES 1918-19.

The estimates for the City Prison for 1918-19 are submitted and passed as follows:-

Salaries	1918-19.	Increase.	Decrease.	1917-18.
Governor	\$1,000.00			\$1,000.00
Matron	500.00			500.00
Keeper	800.00	50.00		750.00
Keeper	750.00	50.00		700.00
Keeper	700.00	50.00		650.00
Keeper	700.00	50.00		650.00
	<u>\$4,450.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>		<u>\$4,250.00</u>
-Maintenance-				
Telephones	66.00	12.00		54.00
Lighting	50.00			50.00
Fuel	1200.00			1200.00
Groceries	1100.00			1100.00

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Government Railways and the cargo stowed therein under the supervision, and at the request of the Munitions Board, that the expenses should be borne by one of these Departments. I have taken the question up with the Railway Officials and recommend that Auxiliary Fire Boxes should be installed in sheds Nos. 23 and 24, and notices placed over the axes "For Fire purposes Only". The stove pipes to which the Fire Chief refers are passed through concrete blocks and also the "tar-pots" are ordinary pitch cauldrons of the usual type and are not at present in use. The forty gallon chemical extinguisher engine was used with entire success and extinguished the small fire, which broke out on the morning of the 29th instant, immediately.

In conclusion I have to inform you that I have made representations to my Department to have this cargo re-embarked with all possible dispatch to relieve the feelings of the people.

Fred. Paxco.
Captain Superintendent.

Filed.

ESTIMATES PUBLIC GARDENS.

The estimates for the Public Gardens for 1918-19 are submitted and passed for as follows:-

	<u>1918-19.</u>	<u>1917-18.</u>
Labor	4000.00	3900.00
Supt. R.L. Power, salary	1100.00	1000.00
Maintenance		335.00
Fuel and Lights	500.00	
Trees and shrubs	300.00	
Horse and fowl feed	235.00	
Hardware and lumber	100.00	
	<u>\$6235.00</u>	<u>\$5235.00</u>

Increase.....\$1,000.00.

ESTIMATES FOR SALARIES 1918-19.

Controller Finlay submits estimates of salaries for 1918-19 as follows, and moves for their adoption as presented -

	<u>1918-19</u>	<u>Increase.</u>	<u>Decrease.</u>	<u>1917-18.</u>
His Worship the Mayor.	2000.00			2000.00
4 Members Board of Control	4000.00			4000.00
City Solicitor (also J)	2000.00			2000.00
City Treasurer	2000.00			1800.00
Stenographer	700.00			550.00)
				50.00)
City Auditor	2000.00			2000.00
City Clerk (also J)	1850.00			1750.00)
City Clerk				
Clerk Board of Control	500.00			500.00)
Asst. City Clerk	1600.00			1500.00
Stenographer	600			550.00)
				50.00)
Stenographer	500.00			500.00
Stipendiary Magistrate	2500.00			2500.00

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	1918-19.	Increase.	Decrease.	1917-18.
City Engineer	3000.00			3000.00
City Collector	2000.00			2000.00
4 sub-collectors @700.	3000.00			3000.00
City Assessor	1800.00			1450.00
Deputy Assessor	1400.00			1250.00
Assessor's Clerk	800.00			800.00
Stenographer	700.00			550.00)
				50.00)
Stenographer	600.00			
Janitor City Hall	850.00)			850.00
	225.00)			
City Medical Officer	1200.00			1200.00
Building Inspector(Asst)	1400.00			1300.00

Read recommendation Controller Finlay for increases in salaries of certain officials, as follows:-

Legislative Enactment is required for the following increases and I ask that an Act be obtained.-

City Solicitor	\$200.00
City Treasurer	200.00
City Auditor	200.00
City Collector	200.00
City Assessor	200.00
4 sub-collectors	200.00
	<u>\$1200.00</u>

A. J. Finlay,
Controller.

The salaries are considered item by item as follows:-

His Worship the Mayor	\$2000.00.	Passed.
4 Members Board of Control	4000.00.	"
City Solicitor	2000.00	

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that this item be made \$2200.00.

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

City Treasurer \$2000.00.

Item passed at \$2200.00, Controller Murphy dissenting.

Stenographer \$700.00. Passed.
City Auditor 2000.00

Item passed at \$2200.00, Controller Murphy dissenting.

City Clerk \$1850.00

Item passed at \$1950.00.

Clerk Board of Control \$500.00. Passed.
Assistant City Clerk \$1600.00.

Read application for an increase in salary.

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The item \$1600.00 is passed.

Stenographer \$600.00.

The item is passed at \$700.00.

Stenographer \$500.00.

The item is passed at \$600.00.

Stipendiary Magistrate \$2500.00. Passed.
City Engineer 3000.00.

The board discusses this item with the City Auditor who says he cannot pay the Acting City Engineer at the rate of \$3300.00 if only \$3000.00 is placed in the estimates.

The item is passed at \$3300.00.

City Collector \$2000.00.

The item is passed at \$2200.00, Controller Murphy dissenting.

4 sub-collectors at \$750.00, \$3000.00.

The item is passed at \$800.00 each, total \$3200.00.

City Assessor \$1800.00.

Passed, Controller Murphy dissenting.

Deputy Assessor \$1400.00. Passed.
Assessor's Clerk 800.00. "
Stenographer 700.00. "
Stenographer 600.00. "
Janitor City Hall 750.00)
Fire Dept. 225.00)

The item is passed at \$350, Controller Murphy dissenting.

City Medical Officer \$1200.00. Passed.

The items City Electrician and Assistant Building Inspector are referred to Controllers Murphy and Finlay and the City Engineer for report.

SALARY CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the Chief of the Fire Department, J. W. Churchill be paid at the same rate as the late Chief ^{Proderick} ~~London~~ received until May 1st. Motion passed.

The board adjourned.

Chief of the Council

P. F. 1
J. W. Churchill
L. J. Hines

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

February 4th, 1918.

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.

J. E. Burns' Salary.
D. J. McLean's Salary.
R. J. McCarthy's Salary.
Salaries City Clerk and his Stenographers.
Salaries 4 sub-collectors in Collector's Office.
Assistant Building Inspector's Salary.
Public Gardens Estimates.
Interest, Temporary Loans, Superannuations, Etc.
City Grants and Sundries.
Hack, Peddlers' and Other Licenses.
Estimates for Public Schools.
Supervised Playgrounds.
Works Department Estimates.
Street Lighting Contract.
Telephone Service, City Hall.
Works Department Estimates.
Estimates County of Halifax.
City Electrician.

J. E. BURNS' SALARY.

Read application John E. Burns, Assistant Plumbing Inspector, for increase in pay.

Deferred for consideration when his salary is taken up.

D. J. MCLEAN'S SALARY.

Read application D. J. McLean, Foreman Water Department, for increase in salary.

Deferred for consideration with his salary.

R. J. MCCARTHY'S SALARY.

Read application R. J. McCarthy, Water Meter Clerk, for increase in salary.

Deferred for consideration with his salary.

SALARIES CITY CLERK AND HIS STENOGRAPHERS.

Controller Finlay asked the Board to again take up the matter of salary of the City Clerk and the salaries of his stenographers, and that they be reduced to the

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amounts as originally recommended by him.

The Board declined to take the items up again.

SALARIES FOUR SUB-COLLECTORS IN COLLECTOR'S OFFICE.

Moved by Controller Finlay that the increases to the salaries of the four sub-collectors in the City Collector's Office be made \$100.00 each instead of \$50.00 each, as determined upon at meeting February 1st, and that the total item do now pass at \$3200.00, or \$850.00 each. Motion passed.

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR'S SALARY.

The salary of the Assistant Building Inspector is passed at \$1500.00, an increase of \$200.00.

PUBLIC GARDENS ESTIMATES.

Moved by Controller Finlay that the estimates for the Public Gardens, as passed at meeting February 1st, be amended, making the salary of the Superintendent \$1200.00, an increase of \$200.00, and the labor fund \$3900.00, the same as last year. Motion passed.

INTEREST, TEMPORARY LOANS, SUPERANNUATIONS, ETC.

The following schedules are severally read and passed:

Schedule B.

Public Schools.

Interest.

				1915-19.	1917-18.
1 year's interest on loans	\$416,797	@ 4%		16,671.88	
1 " " " "	259,845	@ 4 1/2%		11,693.02	
1 " " " "	137,000	@ 5%		6,850.00	
1 " " " "	69,384	@ 5%		3,469.20	
1 " " " "	35,266	@ 5%		1,763.30	
1 " " " "	32,000	@ 5%		1,600.00	
3 mos. " " "	32,000	@ 5%		400.00	
3rd instalment short loan \$1700 and int. @ 5%				391.00	
Estimated exchange on coupons payable abroad				100.00	
				<u>42,938.40</u>	<u>\$42,566.00</u>
Increase.....	\$372.40				

Sinking Fund.

Old Debt plus refunding	\$341,100 @ 1%	3,411.00
Loan January 1915, \$54,000, 24 years		1,472.58
Consols 1905:-		
Issued July 1907,	\$106,630.00, 32 years	1,859.70
" Jan. 1909,	115,927.00, 30 "	2,129.57
" Apr. 1911,	2,000.00 29 "	39.50

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				1918-19.	1917-18.
Issued	Jan. 1912,	82,204.00,	32 yrs.	1,433.64	
"	July, 1912,	127,700.00,	31 "	2,345.85.	
"	July, 1913,	10,800.00,	30 "	209.20	
"	April, 1914,	3,600.00,	29 "	73.58	
"	Jan., 1915,	40,795.00,	34 "	642.92	
"	July, 1915,	65,784.00,	34 "	941.70	
"	Jan., 1917,	35,266.00,	34 "	504.83	
"	Oct., 1917,	32,000.00,	34 "	415.50	
				\$16,232.34	
				4,000.00	
Interest on Bank Advances				\$20,232.34	\$19,266.84

Schedule H.

Superannuations.

Police Department.

	1918-19.	Increase.	Decrease.	1917-18.
Nicholas Power	\$331.36			\$331.36
Jos. P. McNally	167.13			167.13
John Baker	148.57			148.57
John W. Baker	37.14			37.14
Robt. H. Leahan	148.48			148.47
Geo. H. Kuhn	42.85			42.85
Paul W. Kingston (deceased)			37.14	37.14
Robert T. Pace	55.70			55.70
Stephen J. Nickerson	37.14			37.14
Reuben Shaw	250.00			250.00

Civic Officials.

Stephen R. Phalen (deceased)			800.00	800.00
John P. Cairns	"		666.66	666.66
John McDonald	"		600.00	600.00
F. C. Stevens	500.00			500.00
Edward Meagher	357.00	110.00		247.00
John E. Kemp	353.37	100.00		253.37
John Spruin				
Daniel J. McIntosh	334.00	334.00		

Library.

Miss Josephine Warren	250.00			250.00
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City Prison.

William Higlett	360.00			360.00
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Fire Department.

James McGuire	450.00			450.00
George McGuire	450.00			450.00

Public Gardens.

Richard Power	736.00	280.00		456.00
	\$5008.73	\$824.00	\$2103.80	\$6238.53

Decrease.....\$1279.80.

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Schedule K.

Temporary Loans and Interest.

	1918-19.	Interest.	1917-18
1 year's interest Loan Cross Property, \$4500.00 @ 5%		225.00	
5th instalment, Loan Sundry Purposes, 1 yr.'s interest @ 5%	\$2,200.00	111.00	
4th instalment, Loan Fire and Library purposes 1 yr.'s interest @ 5%	1,000.00	100.00	
3rd instalment, Fire, Schools, Tobin vs. City 1 yr.'s interest @ 5%	1,130.00	177.00	
2nd instalment, Assessment improvement, 1 year's interest @ 5%	2,000.00	400.00	
2nd instalment, Fire Dept., Gardens, Boiler, Dredging McFatrige's Dock 1 year's interest @ 5%	620.00	124.00	
1st instalment Motor Sprinkler, Public Gardens Fence, Fire Hose, City Home Re- pairs, Refund Liquor Licenses 1 year's interest @ 5%	6,262.40	1360.60	
1st Instalment, Additional Street Fund 1 year's interest @ 5%	645.20	161.30	
	<u>13,927.60</u>	<u>2658.90</u>	<u>\$9302.20</u>
	2,658.90		
	<u>\$16,586.50</u>		
Increase....	\$7,284.30		

Schedule L.

Interest Consolidated Fund 1880.

	1918-19.	
\$663,000, 1 year @ 5%	\$33,150.00	
638,200, 1 " @ 4 1/2%	28,719.00	
948,390, 1 " @ 4%	37,935.60	
67,000, 1 " @ 3 1/2%	2,345.00	
	<u>\$102,149.60</u>	
Less charged to Water Department:-		
\$138,000, 1 year @ 5%	\$ 6,900.00	
457,600, 1 " @ 4 1/2%	21,042.00	
214,000, 1 " @ 4%	8,560.00	
10,000, 1 " @ 3 1/2%	350.00	
	<u>36,852.00</u>	
	\$65,297.60	\$67,097.60
Decrease....	\$1,800.00.	

Schedule M.

Interest Consolidated Fund 1905.

	1918-19.	1917-18.
\$1,738,100, 1 year @ 4%	71,524.00	
758,100, 1 " @ 4 1/2%	34,114.50	
783,066, 1 " @ 5%	39,153.30	
246,400, 1 " @ 5 1/2%	12,320.00	
32,000, 6 mos. @ 5%	1,600.00	
30,000, 6 " @ 5%	1,500.00	
Estimated exchange on coupons payable abroad	200.00	
	<u>\$160,411.80</u>	

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- Less -

Charged Silliker Sinking Fund
 \$135,476 @ 4% \$5,419.05
 Charged Sinking Fund 1902
 Acct. Tram Co. Poles \$11600, 4% 464.00
 Charged Water Department
 \$227,567, 1 yr. @ 4% \$9,102.68
 117,846, 1 " @ 4 1/2% 5,303.07
 26,862, 1 " @ 4 1/2% 1,208.79
 126,500, 1 " @ 5% 6,325.00
 74,200, 1 " @ 5% 3,710.00
 21,500, 6 mos. @ 5% 537.50
 Estimated share exchange 50.00 \$26,237.04

-Charged Schools-

\$416,797 1 yr. @ 4% 16,671.88
 259,845 1 " @ 4 1/2% 11,693.02
 241,650 1 " @ 5% 12,082.50
 32,000 1/2 " @ 5% 1,600.00
 Estimated share exchange 100.00 42,147.40
 \$86,144.31 \$82,183.22
 Increase....\$3,961.09

Schedule N.

Sinking Funds.

	<u>1918-19.</u>	<u>1917-18.</u>
Under Chapter 65, Acts 1892	200.00	
" " 51, " 1902	3000.00	
" " 49, " 1905	1300.00	
Borrowings, 1906-16	17151.28	
" 1917-18	2802.32	
	<u>24453.60</u>	
Less Rebate on \$11,600, Tram Co. Poles	192.25	
	<u>\$ 24261.35</u>	\$21,651.28
Increase.....		\$2,610.07

Schedule J.

City Grants and Sundries.

	<u>1918-19.</u>	<u>Increase.</u>	<u>Decrease, 1917-18.</u>
Halifax Dispensary & Morgue	750.00		750.00
School for the Blind	2000.00	375.00	1625.00
School for the Deaf	500.00		625.00
Industrial School for Boys	1200.00	400.00	800.00
St. Patrick's Home	1200.00	400.00	800.00
Truants	4700.00		4700.00
Children's Protection Act	3070.00	2270.00	800.00
Infants' Home, Tower Road	500.00	200.00	300.00
" " Brunswick St.	500.00	200.00	300.00
Protestant Home for Females	400.00		400.00
R. C.	400.00		400.00

Read letter E. H. Blois, as follows:-

Halifax, January 26th, 1918.

The City Auditor,
 City Hall.

Dear Mr. Foster:-

Mr. Studd told me you wished me to sent an estimate

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of what would be required for next year's maintenance of neglected children. I find that the City owes up to Dec. 31st \$470.64. From Jan. 1st to May 1st I estimate that the amount required will be \$600.00. For the year beginning May 1st I would estimate for neglected children \$2000.00.

In regard to delinquent children and truants I do not know how you stand with the various institutions, but speaking generally I would judge that you would have less next year than during the present year.

If there is any other information required or any other help I can give you please let me know and I will be very glad to render any service in my power.

Ernest H. Blois,
Supt. Neglected & Delinquent
Children.

The above eight items marked "Deferred" are referred to Controllers Finlay and Murphy and the City Auditor to confer with E. H. Blois, Superintendent of Neglected and Delinquent Children, and report.

Camp Hill Cemetery \$1200.00 \$1200.00

This item is increased to \$1500.00, the City Solicitor to draft the necessary legislation.

Victoria School of Art & Design \$500.00 \$500.00

Deferred.

1918-19. Increase. Decrease, 1917-18.

	1918-19.	Increase.	Decrease,	1917-18.	
Dalhousie University	\$500.00		500.00	500.00	Passed
Court of Appeal from Assessment and Clerical Expenses	325.00		325.00	325.00	"
Registrar of Births and Deaths	500.00		500.00	500.00	"
Registrar of Voters	200.00		200.00	200.00	"
Medical Examiner	350.00	50.00	300.00	300.00	"
Children's Hospital	500.00		500.00	500.00	"
Victorian Order of Nurses	1200.00		1200.00	1200.00	"
Society for Prevention of Cruelty	200.00		200.00	200.00	"
Sir Sandford Fleming Park	750.00		750.00	750.00	"
Tuberculosis Hospital	2500.00		2500.00	2500.00	"
Police Salaries Legislation	2700.00		400.00	3100.00	"
Deficit Provincial Exhibition 1917	1953.51	743.27		1210.24	"
Sundry Amounts by Legislation 1916			9522.88	9522.88	"
Further Amounts added by Legislation 1917			11297.00	11297.00	"

Controller Finlay and the City Auditor are requested to report as to the amounts required for the maintenance of patients in the Victoria General Hospital and under Chapter 3, Acts Nova Scotia 1917, "The Public Highways Act."

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HACK, PEDDLERS' AND OTHER LICENSES.

Controller Taylor is requested to report on any necessary changes in legislation respecting licenses, license fees etc. of hackmen, peddlers, etc.

ESTIMATES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The estimates for Public Schools submitted at Board of Control meeting December 4th, 1917, and printed in the minutes of that meeting, pp. 577-579, are considered withdrawn, and the following substituted in place thereof by the Board of School Commissioners:-

Teachers, Regular	<u>As Passed.</u>	<u>As Amended.</u>
	172,030.	172,030.
" Temporary	6,000	2,000
" Substitute	3,000	1,500
" Cadet Instructors	400	400
" Business Boys Grades VIII and IX	1,500	
" Technical	2,285	2,285
" Sup. Playgrounds	2,000	2,000
Supervisor of Schools	2,500	2,500
Secretary	1,400	1,400
Assistant Secretary	800	800
Caretaker	1,300	1,300
Truant Officer	1,200	1,200
Messenger	300	300
Janitors	18,504	17,844
Maintenance	16,000	9,334.35
Bldgs. & Gr.	10,000	6,334.35
Fur. & its Rep.	2,500	500
Paint, cleaning, etc.	3,500	2,500
Rents	10,968.80	12,968.80
Fire Insurance	3,000.00	3,000.00
Fuel	22,000	20,000
Water	1,500	1,000
General Expenses	2,000	2,000
Int. on Debentures	6,950.	6,950
Advertising and printing	700	700
Books and Stationery	2,200	2,200
School apparatus	1,200	1,000
Official expenses	250	250
Medical	2,270	2,290
Doctor	750.	750.
Nurses (2)	1,400.	1,400.
Expenses	120.	120.
Dental Inspection	800.	500.
Dentists (2)	600	300 (1)
Clinic	200.	200.
Auxiliary	5,510.	2,730.
Teachers (4)	3,560.	1,180 (2)
Equipment	600	400
Rent of Rooms (3)	1,350.	450 (1)
Pension system	1,200	1,200
Commissioners allowance	1,000	1,000
	<u>\$290,767.80</u>	<u>\$272,682.15</u>
LESS:		
Probable Provincial Grant	<u>25,000.00</u>	<u>25,000.00</u>
	<u>\$265,767.80</u>	<u>\$247,682.15</u>

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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.

The various items of the Schools estimates are read and approved with the exception of the item "Supervisor of Schools, \$2500.00", which the Board decided to request the School Board to reduce to \$2300.00.

Serial School Board

SUPERVISED PLAYGROUNDS.

R. V. Harris

Read letter R. V. Harris, September 12th, 1917, asking for a civic grant of \$1500.00 for supervised playgrounds.

The Secretary is instructed to inform Captain Harris that the School Board has this year increased its appropriation for this work by the sum of \$1000.00, and that the City cannot further supplement the amount.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

Halifax, February 4th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor
and Board of Control
Gentlemen:-

In Works Department Estimates for 1918-19, which I herewith submit, I am recommending an all round revision of the wage scale at present in force, of five cents per hour.

It is unnecessary to make any explanation in justification of this increase, as, with present prices of necessities, such as food, clothing and rentals, it is utterly impossible for those affected to get along under old conditions, and the rate-payers have simply to face the situation and place those in their employ on a decent wage.

The proposed change will practically establish a thirty cent per hour minimum in this Department.

Re Men Employed Cleaning Paved Streets, also Ash and

Garbage Collectors.

I am providing in the estimates for a proportional increase in the wage of the men employed on all these services.

Re Teams.

I am recommending that the rate at present in force for teams be amended as follows:-

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Single team and driver.....45¢ per hour
Double " " "65¢ " "

If the changes proposed above are approved, they will involve an increase of approximately \$9,000.00 in this Department. This, I feel we can readily justify, as those employed in this class of work are the ones who are feeling the pinch of the very exceptional conditions at present obtaining.

John Murphy,
Controller.

Approved.

STREET LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

Halifax, February 4th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

Included in the Works Department Estimates for 1918-19 you will find an appropriation of \$29,500.00 for Street Lighting. This item should not pass without careful consideration. It is unnecessary to refer to the very unsatisfactory street lighting service which we have had for several years. This is due to the fact that the arc lamps in service have long since passed their usefulness are of an antiquated type and should have been discarded several years ago. That this has not been done is due largely to negotiations which have been up from time to time between the Halifax Power Company and the City.

It would seem useless to further delay the consideration of this question. In order therefore to bring the matter to a head, I would recommend that the City proceed at once to call tenders for a modern street lighting system, for a contract of not less than ten years' duration, and that the City Engineer be instructed to prepare plans of such a system making necessary provision for the proper lighting of the Devastated Area.

Should it be found that any legislation passed bearing on negotiations between the Halifax Power Company and the City prevent our proceeding as outlined above, I would recommend that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare such legislation as is necessary to rescind that previously passed.

I trust this report will have the favorable consideration of our Board and Council.

John Murphy,
Controller.

The Secretary is instructed to write Mr. S. M. Brookfield, President of the Halifax Power Co., asking what his Company is doing in respect to their agreement with the City of Halifax and what they propose to do in regard to furnishing electricity to the City of Halifax, informing him that the time is quickly approaching when the City will

Mr Brookfield

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need to call for a contract for this service.

TELEPHONE SERVICE CITY HALL.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

Halifax, February 4th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

It would seem desirable that we consider some change in the present telephone service at the City Hall. Considerable inconvenience is caused citizens today, endeavoring to get in touch with the various offices, which condition is added to by the fact of our having a number of these offices connected on party lines.

In all likelihood the new scale of rates will come into effect during the coming year. This will supercede the arrangement which the City now has for its telephone services, on part of which it enjoys special rates.

Not only from a standpoint of convenience to citizens, but also from an economical standpoint, it would seem desirable that we instal a private exchange switchboard instead of the present individual lines. Such a change would involve an additional expenditure of approximately \$600.00, which amount would be more than justified by the improvement in the service. Arrangements would be made for the various offices, such as Police, etc., requiring night connection, to have it independent of the day service.

I would therefore recommend the installation of such a switchboard, if this meets with your approval, the additional amount required could be embodied in the Works Department Estimates which are now before you.

John Murphy,
Controller.

Approved.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

The estimates for the City Works Department are submitted by Controller Murphy, considered item by item, and passed as follows:-

Schedule R.

	1918-19.	Increase.	Decrease.	1917-18.
City Property	\$3200.00	700.00		2500.00
Cleaning Paved Streets	8300.00	800.00		7500.00
Fuel	1950.00	375.00		1575.00
Inspecting Electric Wiring	916.00	96.00		820.00
Insurance	650.00	25.00		625.00
Internal Health	40500.00	6000.00		40500.00
Lighting City Hall	800.00		100.00	900.00
Lighting Streets	29500.00			29500.00
Maintenance of Baths	400.00	100.00		300.00
Maintenance of Sewers	1500.00			1500.00

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	1918-19.	Increase.	Decrease.	1917-18.
Streets	40000.00	5000.00		35000.00
Teams and Stables	10000.00	1000.00		9000.00
Telephones	1050.00	610.00		440.00
	<u>\$138,766.00</u>	<u>\$14,706.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	<u>\$124,160.00</u>

- Estimated Revenue -

Public Market 3,000.00
\$11,706.00

Net Increase.....\$11,706.00

ESTIMATES COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

The estimates for the County of Halifax are submitted by G. Parker Archibald, County Clerk, and deferred for further report from Mr. Archibald.

CITY ELECTRICIAN.

Read report Controller Murphy re City Electrician, as follows:-

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

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

The office of City Electrician, having under it our various Public Utilities, including tram, lighting and telephone services, in addition to the supervision of all fire alarm equipment, should be a very important one. The conditions under which the office is conducted are most unsatisfactory. The present occupant gives only part time to the City. I consider the position of sufficient importance to demand his entire time.

Probably at no time in the City's history were its public utilities at a lower ebb than at present. Both the tram and telephone services have reached a stage where some remedies must be found to improve same. The source to which the City has to look in all questions affecting these services is the Public Utilities Board. The City finds itself markedly handicapped in so doing, due to the fact that our City Electrician is also a member of the Board of Public Utilities. It is apparent that his duties to the City and to the Public Utilities Board must of necessity clash, and one or the other suffer thereby. It is not reasonable to expect that the City should receive the entire services of the City Electrician at the salary which he is at present being paid.

I do not think there should be any difference of opinion as to the advisability of the change suggested and would accordingly recommend that arrangements be made whereby the City Electrician will give his entire time to this Department.

John Murphy,
Controller.

Referred to Controller Murphy and the City Engineer to confer with Mr. Colpitt and further report.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

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The Board of Control met this morning at 11 o'clock;

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

February 5th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Infectious Diseases Hospital.
- Temporary Church, West Young Street.
- Fire Alarm Bells.
- W. P. Morrissey's Salary.
- Women Conductors on Street Cars.
- Keep to the Right - Rule of the Road.
- Legislation 1918.
- Tenders for Cast Iron Pipe.
- Taxation of Labor.
- Library Accounts.
- N. W. Arm Intercepting Sewer - 2nd Section.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.

Read letter Victoria General Hospital as follows:-

Victoria General Hospital,
February 4th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

Following my letter to you of the 24th ult., in answer to yours of the 23rd January, I beg to say that the subject matter of your communication of that date was submitted to and considered by the Board of Commissioners of the Hospital on the 2nd inst., and in relation thereto I am instructed to say that the Board regrets very much that, having regard to the actual needs of the hospital, its facilities are not such as to make it possible for the Board to furnish the City accommodation for patients suffering from infectious diseases. There are only two buildings on the premises that the Board of Control could have in mind when making the request; one is the dormitory, a large three storey building, which however provides accommodation for, and is occupied by forty-five or fifty hospital employees. The other building known as the "Cottage" or "Isolation Building", is a small building which was constructed some years ago so as to enable the hospital to promptly take care of, and only to take care of, such infectious and contagious diseases as might from time to time develop in the wards. The capacity of this building is at most only eleven beds, which includes accommodation for such number of nurses as may under the circumstances be required. There have been times when this building was crowded with patients suffering from some form of disease requiring isolation, and such indeed was the case in the immediate past when we had isolated there cases of diphtheria, erysipelas and chicken pox. Even under normal conditions, much as I am sure the Board of Commissioners would wish to render assistance to the City authorities in such

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matters, they feel that to grant the City the use of this building or any part of it, would only be misleading, and would end in confusion.

The Board however had before it a proposition from the City Health Board in relation to the same question, and the Board has undertaken to meet the wishes of the City Health Board in the matter of their request.

W. W. Kenney,
Superintendent.

The Secretary is instructed to forward a copy of the letter to the City Health Board with the request that that Board make further investigation into the best arrangement it is possible to make for the establishment of either a temporary or a permanent Infectious Diseases Hospital.

TEMPORARY CHURCH, WEST YOUNG STREET.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that the Kaye Street Methodist Church and the Grove Presbyterian Church are considering the matter of temporarily combining for the purpose of obtaining a site for religious services and desired to know if they could have the use for a year or two of the jib lot, West Young Street and Gottingen Street intended to be purchased by the City. His Worship the Mayor stated that M. S. Clarke, acting for the property owners, would agree to let the City use the land.

It is decided to grant the permission asked for if the Relief Commission will permit the erection of a temporary church, and the Building Inspector will grant a permit.

FIRE ALARM BELLS.

Read letter Board of Trade, as follows:-

Board of Trade, Halifax, N. S.
February 4th, 1918.

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

Gentlemen:-

At a hearing before the Nova Scotia Board of Public Utilities re the Telephone Service, the matter of a "Still Alarm" for the City of Halifax was discussed, the evidence showing that when the fire alarm bell rings, the telephone service of the City is totally disorganized; it was also stated, at said meeting, that the Management of the latter had desired subscribers not to use the telephone for the

City Health Board ✓

*Big Wickham ✓
Building Committee ✓
Kaye St Church ✓
Grove Church ✓*

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purpose of ascertaining the number of the box where the alarm was given, but in spite of this, same continues to be done.

This matter was called to your attention about a year ago when the former Fire Chief, the late P.J. Broderick, approved of it, but on account of having a volunteer brigade and no other system of calling the men, he reported against, but was in favor of it with a paid Department.

Should the matter of a paid Fire Department be decided upon, this Board would request your earnest consideration towards also instituting the "Still Alarm".

E. A. Saunders,
Secretary.

The Secretary is instructed to inform the Board of Trade that it is part of the scheme for the reorganization of the Fire Department on a fully paid basis to do away with the ringing of the fire bells.

W. P. MORRISCEY'S SALARY.

Read application W. P. Morriscey, Plumbing Inspector, for an increase of salary.

Deferred for consideration with the estimates.

WOMEN CONDUCTORS ON STREET CARS.

Read letter Employees of the Tramway Company, as follows:-

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

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

Sir:-

Enclosed please find copy of a resolution adopted by the Employees of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Co., Ltd. at a meeting held January 26th, 1918, which they have instructed their Committee to forward you requesting that you place same before His Worship the Mayor and Board of Control at their next regular meeting.

Trusting that you will comply with our request, we remain,

D. Sampson, Chairman.
S. D. Zinck, Secretary.

WHEREAS after careful consideration, we, the Employees of the above Company, feel that women are not capable of operating Tram Cars with safety, for the following reasons:-

1st. The applying of a Hand Brake in case of emergency on the different grades in the City which Cars are being operated on.

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2nd. We find that it is impossible for the Motormen to run their cars on schedule time with the assistance rendered them by women conductors.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Employees, hereby enter a protest against the further employing of women conductors, and be it further RESOLVED that the Company be requested to replace the women conductors with men as soon as possible.

The Secretary is directed to inform the Tramway employees that their communication will be taken into serious consideration by the Board, and to ask them to forward a list of the names and occupations of the Tramway employees.

KEEP TO THE RIGHT - RULE OF THE ROAD.

Read circular letter, covering resolution passed by the Annapolis County Board of Trade, favoring the changing of the rule of the road in the Province of Nova Scotia so as to make our practice the same as in other parts of Canada and the United States in which the rule is to keep to the right.

Ordered to be forwarded to the City Council for its information.

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The City Solicitor is requested to lay before the Board during the coming week all City legislation desired by the City to be passed at the approaching session of the Assembly.

TENDERS FOR CAST IRON PIPE.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
February 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

In answer to the advertisement asking for tenders for six inch cast iron pipe, the following offers were received-

United States Cast Iron Pipe and Foundry Co. - bell and spigot joint - \$57.12 per ton exclusive of duty and war tax - adding duty \$3 and war tax \$4.28, this would amount to \$69.40 f.o.b. Halifax.

Drummond, McCall & Co. - turned and bored joint - \$72.00 per ton f. o. b. Halifax.

Canadian Iron Foundries Ltd. - turned and bored joint - \$80

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per ton f.o.b. cars Halifax.

R. D. Wood & Co.- turned and bored joint - \$93.25 per ton f.o.b. Halifax.

Tenders were received and asked for 10,000 feet of 6-inch pipe. Owing to conditions which have arisen, due to the disaster of the 6th of December, it is unlikely that we shall require the amount specified, and it is estimated that we can get along with half this amount. We have very little pipe of this size on hand, and as this is used very largely it is necessary that we should not be short of it. The price is \$ higher than last year, but as far as can be foreseen will likely be still higher in the future. Owing to the high price, no more pipe should be bought than is absolutely necessary, but at the same time, owing to the uncertainties of delivery, it is not advisable to deplete our stock entirely.

The tender of the United States Cast Iron Pipe Co. is the lowest, but they offer bell and spigot pipe, and not our standard turned and bored. For the past thirty years we have been laying the latter, and with every satisfaction, the difference in price being practically made up by the cheaper cost of laying and jointing the main.

I would recommend that the tender of Drummond McCall & Company be accepted for five thousand feet of six-inch pipe, which is equivalent to about 81 tons.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

NORTH WEST ARM INTERCEPTING SEWER - 2nd SECTION.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's office,
February 2nd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Certificate #5.

I beg to recommend payment to the Cook Construction Company & Wheaton Bros. of the sum of twenty-one thousand, eight hundred and twenty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$21,829.50) on account on their contract for building the section of the North West Arm sewer from Oakland Road to Point Pleasant Park -

Estimated cost of work done	\$67,019.75
Less 10% retained	<u>6,701.97</u>
	60,317.78
Paid on certificates 1 to 4	<u>38,488.28</u>
Balance recommended	\$21,829.50

Respectfully submitted,
H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

TAXATION OF LABOR.

Read letter Mayor of St. John, N. B., as follows:-

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Mayor's Office, St. John, N. B.,
2nd February, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

Would you kindly let me know by return mail, if possible, whether you place any tax upon Government officials and employees of railroads, who go into Halifax for five months or thereabouts during the winter shipping season, but whose homes are in Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa or elsewhere.

We have been trying to collect taxes against such persons here in Saint John but our endeavors to do so make more or less friction, and before taking any drastic action in regard to these persons, I desire to find out just what, if anything, is being done in Halifax, which I take it, is situated similar to ourselves as far as the winter shipping business is concerned.

Your kind attention will be much appreciated.

Robert T. Hayes,
Mayor.

The subject matter of Mayor Hayes' letter, and the general matter of Poll Taxes are discussed by the Board with Mr. Theakston, the City Collector.

The City Clerk is instructed to inform Mayor Hayes that our Poll Tax law requires a year's residence before it becomes applicable, and that therefore Halifax obtains no revenue from the classes of persons referred to in his letter.

LIBRARY ACCOUNTS.

The following accounts are passed for payment:-

Chronicle Publishing Co.	Subscription	\$6.00
do		1.83
Heaton's Agency	"	1.50
H. W. Wilson Co.	"	8.00
		<u>\$20.38</u>

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. Fred Monaghan
CITY CLERK.

Mayor Hayes

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 10.30 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

City Home Improvement.
City Home Estimates.
County Estimates.
Water Supply Willow Park.
Plumbing Inspector's Salary.
Estimates Citizens' Free Library.
Liquor Inspector Tracey's Salary.
Salary Assistant City Clerk.
Estimates point Pleasant Park.
Rubbish in Cellar, 103 Granville Street.
Estimates for care of Juveniles, Delinquents, etc.
Estimates Miscellaneous Expenditure.
Hillis' Foundry Site.
Cogswell Street - Dangerous Fence.
Barrington Street - Obstruction by a Hoarding.
City Home Monthly Report.
City Home Accounts.
Provincial Exhibition Deficit.

CITY HOME IMPROVEMENT.

Read report Controller Hines and Secretary O'Bryah, re improvements City Home, as follows:-

Halifax, February 2nd, 1918.

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

In compliance with your request we beg to submit the following report re City Home matters under consideration.

Would recommend that William O'Connell, attendant 2 M Insane Ward, be granted superannuation, and that an experienced male nurse be procured at a salary of \$720.00 per annum. Also that Michael Campbell, nurse in the Male Infirmary Ward, be retired on a pension, and that a trained nurse be appointed to fill this position at a salary of \$720.00 per year. That a female nurse be appointed as a relief nurse or attendant at a salary of \$300 per year.

As the sleeping quarters for the female nurses have been found inadequate, and have been condemned by the City Medical Officer as unsanitary and in too close proximity to the wards, it will therefore be necessary to make a change. We have looked over the top floor of the building and found it unsuitable for the purpose and would recommend that the Superintendent reside outside the building; that

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the Assistant Superintendent remove to the quarters at present occupied by the Superintendent - leaving the Assistant Superintendent's quarters available for sleeping rooms, dining rooms, and kitchen for the nurses.

The facilities for washing the clothing, bedding, etc. are inadequate, the inmates being incapable of doing the work satisfactorily. It will necessitate giving the work out to tender at a cost of about \$5000.00 per year (the number of pieces to be washed each week being about 2000) or, would recommend that a washing plant be installed, consisting of one washing machine 40 X 50 inch, 1 curb extractor, 26 inch, 1 steam mangle, 90 inch. This fixture installed with motor and all necessary equipment, the estimated cost of which would be about \$3,650.00. In order to have an up to date, sanitary plant, would consist of a steam disinfecting chamber with formaldehyde attachment, would cost an extra amount of \$1,895.00, and would recommend that legislation be sought for the above amount. We believe that a man to operate this plant could be secured for \$600 per year.

As it is the intention to utilize the top floor of centre building of the institution, would recommend that a suitable fire escape be erected at an estimated cost of \$500.00. This is compulsory under existing law.

We believe if the foregoing resolutions are carried into effect it will be of immense advantage to the staff and inmates.

John J. Hines, Controller.
James O'Bryan, Asst. Supt.

It is decided to recommend to Council that Attendant William O'Connell, No. 2 Male Insane Ward, and Attendant Michael Campbell, No. 4 Male Infirmary Ward, be superannuated at \$400.00 a year each, and that legislation be secured to provide for the difference between the amount available from the Officials' Superannuation Fund and the said sum of \$400 in each case.

It is also decided to seek legislation to authorize the expenditure of \$500 for the installation of a fire escape on the building.

CITY HOME ESTIMATES.

In consequence of the superannuation of William O'Connell and Michael Campbell, the salary for nurse #2 Male Ward is increased to \$720.00, and for nurse #4 Male Ward to \$720.00.

The sum of \$300.00 is added to the estimate to provide for a female relief nurse.

The sum of \$300.00 is added to cost of maintenance of

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of patients at the Nova Scotia Hospital.

As amended at meeting February 1st and at today's meeting as above, the City Home estimates are finally adopted - see minutes January 2nd, 1918.

COUNTY ESTIMATES.

Warden C. E. Smith and County Clerk Parker Archibald appeared before the Board and submitted the County estimates.

An item of \$350.00 for 1917 deficit in Court accounts is deleted and the total Court House expenditure passed at \$4150.00.

The estimates are approved as follows:-

Service.	1918-19.	Increase.	Decrease.	1917-18.
Commissioners of Court House	4150.00	650.00		3500.00
Court House Interest on Loan 1899	280.00			280.00
do 1903	800.00			800.00
do 1908	750.00			750.00
Sinking Funds 1899	70.00		21.00	91.00
do 1903	759.00			759.00
do 1908	435.00			435.00
County Jail current expenses	4200.00	100.00		4100.00
Grand and Petit Juries	1100.00		100.00	1200.00
Sheriff's Accounts	1825.00	25.00		1800.00
Clerk of Crown	700.00		75.00	775.00
Printing and stationery	1525.00	75.00		1450.00
Criminal Prosecutions	6400.00		500.00	6900.00
Criers Supreme & County Courts	1750.00			1750.00
	<u>\$24744.00</u>	<u>\$850.00</u>	<u>\$696.00</u>	<u>\$24590.00</u>
City of Halifax 422/520 of \$24744.00 =	20080.70			19955.73
City of Halifax Co. Treasurer's salary	400.00			400.00
	<u>\$20480.70</u>			<u>\$20355.73</u>
	20355.73			
	<u>\$124.79</u>			
Town of Dartmouth Prop. 422/520 of \$24744.00			\$1665.46	
do Co. Treasurer's salary			30.00	
			<u>\$1695.46</u>	
Municipality of Halifax prop. 63/520 of \$24744.00			\$2997.83	

County Court House.

(Included in Schedule Above).

Service.	1918-19.	Increase.	Decrease.	1917-18.
Electrid Light	225.00	25.00		200.00
Insurance	300.00	38.00		262.00
Window cleaning	40.00	12.00		28.00
Water rates	175.00			175.00
Annual Cleaning	115.00	65.00		50.00

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Coal	1350.00	350.00	1000.00
Laundry service	51.00		51.00
Janitor	650.00		650.00
Secretary	100.00		100.00
Plumbing	300.00	146.00	154.00
Carpenter work	200.00	100.00	100.00
Furniture etc. Judges & Courts	200.00		250.00
Slating roofs, oiling floors & repairing chimneys	200.00	50.00	150.00
Sundry bills	300.00		300.00
	<u>\$4206.00</u>	<u>\$786.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
Less.....	56.00	56.00	
	<u>\$4150.00</u>	<u>\$730.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<i>Increase</i>	<u>350.00</u>	<u>80.00</u>	<u>170.00</u>
<u>WATER SUPPLY WILLOW PARK.</u>	<u>\$650.00</u>	<u>\$650.00</u>	<u>\$3500.00</u>

E. A. Saunders and C. V. Monaghan appeared before the Board complaining that there is no supply of water in their houses, Willow Park - not a drop last night or today, not even in the basements. Mr. Saunders said that at his house they had to melt snow to get water to wash the dishes this morning. Mr. Saunders suggested that the valve at the corner of Almon and Windsor Streets be regulated to prevent the Willow Park supply from running down the hill. They complained that the conditions today are the same as they have been complaining of for years.

The Acting City Engineer stated that he is not surprised at the shortage of supply at Willow Park. Last night was the coldest of the year, and for a week or ten days past the weather has been continuously very frosty, consequently the people on the lower parts of the high service let the water run to prevent the pipes from freezing, thus diminishing the supply to the higher levels. The remedy, as already frequently recommended by Mr. Doane and himself, is first to meter the low service, and then instal a pumping plant to pump from the low service to the reservoir.

The Acting City Engineer states he can give water to Willow Park for parts of the day by reducing the pressure in other portions of the City, and the Board authorizes him

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to do so temporarily.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR'S SALARY.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that plumbing Inspector Morrissey's salary be increased from \$1300.00 to \$1500.00. Motion passed, the City Health Board to be notified accordingly.

City Health Board

ESTIMATES CITIZENS' FREE LIBRARY.

Controller Taylor submits the estimates for the Citizens' Free Library, as follows:-

	1918-19.	Increase.	Decrease,	1917-18
Librarian	\$700.00	\$50.00		\$650.00
1st Asst.	600.00	50.00		550.00
2nd Asst.	550.00	50.00		500.00
Bookbinder	700.00	50.00		650.00
" Asst.	500.00	50.00		450.00
Maintenance	450.00		50.00	500.00
	<u>\$3500.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$3300.00</u>
	3300.00			
Increase.....	\$200.00			

Approved.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR TRACEY'S SALARY.

Read application E. S. Tracey, Liquor Inspector, for an increase in salary from \$1200.00 to \$1500.00.

Moved by Controller Finlay that this item be increased from \$1200.00 to \$1500.00. Not seconded.

Moved by Controller Taylor that the office as a separate department be abolished and that the Chief of Police be appointed Liquor Inspector. Not seconded.

Moved by Controller Finlay that the salary be increased from \$1200.00 to \$1400.00. Not seconded.

His Worship the Mayor suggested that the Board give the Inspector \$150.00 increase if they intend to have an Inspector. Seconded by Controller Finlay and passed.

SALARY ASSISTANT CITY CLERK.

Moved by Controller Taylor, seconded by Controller Hines that the salary of the Assistant City Clerk be made \$1700.00. Motion passed.

ESTIMATES POINT PLEASANT PARK.

	1918-19.	1917-18.
Maintenance	\$2500.00	\$2500.00

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Passed.

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION DEFICIT.

	1918-19.	Increase.	Decrease.	1917-18.
Deficit	\$1991.22		\$37.71	\$1953.51

RUBBISH IN CELLAR 103 GRANVILLE STREET.

On motion of Controller Hines the Secretary is instructed to notify the owners of premises 103 Granville Street, at present being used for the distribution of glass, etc., to remove daily the accumulations of straw and rubbish to comply with the fire prevention regulations.

ESTIMATES FOR CARE OF JUVENILES, DELINQUENTS, ETC.

At meeting February 4th, the following items were deferred for further consideration.-

Industrial School for Boys	\$1200.00
St. Patrick's Home " "	1200.00
Truants	4700.00
Children's Protection Act	3070.00
Infants' Home, Tower Road	500.00
" " Brunswick St.	500.00
Protestant Home for Females	400.00
R. C. " " "	400.00
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	\$11970.00

In respect to the activities for which the above amounts are intended to cover, Controllers Finlay and Murphy, on behalf of the Committee appointed for the purpose, verbally reported, recommending a readjustment of the Estimates to establish the funds on such a basis that an increase in the number of individuals taken care of in one institution would not leave a deficit in the appropriation for that institution, while at the same time a surplus might exist in the appropriation for another institution, the number of whose inmates may happen during the financial year to be less than estimated for. They proposed that the funds be pooled in such a way that each class of service would be provided for independent of the particular institution taking care of the cases of that special class, saving and providing that none of the Institutions now by statute receiving a fixed annual grant

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would under the new system be deprived of such fixed grant. The institutions protected under this saving clause are the two Infants' Homes and the two Homes for Females.

After consultation with the Superintendent of Neglected and Dependent Children, the committee recommended the following redistribution of the appropriations for the services mentioned:-

	<u>1918-19. Increase. Decrease, 1917-18.</u>	
Truants	\$4700.00	
Reformatory Institutions	3750.00	
Children's Protection Act	2000.00	
Females committed	1000.00	
Feeble minded children	1500.00	
	<u>\$12950.00</u>	<u>\$8900.00</u>

Auditor ✓

The recommendations are unanimously concurred in.

ESTIMATES MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE.

	<u>1918-19. Increase. Decrease. 1917-18.</u>		
Printing and stationery	\$3500.00		\$3500.00
Policewoman		600.00	600.00
Contingent	2500.00		2500.00
	<u>\$6000.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$6600.00</u>

Approved.

HILLIS' FOUNDRY SITE.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

Halifax, February 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The Committee named by Board, consisting of Controller Hines, City Engineer and myself, accompanied by Mr. James Hillis, yesterday went over a number of prospective sites for the erection of the new foundry for Hillis & Sons. There are several sites, any one of which would meet the requirements.

Hillis & Sons ✓

Action on this question can be deferred for the present, in order to allow Mr. Hillis an opportunity of communicating with the owners of the sites in question, pending which, no further action is necessary on the City's part.

We are simply submitting this, so that the Board will know the matter has had the necessary attention,

John Murphy,
Controller.

Filed.

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COGSWELL STREET DANGEROUS FENCE.

The City Engineer is instructed to call to the attention of the Military Authorities a dangerous fence on Cogswell Street.

Engineer ✓

BARRINGTON STREET OBSTRUCTION BY A HOARDING.

The City Engineer is instructed to have removed at once a hoarding on the east side of Barrington Street between Duke and Buckingham Streets, erected by contractors for the erection of a building not now being proceeded with.

Engineer ✓

CITY HOME MONTHLY REPORT.

Read report City Home for the month of January.

Approved and forwarded to the City Council.

Council ✓

CITY HOME ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts chargeable to the City Home are passed for payment:-

Wentzell's Ltd.	Flour and groceries	\$1048.96
H.L. Williston	Meats	546.09
Davis & Fraser	Mess pork	107.50
A. Wilson & Son	fresh fish	55.80
F.W. Fraser	Forage	35.22
Smith & proctor	Butter	236.72
W.Y. Kennedy	Drygoods	242.98
The Buckley Coal Co.	Coal	238.31
A. Fordham & Co.	Leather	28.44
Halifax Tram Co.	Light	63.30
Wm. Rogers	Milk	171.00
The Fleischmann Co.	Yeast	4.50
H. McFatriidge	Horseshoeing	2.25
Snow & Co., Ltd.	Coffin fixtures	16.75
Nickerson & Crease	Turnips	38.44
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	2.50
John Starr & Co.	Electrical supplies (3)	18.74
Baldwin & Co.	Crockeryware	9.40
Jas. Simmonds, Ltd.	Hardware	43.43
Brookfield Bros., Ltd.	Drain pipes, etc. (2)	7.70
Piercey Supply Co.	Lumber	67.25
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	3.10
Chronicle Publ. Co.	" (3)	17.55
Halifax Herald	" (2)	7.50
B.J. Mulcahy	Cash expended	224.32
Salaries	Pay sheet January	1019.54
Hillis & Sons	Tank	3.40
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		\$4260.69

Council ✓

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin
MAYOR.

L. D. W. Wagoner
CITY CLERK.

STREET TRAFFIC ORDINANCE,

and recommend to the Board the following amendments to the recently drafted Ordinance

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

February 7th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 11 o'clock; present Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell, Chairman, and Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

- Estimates - Sub-Collectors' Salaries.
- Salary Chief Fire Department.
- Street Traffic Ordinance.
- City Treasurer's Cash Statement.
- Estimates - City Medical's Officer's Salary.
- Building Line #185 Oxford Street - Jas. A. Merritt.
- Infectious Diseases Hospital.
- Estimates City Health Board.
- Water Meter Readers' Salaries.
- Cash Statement Provincial Exhibition.
- Acadian School Property Sale.
- Fire Department Reorganization.
- Tracey Liquor Inquiry.
- Halifax Relief Commission Conference.
- City Prison Report for January.
- Recruiting Station - Cabmen's Shelter, Grand Parade.
- Railway Improvements, Campbell Road.
- Burial of Firemen.
- Cesspit 62 London Street.
- Estimates Probable Income.
- Street Cars Overcrowding.
- Provincial Exhibition Special Privileges.
- City's Coal Account.
- Salaries of Officials.
- Street Line 178-182 Gottingen Street - James Godwin.
- Accounts.

ESTIMATES SUB-COLLECTORS' SALARIES.

The item salaries for the four sub-collectors in the City Collector's Office, is ordered to be corrected in the estimates as follows:-

	1917 Leg.	1918-19.	Increase.	1917-18	isolation
4 sub-collectors @ \$950	\$3800.00	400.00	3000.00	400.00	

SALARY CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

It is decided to recommend to Council that the salary of Chief of the Fire Department Churchill, from the date of his appointment to May 1st, 1918, shall be at the same rate as that paid the late Chief Broderick.

*Director
Council*

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STREET TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

Alderman Gillis and the Acting City Engineer submit and recommend to the Board the following amendments to the recently drafted Ordinance to regulate traffic on streets - see Board of Control Minutes November 29th, 1917 -

sec. 3. To be altered to read-
"A vehicle, except in passing a vehicle, shall keep to the left.

Sec. 5. "No person having charge of a vehicle shall allow the same to come within approximately 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."

Sec. 6. "The driver of every vehicle coming up with or overtaking any tram car or intending to pass on the left side, shall if the tram car is at a standstill or about to come to a standstill or stopping for the purpose of letting down or taking up passengers, bring his vehicle to a standstill in the rear of the tram car until all passengers are let down or taken up."

Sec. 33. "Unless in emergency or to allow another vehicle or pedestrian to cross its way or when stopped for a tram car or other vehicle, no vehicle shall stop on any street except close to the curb".

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

sec. 28. "No horse shall be left unattended in any street unless it is securely fastened by being tied to a post or weight or unless the wheels of the vehicle to which it is harnessed are securely tied, fastened or chained, and the vehicle is of sufficient weight to prevent its being dragged at a dangerous speed when the wheels are so secured. And no vehicle shall be left standing on any of the streets of the City for more than thirty minutes except those so designated from time to time by the Chief of Police where vehicles may be parked, excepting the vehicle of a physician visiting a sick person at the place at which the vehicle is stopping. No person shall be allowed to leave a vehicle standing on the south side of Blowers Street within fifty feet of the intersection of the said Blowers Street with Granville, Barrington, Argyle or Grafton Streets, nor on Morris Street within fifty feet of the intersection of Barrington Street."

The amendments are approved, ordered to be incorporated in the original draft and forwarded to the City Council for adoption.

CITY TREASURER'S CASH STATEMENT.

Read cash statement City Treasurer for the month of January.

Forwarded to City Council for its information.

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ESTIMATES - CITY MEDICAL OFFICER'S SALARY.

Read report City Health Board as follows:-

Office of City Health Board,
February 6th, 1918.

Mayor Martin and Members
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board this day a resolution was passed recommending that the board of Control make the necessary provision in this year's estimates to provide for the appointment of a permanent City Medical Officer holding the degrees of D. Ph. I was instructed to request that the Board of Control carry out this recommendation.

J. A. Watters,
Secretary.

The salary of the City Medical Officer is ordered to be inserted in the Estimates as follows:-

	1918-19.	Increase.	Decrease.	1917-18.
City Medical Officer	\$1200.00)			
If D.P.H. add	1300.00)	\$1300.00		\$1200.00

BUILDING LINE #185 OXFORD STREET - JAS. A. MERRITT.

Read report Acting City Engineer as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
February 7th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir:-

I beg to report on the accompanying minute of the Board of Control that Mr Merritt owns the property #185 Oxford Street. Some time ago, intending to make improvements and alterations to his house, he applied for a permit for the same and was informed as to the building line on this street and was told that no permit could be given for an addition which projected over this building line.

Mr. Merritt moved his house back to the new line and made improvements. His statement is incorrect when he says that the City Engineer told him that he would be reimbursed on the completion of the work, as such a statement was not made by me.

The moving of the house back undoubtedly tends towards hastening the improvement of the street due to having the building line fixed and built to. In my judgment the enhanced value to the property in having a building line fixed on a residential street, more than counterbalances the restrictions placed on the property by such a line.

The amount of \$125 claimed by Mr. Merritt is probably a fair amount for the work he did in moving back his building, but for the reasons above given, I cannot at present see my way clear to recommend that the City pay for this work.

H. W. Johnston.
Acting City Engineer.

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Mr. Merritt appeared before and addressed the Board.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor that this Board recommend to the City Council that the sum of \$125.00 be paid to Mr. Merritt out of the Street Widening Fund. Motion passed.

Council ✓

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.

Read report City Health Board as follows:-

Office of City Health board,
February 6th, 1918.

Mayor Martin and Members
Board of Control.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the City Health Board yesterday I was instructed to inform you that the Board is prepared to go ahead with the immediate construction of a hospital for the treatment of infectious diseases, if the Board of Control will grant permission of use a site on the south side of the City Home property.

J. A. Watters,
Secretary.

It is decided to recommend that the City Council grant the City Health Board temporary permission to use a site on the south side of the City Home property for the purpose named. Controller Murphy dissents.

Council ✓

ESTIMATES CITY HEALTH BOARD.

The estimates for the City Health Board are read and approved as follows:-

	1918-19/	Increase.	Decrease.	1917-18.
Salaries	11,204.00		260.00	
Maintenance midden pits	225.00	225.00		
Current expenditures	1,200.00	1200.00		
Overdraft	3,443.00		6557.00	
	16,072.00	1425.00	6817.00	15,500.00
	15,500.00			
Increase.....	\$572.00			

- Salaries -

John A. Watters, Secretary	1400.00		1400.00
A. C. Pettipas, Asst. "	1000.00		1000.00
A.J.Penny, Inspector	1100.00		1100.00
J.R.Bourke, "	1000.00		1000.00
J.F.Dempster, Supt. I.D.H.	364.00		364.00
Mrs. Flannery, Nurse I.D.H.	600.00		600.00
Mrs. Dempster, Matron I.D.H.	180.00		180.00
Miss Mulcahy, Nurse I.D.H.	600.00		600.00
Ada During, help	240.00		240.00
Elsie West, "	240.00		240.00
Annie Taylor "	180.00	180.00	
Wm. Carvery, "			240.00
			240.00

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W.P. Morrissey, Plumbing Inspector	1500.00	200.00	1300.00
J.E. Burns, Asst " "	600.00	50.00	550.00
W.B. McKillop, Supt. Small Pox Hosp.		300.00	300.00
Examination Milk	500.00	250.00	750.00
Appropriation Members	200.00		200.00
	<u>\$11204.00</u>	<u>\$430.00</u>	<u>\$11464.00</u>

Decrease..... 11204.00
~~260.00~~
 11214.00

WATER METER READERS' SALARIES.

Read applications R. F. Clancy Jr., and J. H. Barnstead,

Water Meter Readers, for increases in pay.

Deferred for consideration with the Water Department Estimates.

CASH STATEMENT PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION.

Read cash statement Annual Provincial Exhibition, 1917, as follows:-

Expenditures.

Mines Department	\$13.50
Insurance	1858.50
Bands	990.00
Transportation	138.24
Horticulture Dept.	146.20
Manufactures "	162.95
Poultry Dept.	243.53
Ticket Dept.	1018.52
Horse Dept.	70.00
Domestic Dept.	55.25
Art Dept.	114.03
Speed Dept.	599.95
Sheep & Swine Dept.	40.00
Agriculture Dept.	35.00
Dairy Dept.	70.82
Educational Dept.	22.50
Cattle Dept.	44.45
Interest	397.61
Caretaker	547.50
Night Watchman	368.50
Postage	203.72
Misc. Expenses	1071.43
Maintenance	5717.40
Judges	386.85
Commissioners' Expenses	454.60
Lighting	1607.28
Police	508.00
Advertising	3571.33
Meals	435.50
Lodging Bureau	29.25
Decorating	150.75
Prizes, Ordinary	11273.25
Prizes, speed	7320.00
Office	2400.00
	<u>\$42067.01</u>

Receipts.

Entry Fees, Ordinary	750.15
" " Speed	4212.00
Privileges	4718.14

b/c ✓

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Receipts - Continued.

Dominion Government	4111.65
Rentals	500.00
Admissions	23070.00
British Remount Commission	798.00

\$38159.99

Expenditure over Receipts	\$3907.02
City's share	1953.51

1918-19. 1917-18.

City's share expenditure over receipts	\$1953.51	\$1991.22
		<u>1953.51</u>

Decrease..... \$37.71

Ordered to be incorporated in the estimates and the City's share of the deficit, viz.- \$1953.51, included therein.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY SALE.

Read offer for purchase of the Acadian School property, Barrington and Argyle Streets, as follows:-

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 6th, 1918.

W. Stetson Rogers, Esq.,
Real Estate Broker,
C i t y.

Dear Sir:-

I am instructed by Messrs. Nickerson & Crease to offer the sum of \$28,000.00 for the property owned by the City of Halifax fronting on Barrington and Argyle Streets, the Barrington Street property being occupied at present by C. W. Outhit and the Argyle Street property known as the Acadian School, subject to an undertaking on the part of the City to repay to my clients any compensation which City may receive for damages caused to the property by the recent explosion.

Will you kindly let me have a reply as soon as possible?

T. F. Tobin.

P.S.- This offer is open for acceptance up to and including Saturday, the 9th inst.

Moved by Controller Taylor, seconded by Controller Hines that this Board recommend to the City Council the immediate acceptance of the offer. Motion passed unanimously.

ESTIMATES - V. G. HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

It is decided to add to the estimates the following

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item for the care and maintenance in the Victoria General Hospital of patients chargeable to the City of Halifax under the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Acts of 1917 -
1918-19. Increase. Decrease. 1917-18.

Victoria General Hospital
\$6,000.00 \$6,000.00

Controller Finlay dissented on the ground that he considered the amount required would be \$7,000.00.

PUBLIC HIGHWAYS ACT.

Moved by Controller Finlay that the sum of \$39000.00 be included in the estimates to cover expenditure involved in the provisions of Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1917, "The Public Highways Act", and that the City Assessor, in sending out the tax bills, designate the item on the face of the bills as a special tax, showing the cost to each taxpayer.

Moved in amendment by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that no amount to take care of this item be placed in the estimates this year, because of the exceptional conditions under which the City of Halifax is laboring at present, and that the City apply to the Legislature for legislation to finance the expenditure in some special way.

Amendment put and passed, Controller Finlay dissenting.

SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS MISS ANNA HALL.

Read report City Treasurer re superannuation assessments Miss Anna Hall, City Clerk's stenographer, as follows:-

Office of City Treasurer,
February 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report that in accordance with Sec. 11, Chap. 74 Acts 1914, Miss Hall will be entitled to receive on March 1st, 1918, from the Officials' Superannuation Fund, the sum of \$43.50, that being one-half the total amount which she has contributed without interest.

James J. Hopwell
City Treasurer.

*Cont. Murphy ✓
Solicitor ✓*

*Control ✓
Miss Anna Hall ✓*

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Approved and recommended to the Council for concurrence.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION.

Read letter Board of Trade, as follows:-

Board of Trade, Halifax, N. S.,
February 6th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor
and Members Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Council of this Board held yesterday afternoon, the resolution of the Council of 1917 approving of an entirely paid Fire Department for the City of Halifax, was endorsed and approved of.

I have been desired by the President and members to bring this matter to your attention.

E.A. Saunders,
Secretary.

Referred to the City Council for its information with the Fire Department estimates.

TRACEY LIQUOR INQUIRY.

Read letter Social Service Council, as follows:-

The Social Service Council of Nova Scotia,
Halifax, February 5th, 1918.

To the Honorable Members of the
Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

In reference to our request for an investigation before a County Judge of the charges made publicly in the press of this City of misdemeanor on the part of certain City Officials, which charges seem to have been substantiated by an investigation begun before the Mayor, and to your reply to our communication dated January 24th ult., I am instructed to write again to the Board of Control and say:-

That the Social Service Council respectfully submits that in respect to the matter in question it is not, at present, our purpose to formulate charges, and demand an investigation.

The serious charge has already been made, both in the public press of the City and in the sworn testimony of one of the witnesses who gave evidence at the Police investigation recently held, that on the evening of December 6th last and on the days immediately following, which was a time of unusual excitement, distress and suffering in this City, calling for exceptional vigilance and watchful care on the part of the City Authorities, a member of the Board of Control and other City Officials were so intoxicated as to be incapable of efficiently discharging their duties.

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This Social Service Council submits that it is the duty and privilege of the Board of Control and the City Council to call for an investigation of these serious charges, under Section 135 of the City Charter, not only for the sake of those whose character and conduct has been impugned, but also for the sake of the good name of our fair City.

On behalf of the Social Service Council,

F. E. Barrett,
Secretary.

His Worship the Mayor stated that he had intended continuing the investigation into this matter before now, but had been unable to, owing to the illness of the City Solicitor.

The Secretary is instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter and to inform the Social Service Council that His Worship the Mayor purposes to resume the inquiry as soon as possible.

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION CONFERENCE.

Halifax, February 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

The Halifax Relief Commission desire to have a conference with the Civic Advisory Committee at some time that is convenient to you and are prepared to meet with them at any hour which you may appoint, to discuss generally the relationship of the City to the Halifax Relief Commission and its work.

Ralph P. Bell,
Secretary Relief Commission.

It is decided to advise the Commission that the Advisory Committee will be pleased to meet them at their office in the Keith Building at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

CITY PRISON REPORT FOR JANUARY.

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

RECRUITING STATION - CABMEN'S SHELTER - GRAND PARADE.

Read letter Military Authorities as follows:-

Halifax, February 3rd, 1918.

The City Clerk,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Sir:- Replying to your communication of the 18th inst.

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embodying an extract from the minutes of the Board of Control with reference to the use of the frame building at the Parade, formerly used as a Recruiting Office, as a shelter for cabmen, I am to inform you that there is no objection to the use of this hut for the purpose mentioned during the winter months.

W. E. Thompson, Colonel,
A.A.G. Military Dist. No. 6.

Filed.

RAILWAY IMPROVEMENTS CAMPBELL ROAD.

Read letter Hon. Minister of Railways, as follows:-

Office of the Minister of Railways and
Canals,
Ottawa, January 29th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

Yours of the 17th inst. duly received.

I am sorry I am not in a position to give you the information you ask with reference to the policy of the Government in so far as the sidings along the Campbell Road are concerned. We have expropriated the property along the east side of the Campbell Road and I have my officials looking into the matter with a view to deciding what policy shall be followed. I shall of course have to submit same to Council before I can take any action. I am afraid it will be some little time before I can get this matter straightened out, but until the necessary information is received I cannot come to a decision. As soon as the information comes to hand I will write you.

J. D. Reid.

Ordered to be acknowledged and copies forwarded to Messrs. Hillis & Sons, Ltd., and to the Board of Trade.

BURIAL OF FIREMEN.

It is decided to recommend to Council payment of accounts for the burial of firemen killed while on duty in the explosion of December 7th, 1917, as follows:-

Edward P. Condon, Chief Fire Department.
William P. Brunt, Asst. Chief Fire Department.
William T. Broderick, Captain No. 1 Engine.
Frank Leahy, Relief Driver.
Michael Maltus, Hoseman on Motor Engine "Patricia".
Frank Kileen, Hoseman on Motor Engine "Patricia".
Walter Hennessey, Hoseman on No. 5 Engine.

Mount Olivet Cemetery, interments	\$30.00
Holy Cross Cemetery, "	18.00
Nova Scotia Undertaking Co., caskets and funerals	190.00
Snow & Co., caskets and funerals	275.00
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	\$513.00

Handwritten notes:
Hon J D Reid ✓
Board ✓
Hillis & Sons Ltd ✓

Handwritten note:
Council ✓

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CESSPIT #62 LONDON STREET.

Controller Hines reported that George O. Ellard, 62 London Street, claimed that his cesspit was broken by the explosion, and is in an unsanitary condition.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer.

ESTIMATES PROBABLE INCOME.

The estimates of Probable Income are submitted and passed as follows:-

	1918-19	Increase.	Decrease	1917-18
Hack and other licenses	6000.00			6000.00
Court fines and fees	6500.00	8500.00		15000.00
Rents City Property	2000.00			2000.00
Dog Tax	2000.00	300.00		2300.00
N. S. Tramways & Power Co.	22000.00	2000.00		20000.00
	<u>\$38500.00</u>	<u>2000.00</u>	<u>\$8800.00</u>	<u>45300.00</u>
				38500.00
Decrease.....				<u>\$6800.00</u>

STREET CARS OVERCROWDING.

Controller Hines said he must again bring to the attention of the Board a matter which he had so often talked about, i.e., the overcrowding of street cars. He protested against the condition existing, and thought more cars should be kept on service at certain hours of the day. The women conductors are unable to manage the cars and the crowds on the Belt Line, and should not be employed there on the grounds of public safety.

H.P. Walliser ✓
Chairman

PROVINCIAL EXHIBITIONS SPECIAL PRIVILEGES.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the Secretary is instructed to ask the Provincial Exhibition Commission for a detailed statement of the receipts from special privileges at the 1917 fair.

Miss Hall ✓

CITY'S COAL ACCOUNT.

On motion of Controller Murphy, His Worship the Mayor, the City Engineer and Clerk of Works are requested to immediately lay before the Board a full statement respecting the City's transactions during the present civic year in respect to coal.

H.W. Mayor ✓
Engineer ✓
Clerk of Works ✓

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SALARIES OF OFFICIALS.

At request of Alderman Godwin, the City Auditor is instructed to prepare and submit to the Board a list showing the total amounts of civic salaries received by City Officials from all sources.

Auditor ✓

STREET LINE 178-182 GOTTINGEN STREET - JAS. GODWIN.

Alderman Godwin requested that the matter in dispute as to the street line at #178-182 Gottingen Street, James Godwin, owner, be taken up and disposed of. He requested that the City Solicitor discuss the matter with Mr. Godwin's solicitor, Mr. J. B. Kenny, and report to the Board at once.

Solicitor ✓

The City Solicitor is instructed accordingly.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:-

City Health Board \$284.44; Public Gardens \$101.78; Police Department \$2118.50; City Prison \$106.10; Victoria General Hospital \$232.00; Fire Department \$2558.63; General Accounts \$1002.85;

City Health Board.

N.S. Tram co.	Service	33.87
S. Cunard & Co.	Coal	49.35
Wm. Robertson	Machine oil	.75
Dept. Public Health	Anti toxin	38.00
Halifax Herald	Advertising	24.61
Robt. McLeod	Supplies Hospital	33.26
Wet Wash	Washing	17.25
G.M. Smith & Co.	Drygoods	1.60
Home of Good Shepherd	Washing	5.75
A.E. Carnel	Repairing ambulance	2.00
Gordon & Keith	Mattresses	41.40
Morton & Thompson	Batteries, etc.	7.90
Maritime Tel. Co.	service	16.38
John Starr	Batteries	.95
J.A. Kaiser	Supplies Hospital	11.37
		<u>\$284.44</u>

Public Gardens.

N.S. Tramways	Light	5.48
H.D. McKenzie Co.	Coal	72.00
S.C. Thompson	Fodder	24.30
		<u>\$101.78</u>

Police Department.

Maritime Tel. Co.	Service	37.18
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	18.60
Maxwell's Ltd.	Uniform coats	1908.64

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W.S.Munnis	Uniform coat	77.00
Howard McFatrige	Vet. services	3.00
Robinson's Ltd.	Hire horse & sleigh	4.00
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	24.08
Geo. M. Campbell, M.D.	Attending Sgt. Palmer	45.00
		<u>\$218.50</u>

City Prison.

Frank Fraser	Feed	55.84
Neil Fox	Harness supplies	12.25
St. Michael's Laundry	Laundry work	20.75
Maritime Tel. Co.	Rental	5.50
Imperial Oil Co.	Light oil	5.45
A.S.Melvin	Hay knife	1.50
W.S.Munnis	Uniform overcoat	2.50
J.J. Scriven & Sons	Bread	2.31
		<u>\$106.10</u>

Victoria General Hospital.

Maintenance patients	January, 1918	\$232.00.
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Fire Department.

Hillis & Sons	Ash containers	68.25
C.H. Jordan	Horseshoeing	15.05
Robt. Horner	do	10.35
H. McFatrige	do	10.25
N.S. Tram Co.	Light and power	65.59
Ungar's Laundry	Work	11.86
O.C. Marriott	Horseshoeing	12.95
John Davidson & Son	Lumber	5.76
Frank W. Fraser	Forage	464.05
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	11.85
J.L. Wilson & Co.	Metal polish	36.00
Kline & Mullins	Cap	2.50
Imperial Oil Co.	Gasoline	84.66
Soulis Typewriter Co.	Ribbon	1.00
G.C. Bateman	Repairs	13.95
John Starr, Son & Co.	Batteries	464.11
Plews & Larin	Repair Voltmeter	6.76
W.H. Donovan	Distilled water	1.60
Ross Print	Letter head, etc.	6.00
Goodyear Tire Co.	Fire hose	600.00
National Fire Protection Assn.	Annual Dues	6.00
Burns & Kelliher	Plumbing	32.75
C. Shipley & Co.	Uniform suit	30.00
J. Wonnacott	Key	.25
Northern Electric Co.	Supplies	67.18
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	16.72
Burial of firemen		513.00
		<u>\$2558.63</u>

General Accounts.

Dr. Finn	Certificates	
	Louis Pares, R.L. Godwell,	
	Eliz. Saunders, Clementine	
	Ahs, Patk.D. Todd, Geo.F.	
	Harris - \$4 each	24.00
E.M. Veith	Services for January	10.00
Royal Bank	Safety Deposit Box	20.00
City Treasurer	Telegrams	3.18
M.S. Brown & Co.	Eng. Badges	1.80
Office Specialty Co.	Transfer Case	.40
London Rubber Stamp Co.	Rubber stamps,	
	City Clerk.....85	
	City Collector 8.50	9.35

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Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	71.52
do	subscription	
	City Clerk....\$6	
	"Collector.. 6	12.00
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	4.65
Halifax Herald	do	6.27
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery, etc.	
	City Assessor.....	4.20
	City Collector....	18.25
	City Clerk.....	80.40
	City Treasurer....	7.90
		<u>110.75</u>
Halifax Industrial School	Maintenance of boys	
	Truants.....	438.71
	Juvenile offenders	
		<u>310.22</u>
		748.93

FERRY LANDING PRIVILEGES, WORKING PAID. \$1022.85
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The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin
MAYOR.

L. Fred Wagoner

CITY CLERK.

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

The following listed accounts chargeable to Works Department are passed for payment:

Works Department:

Street Lighting (December)	\$ 2531.15
Water Maintenance	287.41
Water Construction	1.08
Sewerage	1467.77
Streets	24.07
Tenure and stables	514.27
Loan Assessment Improvement	100.50
Fuel	606.53
Permanent sidewalks	1.00
Telephone	23.00
Electric Wiring Inspection	13.00
	<u>7535.73</u>

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. Fred Wagoner

CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

February 7th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Ferry Landing Privileges, Fleming Park.
Works Department Accounts.

FERRY LANDING PRIVILEGES, FLEMING PARK.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay that the Board recommend to Council that William Robinson, Boatman, North West Arm, be granted privileges at Fleming Park on terms similar to those enjoyed by him on the Halifax side of the Arm, subject to terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Engineer, and under an agreement to be drawn by the City Engineer., Motion passed.

*Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓
Wm Robinson ✓
Council ✓*

WORKS DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts chargeable to Works Department are passed for payment:-

Works Department.

Street Lighting (December)	\$ 2891.15
Water Maintenance	694.82
Water Construction	1.88
Sewerage	1467.73
Streets	14.09
Teams and stables	514.17
Loan Assessment Improvement	100.50
Fuel	606.31
Permanent sidewalks	1.05
Telephones	39.89
Electric Wiring Inspection	19.94
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	\$5351.53

Council ✓

The Board adjourned.

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

L. B. Mowbray
CITY CLERK

FEBRUARY 12th, 1918.
MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

February 12th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Emergency Repairs Fire Stations.
Fire Insurance Public Gardens Greenhouses.
Mentally Defective Children.
Electric Lighting Contract - Halifax Power Co.
Smallpox Hospital Temporary Repairs.
Market Building Repairs.
Water Service 122 Barrington Street - LeB. J. Fader.
Chain Lakes Housing for Soldiers.
Explosion - City's Loss of Taxes.
Explosion - City's Loss by Damage to Buildings.
Snow and Ice Removal.
Roy Building Cellar Skylights - Iron Coal-hole Covers.
Victoria General Hospital Patients.
City Engineer Doane's Recall to Civic Duty.
W. E. Messervey Salary.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS FIRE STATIONS.

Controller Hines informed the Board that considerable emergency repairs had been effected to the fire stations damaged by the explosion, that the Fire Department appropriation could not meet the expenditure, and that the people who did the work required to be paid.

The Controller is requested to collect and submit the accounts properly certified.

FIRE INSURANCE PUBLIC GARDENS GREENHOUSES.

Read account Acadia Fire Insurance Company for renewal of policy of \$2000.00 for fire insurance on Public Gardens greenhouses.

R. L. Power, Superintendent, being present, is requested to obtain quotations for insuring the property for double the amount now carried, namely, \$4000.00.

MENTALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.

Read letter E. H. Blois, as follows:-

February 12th, 1918.

Halifax, February 8th, 1918.

Controller John J. Hines,
City Hall.

Dear Controller Hines:-

I am in receipt of an extract from the minutes of the Board of Control stating that you are requested to have a conference with me and the ladies of the Women's Council, and to offer us "temporary accomodation in the City Home for mentally defective children if they will provide the funds for proper attendants and make all other necessary and suitable arrangements."

You seem to have added something to this since our conference. We agreed to pay the attendants salary. We did not and will not agree to make any other arrangements whatsoever.

If the Board of Control will not carry out this agreement and carry it out as soon as possible, please let me know in order that I may know definitely where I stand in regard to this matter.

Ernest H. Blois,
Supt. Neglected and Delinquent
Children.

The Secretary is instructed to notify Mr. Blois that the City Home is providing for the necessary temporary accomodation for mentally defective children.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING CONTRACT - HALIFAX POWER CO.

Read letter Samuel M. Brookfield, President Halifax Power Co., re contract for supplying the City with electric current, as follows:-

Halifax, February 9th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I have your letter of the 8th re furnishing electricity to the City of Halifax. I may say our directors are meeting here on the 14th of this month, I will then be able to give you a reply.

Samuel M. Brookfield.

Filed.

SMALLPOX HOSPITAL TEMPORARY REPAIRS.

Read letter Relief Commission re temporary repairs to Smallpox Hospital, as follows:-

Halifax, February 11th, 1918.

City Clerk,
City Hall, Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

We acknowledge with thanks yours of the 6th

*EX Blois ✓
Jos a Ryan ✓
City Treasurer ✓*

February 12th, 1918.

containing extract from the Minutes of the Board of Control February 1st.

The Commission has conferred with Dr. N. E. McKay, Chairman of the City Board of Health and our understanding is that our Reconstruction Department will proceed with the work necessary to put this Hospital in shape and charge up the total amount to the City as a loan bearing interest at 5%.

Ralph P. Bell,
Secty. Relief Commission.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the Secretary inform the Commission that the City is pleased to accept an advance of an amount sufficient to cover cost of repairs to the building, but that the Board of Control prefers that the work be carried out through tender and contract to be let by the City or otherwise, as to the City seems best, rather than that the work be done by the Commission.

The City Engineer is instructed to prepare specifications for repairs to the Smallpox Hospital, and to call for tenders for the work and submit the same to the Board.

The Secretary is instructed to notify the City Health Board as to the action taken by the Board, and to request their concurrence.

MARKET BUILDING REPAIRS.

The City Engineer is requested to submit a report in writing in respect to repairs to the Market Building.

WATER SERVICE 122 BARRINGTON STREET - LeB. J. FADER.

Read complaint LeB. J. Fader, 122 Barrington Street, of water pipe freezing in the street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CHAIN LAKES HOUSING FOR SOLDIERS.

Read extract minutes of City Council, February 7th, recommending that this Board reconsider its decision to permit military families to be housed in the temporary quarters constructed after the outbreak of the war near Chain Lakes Dam.

Treasurer ✓
Engineer ✓
City Health Board ✓
R. P. Bell ✓
Secty. Relief Com. ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

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The Secretary is instructed to request Lieut. Col. R. B. Simmonds to appear before the Board to discuss the matter.

*Letter Lt. Col. R. B. Simmonds ✓
Engineer*

EXPLOSION - CITY'S LOSS OF TAXES.

Controllor Finlay is requested to submit a report in writing, showing in as much detail as possible the loss to the City in taxes uncollectable as a result of destruction of property by the explosion, giving the schedules of losses by Wards, so that the City may put in its claim to the Relief Commission.

*Cont. Finlay ✓
City Engineer*

EXPLOSION - CITY'S LOSS BY DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS.

The City Engineer is requested to submit a report on the estimated damage by the explosion to all property belonging to the City.

Engineer ✓

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL.

Controllor Taylor is requested to instruct the Chief of Police to see that the police notify the citizens to clear the sidewalks and gutters in front of their properties from snow and ice, and to keep them so;

*Cont. Taylor ✓
Chief of Police ✓*

The City Engineer is instructed to maintain squads of men keeping catchpits clear of snow and ice and debris.

ROY BUILDING CELLAR SKYLIGHTS - IRON COAL HOSE COVERS.

Controllor Murphy called attention to the dangerous condition of the sidewalk on Barrington Street in front of the Roy Building, because of a thin coating of snow on top of cellar skylights, making a slippery walk; the same thing being applicable to smoothe iron coal hose covers in sidewalks in various parts of the centre of the City.

*Engineer ✓
Chief of Police ✓*

The City Engineer replied that if citizens complied with the Ordinance, there would be no snow and ice on the sidewalks to cause treacherous walking.

The Chief of Police is instructed to notify the Barrington Street Merchants to at once remove the snow and ice, or suffer prosecution for neglecting to obey the Law.

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The City Engineer is instructed to take up the matter of smoothe cellar skylights and coal-hole tops in sidewalks, and to consider the improvement of existing conditions.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL PATIENTS.

Controller Murphy thought the Board should consider the question of amending the Victoria General Hospital regulations in regard to the admission, length of stay, and time of discharge of patients, the cost of whose maintenance is charged against the City.

*Cont Murphy ✓
Auditor ✓*

CITY ENGINEER DOANE'S RECALL TO CIVIC DUTY.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the City apply to the Military Authorities for permission for City Engineer F. W. W. Doane to return to his civic duty.

Motion put and lost.

W. E. MESSERVEY SALARY.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Finlay that W. E. Messervey, for his duty as Clerk of the Market, be paid a salary of \$600.00 out of the revenue from City Market, and \$400.00 out of the appropriation for maintenance of patients at the Victoria General Hospital chargeable to the City of Halifax. Motion passed.

*W.E. Messervey ✓
City Auditor ✓
W.E. Messervey ✓
Mar 29/19*

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin
MAYOR.

L. D. Wagoner
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, February 12th, 1918.

To the City Board of Control,
Halifax, N. S.

At a regular meeting of the Halifax Branch of the Evangelical Alliance held recently, a resolution was passed expressing appreciation of the very excellent work of the Board of Control, and suggesting that the same be under consideration, increasing the salary of the City Engineer to \$12,000 per annum.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

February 14th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Civic Pay Sheet.
Salaries R.B. Scriven and M.P. O'Toole.
Salary Temperance Act Inspector Tracey.
Stayner Wharf Property.
Electric Wiring Inspection.
Building Laws Revision.
Cabmen's Shelter Grand Parade.
Street Railway Employees.
Superannuation Assessments Ira J. Ingraham.
Police Patrol Waggon.
Emergency Relief and Property Repairs Accounts.
Hollis Street - Application for Gasoline Tank, C.W. Trask.
Argyle Street - Teams Obstructing Traffic.
Superannuation of Firemen.
Legislation 1918.

CIVIC PAY SHEET.

In compliance with request of Alderman Godwin at meeting on 7th inst., the City Auditor lays upon the table a list of salaries of City Officials, showing the amounts received from various officials from all civic sources.

A copy of the list is furnished to Alderman Godwin.

SALARIES R. B. SCRIVEN AND M. P. O'TOOLE.

Read application R. B. Scriven and M. P. O'Toole, employees Water Department, for increase in pay.

Referred to the City Engineer for consideration with the Water Department Estimates.

SALARY TEMPERANCE ACT INSPECTOR TRACEY.

Read letter Evangelical Alliance, as follows:-

Halifax, February 13th, 1918.

To the City Board of Control,
Halifax, N. S.
Gentlemen:-

At a regular meeting of the Halifax Branch of the Evangelical Alliance held yesterday, a resolution was passed expressing appreciation of the very excellent work of Inspector Tracey, and recommending for your favorable consideration, increasing his salary to at least eighteen

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hundred dollars (\$1800.00) a year. Such a salary would be somewhat commensurate with the character and extent of his work and give a dignity to his position which the present salary does not do. An officer who manifests the initiative energy and fearlessness in the discharge of his duty shown by Mr. Tracy, should be amply remunerated.

As Secretary, I am instructed to forward a copy of above resolution. Trusting the same will meet with your favorable consideration,

On behalf of the Alliance,

P. F. Moriarty,
Secretary.

*P. F. Moriarty ✓
Council*

Ordered to be acknowledged and forwarded to the City Council for its information.

STAYNER WHARF PROPERTY.

Read letter Dartmouth Ferry Commission re a portion of the Stayner Wharf property, as follows:-

Dartmouth, February 13th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

The Dartmouth Ferry Commission have desired me to write you that the building leased to you and occupied by William Grant as a junk store, was damaged by the recent explosion. The roof leaks, and a number of windows are broken, and to ask that you would kindly have same placed in repair.

Prescott Johnston,
Secretary, Dartmouth
Ferry Commn.

Engineer ✓

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ELECTRIC WIRING INSPECTION.

Read extract minutes of City Council February 7th, as follows:-

"Alderman Parker asked if the City Electrician and his staff are inspecting electric wiring in the north end of the City where temporary repairs are being made.

Referred to the Board of Control."

Referred to the City Electrician for report.

Electrician ✓

BUILDING LAWS REVISION.

Read extract minutes City Council February 7th, as follows:-

"Moved by Alderman Kelly, seconded by Alderman Gillis that the Board of Control have drafted immediately a more modern building code in accordance with the national

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Board of Fire Underwriters' requirements, so that the same can be presented to the Legislature at its approaching session. Motion passed."

Referred to Controller Murphy, the City Solicitor and City Engineer for report as soon as possible.

CABMEN'S SHELTER, GRAND PARADE.

Read extract minutes of City Council February 7th, referring back to this Board for further consideration the Board's recommendation that the temporary building now on the southern portion of the Grand Parade be used as a cabmen's shelter until next Spring.

Referred to the city Engineer for general report, with recommendation.

STREET RAILWAY EMPLOYEES.

Read letter Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co., covering list of the employees of the Street Railway and their occupations.

The list is handed to His Worship the Mayor for consideration.

SUPERANNUATION ASSESSMENTS IRA J. INGRAHAM.

Read application Ira J. Ingraham, recently resigned as a City Prison Underkeeper, to refund of his superannuation assessments.

Referred to the city Treasurer for report.

POLICE PATROL WAGGON.

On motion of Controller Taylor, the City Solicitor is authorized to add to the City's short term borrowing bill a clause to provide \$2000.00 for purchase of a motor police patrol waggon.

EMERGENCY RELIEF AND PROPERTY REPAIRS ACCOUNTS.

The City Clerk lays upon the table a large number of accounts, totalling about \$15,000.00, for emergency relief fund for repairs effected to various City properties after the explosion.

The accounts are ordered to be handed over to the City Auditor to list, classify, tabulate and report back

Cont. Murphy ✓
Solicitor ✓
Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Treasurer ✓

Solicitor ✓
Cont. Taylor ✓
Chief of Police ✓
Auditor ✓

Auditor ✓

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to the Board.

HOLLIS STREET - APPLICATION FOR GASOLINE TANK - C. W. TRASK.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's office,
February 14th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the application from the Standard Vulcanizing and Repair Works, C.W.Trask, Manager, for permission to instal a 500-gal. gasoline tank in the building # Hollis Street.

This is a woedn building and is used for vulcanizing. Application was originally made to put this under the sidewalk, but has been altered to be put under the cellar floor.

It is proposed to use this as a service station for supplying gasoline to automobiles. I do not think that permission should be given to instal such a station at this locality. The street between curbs is narrow and there is a double track running through it, and cars standing here while filling up with gasoline would block the traffic on this, a very heavy traffic street owing to the number of hotels in the immediate vicinity.

alone
For this reason/I do not think a permit should be given.

If the Board do not think this is sufficient reason for refusing the permit, I would suggest that this report be referred to the Chief of the Fire Department and myself, to report on the fire hazard and risk involved.

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred to the City Engineer and Chief of the Fire Department for report.

ARGYLE STREET - TEAMS OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC.

Controller Taylor is instructed to call the attention of the police to the obstruction of traffic, Argyle St., between Prince and Sackville Streets, by teams backed up to the curb and loading and unloading from the sidewalk.

SUPERANNUATION OF FIREMEN.

Alderman Godwin asked if the Board had considered the matter of the superannuation of Joseph Johnston, a fireman who had been injured in the explosion.

The matter of the superannuation of Fireman Joseph

*Engineer ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

*Cont. Taylor ✓
Chief of Police ✓*

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Johnston, John Hennessey and Patrick Monaghan is referred to Controller Hines for report.

Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓

LEGISLATION 1918.

The City Solicitor submits and reads the following legislation proposed to be submitted at the approaching session of the Local Assembly:-

An Act to Amend the Law Relating to the City of Halifax.

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

Interpretation.

In this Act the expression "City" means the City of Halifax; the expression "Council" means the City Council of that City, and any board, committee or official herein mentioned by name means the board, committee or official of that name of the said City; the expression "City Charter" means the Halifax City Charter brought into force on the 28th day of January, 1914, by proclamation of the Governor-in-Council, dated the 26th day of January, 1914, and any sections herein referred to by number without other reference are the sections of the said City Charter so numbered, and this Act shall except as is otherwise specifically provided relate exclusively to the City of Halifax and the said charter thereof.

Sewer Frontage Rates.

Section 645, sub-section (1) is amended by striking out the work "twenty-five" in the sixth line and substituting the work "seventy-five".

Peddlers' License Penalties.

Section 541, sub-section (1) is amended by adding at the conclusion thereof the words "and every person who so carries on business without license shall for each offence be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month".

Water Meters.

Section 506 is amended by adding the following clause:-

(2) For the purposes of this Section the expression "occupant" shall include the owner of any premises if resident within the City or the agent of any owner not so residing and also any person actually occupying in and having control of the premises or part of the premises in which a meter is situated.

Neglected Colored Children.

The City may each year pay to the Home for Neglected Colored Children a sum not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Any amount so granted may be included in the civic estimates.

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Gratuities to Widows of Firemen.

The City may pay to the following persons, representatives of members of the Fire Department who came to their death through the discharge of their duty, the sums set opposite their names respectively:-

Mary E. Condon, widow of Edward P. Condon,	\$1000.00
Margaret Brunt, widow of William P; Brunt	\$1000.00
Elizabeth Broderick, widow of William T. Broderick,	\$1000.00
Jennie Maltus, widow of Michael Maltus,	\$1000.00
Mary Kileen, widow of Frank Kileen,	\$1000.00
Honora Hennessey, widow of Walter Hennessey,	\$1000.00
Florence Duggan, widow of John Duggan,	\$1000.00
Lottie Leahy, widow of Frank Leahy,	\$1000.00
Myers, widow of James Myers	\$ 500.00

Superannuation of City Home Officials.

The City may superannuate the following officials of the City Home, and pay them yearly for the period of their lives the sums set opposite their names respectively:-

Bartholomew J. Mulcahy	\$800.00
William O'Connell	400.00
Michael Campbell	400.00

The amounts required to meet such allowances in addition to the amounts which such persons are respectively entitled to receive from the Officials' Superannuation Fund, be included in the yearly estimates and collected therewith.

Fire Escapes.

Section 760 is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:-

760. (1). The Board of Fire Escapes shall consist of the Building Inspector, Chief of the Fire Department and one member of the Board of Control to be nominated by the Board of Control.

(2). The Building Inspector shall be ex officio the Secretary and Inspector for the Board, and the Board may make any inspection required through him and nor personally and any notice required to be sent may be sent by him signed by him or secretary and if any order or direction of the Board is not complied with such inspector may without further resolution of the Board take any action or

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proceeding required to carry the same into effect.

(3) The Chief of the Fire Department shall report to the Board any non compliance with the Fire Escape Act which comes to his notice, or the Board may direct him to make any inspection required in connection with that Act and report to the Board and the Board may take action on any such report without further inspection.

Expropriation of Property.

section 691 is amended by adding thereto the following sub-section:-

(3) If the amount of compensation determined by the arbitrators does not exceed the amount paid into Court the costs of the arbitration, including the fees of the arbitrators shall be paid by the owner, and may be deducted from the amount paid into Court and may on application to the Court be paid out to the City to be paid by it to the persons entitled thereto.

Gerrish Street Engine House - Sale of.

The City is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of the Gerrish Street engine house and the lands connected therewith for the best price obtainable therefor and the proceeds thereof may be applied to defraying cost of improvements and repairs to the fire engine houses of the City.

Sewers in Streets not taken over by City.

Section 4 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 1892 is hereby declared to have been included in the schedule of repealed acts attached to the City Charter which was brought into force by proclamation of the Lieutenant Governor in Council dated 20th February, 1907, by inadvertence and mistake and is hereby declared not to have been repealed and to be and to have been since the date of the enactment thereof in full force and effect, and all work done thereunder and all rights and liabilities purporting to have arisen or accrued thereunder are hereby ratified and confirmed and declared to be valid and effectual in like manner as though the said Section had not been included in the said schedule of repeals.

Limit of Assessment for General Purposes.

Section 9 of Chapter 84 of the Acts of 1917 is amended by changing the figures "14" in line two thereof, to "74", such amendment to have force from the date of the said Chapter.

Expropriation Arbitrators.

Section 29 of Chapter 74 of the Acts of 1914, is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:-

29. (1) In the event of the City proceeding to expropriate at one time and for one purpose any tract of land the property of more than one person or several parcels of land belonging to different owners or any right or interest in any such tract or parcels in place of the provisions of Section 688 of the Halifax City Charter respecting the appointment of arbitrators the provisions of this section

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contained may be adopted at the option of the Board of Control.

(2) The Mayor may give notice by advertisement for two weeks in one or more daily newspapers published in the City of a time and place at which the owners of lands proposed to be taken may meet, and may also give notice of such meeting by letter prepaid to such of the owners as are known; but the want of the notice by letter shall not affect the expropriation proceedings in respect to any property. Such meeting shall be presided over by the Mayor.

(3) At such meeting the said owners may, by a majority vote of those present, nominate a person to be one of the arbitrators to determine the compensation to be paid by the City for the respective lands so taken.

(4) If such owners fail to meet or to appoint a person at such meeting, a judge of the Supreme Court may, on the application of the City, appoint a person to be such arbitrator.

(5) The City shall appoint one person to be an arbitrator for such purpose.

(6) The two persons so appointed shall appoint a person to be a third arbitrator and if they are unable to agree upon any such person a judge may, on the application of the City or any owner, appoint a person to be such third arbitrator,

(7) The three persons so appointed shall be the arbitrators to determine the compensation to be paid in respect to each of the properties affected by such expropriation, and no arbitrator shall be appointed in respect to any one of such properties, and if any such arbitrator has been named by any owner, such nomination shall upon the appointment of arbitrators under this Section be deemed to be cancelled.

(8) The provisions of the Arbitration Act shall, so far as the same are applicable, apply to any arbitration held under this Section.

(9) The repeal of the said Section shall not affect any proceedings now pending thereunder, but the same may be continued under the section hereby substituted.

Amounts to be Borrowed and Included in Estimates.

The City may borrow the amounts specified in the first schedule hereto from any bank or fund available and apply the same to the purposes specified in respect to the same respectively and the amounts so borrowed with interest shall be included in the estimates for 1919-20 and rated and collected therewith.

First Schedule.

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| 1. | To pay grant to Home for Neglected Colored Children for year 1918-19 | \$500.00 |
| 2. | To pay allowance to representatives of deceased members of the Fire Department | \$500.00 |
| 3. | To pay outstanding accounts due by City under the Children's Protection Act | \$ |

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- 4. To pay amount required for superannuation allowance to officials of the City Home for civic year 1918-19 \$

The legislation is referred to the City Council for concurrence.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. Monaghan

CITY CLERK

February 14th, returning back to this Board several items of the Civic Estimate, 1918-19.

The several items are, after discussion, dealt with as appears below, and ordered to be altered in the Budget and reported to Council accordingly.

Citizens' Free Library.

The salary of each member of the Library staff to be increased by \$100.00 instead of \$75.00, as recommended, and the maintenance account reduced to \$500.00, the same amount as last year, the total addition being \$300.00.

The Librarian is instructed to draft an act raising the limit of the Library appropriation to \$3850.00.

City Health Board.

Read extract minutes of City Council February 14th, 1918, as follows:

City Health Board, \$15075.00

It is suggested by Alderman Kelly and Foley that the Board take into further consideration the salaries of the Assistant Secretary and the Inspectors, with the idea of increasing them.

Alderman P. H. Colwell asked for a detailed report of the income of J. F. Dempster, Superintendent of the Infectious Diseases Hospital, for all salaries.

Alderman W. S. Colwell recommended that the Board of Health consider the system of "clinics" and the feeding of patients in the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

referred to the City Health Board for report.

City Health Board's Salary.

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MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

February 16th, 1918.

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

ESTIMATES 1918-19.

Read extracts minutes of meeting of City Council February 14th, referring back to this Board several items of the Civic Estimate, 1918-19.

The several items are, after discussion, dealt with as appears below, and ordered to be altered in the budget and reported to Council accordingly.

Citizens' Free Library.

The salary of each member of the Library staff to be increased by \$100.00 instead of \$50.00, as recommended, and the maintenance account restored to \$500.00, the same amount as last year, the total addition being \$300.00.

The Solicitor is instructed to draft an act raising the limit of the Library appropriation to \$3800.00.

City Health Board.

Read extract minutes of City Council February 14th, as follows:-

"City Health Board, \$16072.00/

It is suggested by Alderman Kelly and Foley that the Board take into further consideration the salaries of the Assistant Secretary and the Inspectors, with the idea of increasing them.

Alderman R. B. Colwell asked for a detailed report of the income of J. F. Dempster, Superintendent of the Infectious Diseases Hospital, from all sources.

Alderman H. S. Colwell recommended that the Board of Health abandon the system of "farming out" the feeding of patients in the Infectious Diseases Hospital."

Referred to the City Health Board for report.

City Solicitor's Salary.

On motion of Controller Finlay, the salary of the City

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Solicitor is placed at \$2300.00 instead of \$2200.00, as printed. Controller Murphy dissents.
City Clerk's Salary.

The salary of the City Clerk is placed at \$2050.00 instead of \$1950.00, as printed, Controllers Murphy and Finlay dissenting.
Stipendiary Magistrate's Salary.

Moved by Controller Taylor that the salary of the Stipendiary Magistrate be placed at \$2800.00. Not seconded.

The salary is placed at \$2700.00, Controllers Murphy and Finlay dissenting.

City Engineer's Salary.

The salary of the City Engineer is placed in the estimates at \$3020.00, an amount sufficient to pay to Mr. Doane the amount he is now drawing from the City, viz.- \$2220.00, and also to pay \$800.00 towards the salary of the Acting City Engineer.

Sub-Collectors' Salaries.

The Secretary is, on motion of Controller Murphy, instructed to add to the 1917-18 column, the amount of increase, \$400.00, given to the four sub-collectors of taxes by the Acts of 1917.

City Electrician's Salary.

On motion of Controller Murphy, the salary of the City Electrician is placed at \$2000.00.

Police Department.

Read minutes of City Council February 14th re Police Department estimates.

The item uniform clothing is increased \$400.00.

Controller Taylor and the Chief of Police recommended against increasing the number of men on the Police Force, provided a motor police/patrol waggon is procured. The Chief stated that if the Force is brought up to full strength

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he thought he would have sufficient men.

Moved by Controller Taylor that \$600.00 be added to the estimates as salary for an additional policewoman, and that Mrs. Mary Virtue be appointed to the position to assume office May 1st next.

The motion is seconded by Controller Hines, and passed, and the City Solicitor instructed to amend Section 19 of Chapter 36 of the Acts of 1916 accordingly.

It is decided not to recommend any further increase to the sergeants and men of the force.

The item salary Police Patrol Driver is increased another \$50.00.

Salary Superintendent City Home.

The City Solicitor is instructed to draft legislation authorizing the City to increase the salary of the Superintendent of the City Home during the next civic year if found necessary and to borrow any additional amount required for the purpose, should it be found necessary that the superintendent to be appointed live outside the City Home building.

City Market Revenue.

It is decided not to transfer the item City Market Revenue from the Works Department appropriation to the estimate for Probable Income.

Temperance Act Inspector Tracey's Salary.

Moved by Controller Finlay that this salary be placed at \$1500.00 instead of \$1350.00, as originally recommended. Not seconded.

The item stands at \$1350.00, as passed February 6th.

Probable Revenue from Poll Tax.

It is finally agreed to allow the probable revenue from Poll Tax to stand at \$5000.00.

Deputy City Assessor.

It is unanimously decided to recommend to Council

*Solicitor ✓
Council ✓*

*Council
Solicitor ✓
Auditor ✓
Deputy City Home ✓*

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the appointment of C. R. Rosborough as Deputy City Assessor, at a salary at the rate of \$1250.00 per year from March 1st to April 30th, and after that at the salary fixed for the office for 1918-19.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

J. J. Wray

CITY CLERK.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

Controller Hines asked that the Fire Department estimates be amended by striking off two positions at \$1200.00 per year each, and adding to the staff two Deputy Chiefs, one at \$1750.00 per year and one at \$1500.00 per year.

After discussion, Controller Hines' recommendation is accepted in full, the salaries being changed to \$1500.00 and \$1200.00 respectively.

LETTER TO COUNCIL RE CHANGES IN ESTIMATES.

The City Clerk is instructed to write a letter to the members of the City Council informing them of the changes made in the estimates by the Board since they were last presented to the Council, and enclosing a copy of the amended estimates.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

J. J. Wray

CITY CLERK.

Council ✓

Director ✓
Members of Council ✓

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

February 18th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Fire Department Estimates.
Letter to Council re Changes in Estimates.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

Controller Hines asked that the Fire Department estimates be amended by striking off two hosemen at \$884.00 per year each, and adding to the staff two extra Deputy Chiefs, one at \$1375.00 per and one at \$1350.00 per year.

After discussion, Controller Hines' recommendation is concurred in, the salaries being changed to \$1300.00 and \$1200.00 respectively.

LETTER TO COUNCIL RE CHANGES IN ESTIMATES.

The City clerk is instructed to write a letter to the members of the City Council informing them of the changes made in the estimates by the Board since they were last presented to the Council, and enclosing a copy of the amended estimates.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

P. F. Martin

MAYOR.

L. J. Finlay

CITY CLERK.

Council ✓
Letter to ✓
Members of
Council

In view of the fact that Schedule B, listed probable income in the estimates for this year shows a decrease of \$5,000 compared with last year, which I suggest that early consideration be given to what I believe will prove a profitable source of income. I would suggest that at 10% be prepared imposing a head tax of \$2.00 on each person residing here outside places to work in the city. At the present time I understand there are at least five thousand persons here outside places working

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

February 19th, 1913.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Building Alteration, Grafton Street.
Head Tax on Newcomers into Halifax.
Coburg Road Water Main Leak.
Current Assessment for Current Expenditure.
Fire Insurance Public Gardens Property.
Boiler Insurance Garbage Incinerator.
Explosion - Damage to City Buildings.
Fire Insurance City Property.
Police Force.
Overcrowding of Street Cars - Women Conductors.
Sunday Selling.
City Club inadequate Water Supply.
Estimates - \$500.00 for Neglected Colored Children.
North West Arm Sewer - First Section.
Fire Protection Emergency Shelters.

BUILDING ALTERATION - GRAFTON STREET.

S. P. Dumaresq appeared before the Board, asking permission to alter a brick building on Grafton Street owned by Mrs. Baptiste, into an Italian boarding house, and stating that the Building Inspector had refused a permit.

Mr. Dumaresq is requested to submit his application in writing.

HEAD TAX ON NEWCOMERS INTO HALIFAX.

Read letter Alderman Foley, as follows:-

Halifax, February 18th, 1913.

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

In view of the fact that Schedule U, listed "Probable Income" in the estimates for this year shows a decrease of \$6,800 compared with last year, might I suggest that early consideration be given to what I believe will prove a profitable source of income. I would suggest that an Act be prepared imposing a head tax of \$5.00 on each person coming from outside placed to work in the City. At the present time I understand there are at least five thousand person from outside points working

*Engineer ✓
S P Dumaresq ✓*

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in the City and it cannot be denied that the employment of outside persons works to the disadvantage of our taxpayers. The latter are compelled to pay taxes year in and year out, even when times are dull, while thousands are allowed to pour into the city and take the best opportunities when business is flourishing, as at present. Do you consider that this is fair to our own people? In fairness to them do you consider it would be too much to impose upon non-residents flocking here for a short time while things are brisk, a head tax, say \$5.00 per year? This would be in the nature of a poll-tax, and would, under present conditions net the city about \$20,000 or \$25,000. I understand that in the City of St. John such a tax is imposed, and successfully collected. I would seriously recommend this suggestion for your consideration.

W. G. Foley.

The principle of Alderman Foley's recommendation is concurred in, and the City Solicitor instructed to draft an Act and submit it to the Board.

COBURG ROAD WATER MAIN LEAK.

Read complaint F. W. Bowes of damage caused by a leak in the water main, Coburg Road.

Referred to the City Engineer to acknowledge, and to inform Mr. Bowes that the matter is being attended to by the Ocean Terminals Railway, who are responsible.

CURRENT ASSESSMENT FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURE.

The City Solicitor is instructed to draft an Act providing that all items of current expenditure approved of before the session of the Legislature closes for which legislative authority has to be obtained, be included in the assessment of 1918-19.

FIRE INSURANCE PUBLIC GARDENS PROPERTY.

The Secretary submitted an account for \$1400 for three years premium on a \$2000.00 policy of fire insurance on the Superintendent's Cottage, Public Gardens, in the Acadia Fire Insurance Co., expiring February 21st, and \$15.00 for a similar amount on the same building in the Halifax Fire Insurance Company.

The Superintendent, Mr. Power, informed the Board that the total insurance on the greenhouses, contents and plants is \$1800.00, and recommended that the amount be

Council ✓
Solicitor ✓
Assessor ✓
Collector ✓

Engineer ✓
F. W. Bowes ✓

Solicitor ✓
Auditor ✓

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increased.

*R. L. Power ✓
Auditor ✓
Acadian Fire Ins Co ✓
H. J. Fire Ins Co ✓*

Mr. Power is instructed to obtain tenders for renewal of \$4000.00 insurance on the dwelling, and for a \$4000.00 on the greenhouses, contents and plants, and submit same to the Board.

The Secretary is instructed to have the properties protected in the meantime as at present.

BOILER INSURANCE GARBAGE INCINERATOR.

Read report Clerk of Works, as follows:-

City Works Office,
February 19th, 1918.

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

The policy held by the Boiler Inspection Insurance Company of Canada, and assured through Messrs. Wylde & MacFartridge, Ltd., on the boiler at the Incinerator, will expire on the 28th inst. The annual premium is nineteen dollars (\$19.00) - amount of policy five thousand dollars (\$5000.00).

*Engineer ✓
Clerk of Works ✓*

Kindly advise in regard to continuing policy

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

The Clerk of Works is instructed to renew the policy.

EXPLOSION - DAMAGE TO CITY BUILDINGS.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
February 14th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

I beg to report on the damage done to City buildings by the recent explosion.

I have had them examined and estimates made of the cost of putting them in the condition they were before the disaster. The estimated cost of this is as follows:-

Structures at Gardens	\$1,475.00
City Hall	11,216.00
City Prison	10,637.00
City Home	10,107.00
Abattoir	4,227.00
Reservoir	226.00
Smallpox Hospital	2,200.00
576-8 Gottingen St. (Outhit)	958.00
Acadian School Bldg.	770.00
Cor. Market & George (tenement)	637.00

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114 Longard Rd.	\$ 2,486.00
116 " "	1,433.00
City Workshops	4,902.00
City Market	14,253.00
Town Clock	252.00
Incinerator	2,995.00
Infectious Diseases Hospital	7,500.00
	<u>\$76,274.00</u>

Fire Department.

Bedford Row Engine House	1,400.00
Brunswick Street " "	2,847.00
Quinpool Road " "	1,583.00
Morris Street " "	1,240.00
Gottingen St. " "	3,112.00
Spr. Garden Rd. " "	600.00
Grafton Street " "	586.00
West St. " "	4,303.00
Maynard Street (Isnor)	508.00
	<u>\$16,179.00</u>

School Property.

Alexander MacKay	33,187.00
St. Joseph's Girls'	45,900.00
Tower Road	6,195.00
Chebucto Road	39,350.00
Bloomfield High	36,833.00
Alexandra	26,037.00
Joseph Howe	39,465.00
Quinpool Road	5,765.00
LeMarchant Street	3,940.00
Acadian School	850.00
County Academy	5,200.00
Bloomfield (Common)	37,500.00
St. Patrick's Girls' (Common)	7,650.00
Richmond	68,900.00
Morris Street	3,145.00
St. Patrick's Boys'	2,968.00
St. Mary's Boys'	1,510.00
" " Girls'	1,805.00
St. Patrick's Girls' High	11,340.00
Domestic Science	3,787.00
	<u>\$319,802.00</u>

Total...\$409,305.00

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Referred back to the City Engineer for further report.

FIRE INSURANCE CITY PROPERTY.

Read report Clerk of Works re fire insurance City
Property, as follows:-

City Works Office,
February 18th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with resolution of Council of February
7th, 1918, I beg to submit the following report on City
property insured through this office:-

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City Hall building	\$30,000.00
" " furniture, fittings, etc.	10,000.00
Books in Public Library (not exceeding \$10)	5,000.00
Per volume	
Flag presented by City of Bristol	500.00
(All above while contained in City Hall)	
City Prison, main building	1,000.00
Wooden buildings at City Prison, viz.-	
Horse stables.	
Cow stables	
Coach house	
Clothing Room	
Store Room	
Carpenter shop	
Cooper shop	
Coal shed	
Stone shed	
Card shed	
Shoe shop and store	2,200.00
Brick outbuildings under one roof, viz.-	
Cookhouse	
Store room	
Blacksmith shop	
Meat store	500.00
Infectious Diseases Hospital	5,000.00
" " " furniture & equipment	500.00
Smallpox Hospital	1,500.00
" " " furniture & equipment	200.00
Two steam rollers (while contained in shed at City Field)	2,500.00
City Horses (no one horse more than \$200)	2,000.00
Harness, feed, vehicles & fittings	500.00
West Street Engine House, West Street	4,000.00
Chemical & Ladder House, Grafton Street	1,000.00
Central Engine House, Brunswick Street	2,000.00
Old Gerrish St. Engine House, Maynard St.	1,000.00
Morris Street Engine House	4,000.00
Bedford Row Engine House	5,000.00
Islesville Engine House, Gottingen St.	1,000.00
Quinpool Road Engine House	2,500.00
Spring Garden Road Engine House	1,000.00
Keeper's House, Spruce Hill Lake	500.00
Pipe House, " " "	200.00
Keeper's Houses Chain Lake, each \$200	500.00
3 Pipe Houses, " " each \$200	600.00
Keeper's House, Long Lake	500.00
City Workshops, west side Bell Road	5,000.00
Market Building, including fittings & fixtures	10,000.00
Incinerator building and additions	500.00
Fixed and moveable machinery in same	1,000.00
Frame waggon trestle to same	700.00
Double dwelling Longard Rd. N. of reservoir	1,000.00
Single " " " " " "	500.00

In addition to above there has been \$1200.00 placed on a new wooden building just about completed at the City Prison.

Also a policy on the boilers at Incinerator) covering a liability of 5,000.00

The only other property in charge of this Department not insured is the wooden building at the south-west corner of Marker & George Streets. There is no insurance on fire apparatus.

A. F. Messervey,
Clerk of works.

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Referred to Controller Finlay and the City Engineer for report.

POLICE FORCE.

Read report Chief of Police as follows:-

Office of Chief of Police,
February 18th, 1918.

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

Sirs:-

At the request of Controller George Taylor, I am reporting to you in regard to increasing the size of the police force. In my judgment, if the present force is brought up to its authorized strength and a motor patrol purchased, sufficient material would then be provided for the proper policing of the City. With the anticipated raise in salary, I think the men may be successfully urged to renewed vigilance in the discharge of their duties. I certainly would like to experiment for the next year with a force up to strength, fully believing that such a number of men, together with the proposed motor patrol, will satisfy all the reasonable demands of the public.

Frank Hanrahan,
Chief of Police.

Referred to the City Council for its information.

OVERCROWDING OF STREET CARS - WOMEN CONDUCTORS.

Read letter N. S. Tramways & Power Co., as follows:-

Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Co.,
Halifax, February 15th, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of the extract from the minutes of the Board of Control relative to the overcrowding of street cars and in reply thereto would respectfully advise the Board of Control that we are doing our utmost to obtain and train additional employees and as soon as we can possibly do so additional cars will be put in service. I may say that we have been able today to place some additional cars on the service and we are hoping to be able to continue this extra service from now on and probably increase same as rapidly as we are able to obtain additional employees.

I beg to take issue with the opinion expressed in this resolution regarding the employment of women conductors. I firmly believe that the women conductors are capable of doing their work and I do not consider that this is a fair attitude for the Board of Control to take in considering that the public safety is in any way jeopardized by the work performed by the women. We will be particularly careful to avoid employing anybody in our service who would in any way be liable to impair public safety, in connection with our service.

H. R. Mallison,
Managing-Director.

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SUNDAY SELLING.

Read letter Retail Merchants' Association, as follows:-

Retail Merchants' Association of Canada,
Halifax, February 15th, 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Board of Control.

Dear Sirs:-

I wish to call your attention to the fact that at a large representative meeting of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada held on Monday evening, February 11th, a discussion took place regarding the Sunday selling, and it was felt that the time had now come when it was quite ^{un}necessary for the shops to keep open on Sunday. We have not found fault with anything up to the present time, owing to the condition of affairs in our City and the need for relief, but we now consider that things have reached a stage where this is entirely unnecessary. We trust you will deal with this matter in the most effective way as we are anxious to have this law enforced as we feel this is in the best interests of the City and of all concerned. We appreciated as did all others interested in the matter the efforts put forth by you some months ago and a marked improvement was noticeable. This is ample proof that when the authorities see fit to have a law enforced, it can be done. There will be another meeting of the merchants on Monday evening, February 18th, and we would appreciate a reply to this communication by that time.

We sincerely trust you will use every effort to have the Sunday selling in Halifax stopped entirely. Thanking you in anticipation,

The Retail Merchants Assn. of Canada,
J. Cuthbertson Doyle,
Secty. N. S. Provincial Board.

Referred to His Worship the Mayor for attention.

CITY CLUB INADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY.

Read complaint City Club of inadequate water supply.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ESTIMATES - \$500.00 FOR NEGLECTED COLORED CHILDREN.

Read letter R. H. Murray, Secretary Directors of the Home for Colored Children, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor and
the Board of Control of the
City of Halifax.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the directors of the Home for Colored Children it was decided that they would continue the effort on behalf of the children, and they intend to establish a home in the near future.

His Worship the Mayor ✓

Engineer ✓

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Under the circumstances I am instructed to ask that you continue the grant of Five Hundred Dollars in the civic estimates to aid in the establishment of a Home.

R. H. Murray,
Secretary.

*Solicitor ✓
R. H. Murray ✓
Council*

It is decided to include the amount in the estimates, and the City Solicitor is instructed to draft legislation authorizing an annual grant for the purpose.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER - FIRST SECTION.

Read report Acting City Engineer, as follows:-

City Engineer's Office,
February 19th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

Certificate #8.

The Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton Bros. have completed the work on the first section of the Arm Sewer with the exception of a small piece of sodding which it is impossible to do at this season of the year. The City has retained 10% of the estimated value of the work done, and as the cost of the unfinished work is not more than \$100 and as the rest of the contract has been completed in accordance with the plans and specifications I can see no objection to paying the Company the amount retained, less the estimated cost of completion.

*Cook Construction Co. ✓
Wheaton Bros. ✓*

I would therefore recommend payment of the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars to the Cook Construction Co. & Wheaton Bros. on account on their contract for the construction of the North West Arm sewer from Jubilee Rd. to Oakland Road.

Council ✓

Estimated value of work done	\$67,243.87
Less 72 manholes steps furnished by City	43.20
	<hr/> 67,200.67
Paid on certificates 1 to 7	60,519.49
	<hr/> 6,681.18
Amt. recommended on this certificate	6,500.00
Balance due	<hr/> \$ 181.18

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

FIRE PROTECTION EMERGENCY SHELTERS.

Alderman Parker informed the Board that a fire occurred this morning near the emergency shelters on the Provincial Exhibition Grounds, and asked if steps are being taken to protect the buildings in case of fire. At the fire this morning there was an inadequate supply of water,

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though the fire was extinguished through the use of chemicals.

Read letter from the City Clerk to the Relief Commission on the subject as follows:-

City Clerk's Office,
February 15th, 1918.

R. P. Bell, Esq.
Secretary Relief Commission,

Sir:-

At a meeting of the City Council held yesterday afternoon the question of special provision being made for the protection of emergency shelters, particularly in respect to the temporary houses erected on the Provincial Exhibition Grounds, was discussed, and I am directed to call the matter to the attention of the Relief Commission, and to ask if that body has given any consideration to the subject of fire prevention or fire protection for the temporary buildings on the Exhibition Grounds, the North Common and the Citadel Glacis. It is very advisable that the anxiety of the citizens in regard to this matter should be relieved by some substantial assurance in regard to precautionary measures.

L. Fred. Monaghan,
City Clerk.

*Cont. Hines ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department are requested to submit to this Board recommendations for the protection in case of fire of the temporary buildings on the Exhibition Grounds on the Common and on the Citadel Glacis and also for the protection of the brick tenement building opposite the Halifax Hotel.

The Board adjourned.

P. F. Martin

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MAYOR.

L. Fred Monaghan

CITY CLERK.

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