

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

NOVEMBER 28th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10 o'clock, present Controller Murphy, acting chairman, and Controllers Finlay and Hines.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Account School for Blind.  
Water Bill-130 Spring Garden Road Mrs. Emma Naylor.  
Imperial Oil Co. Plant Kempt Road and Robie Street.  
City Prison Underkeeper.  
Dangerous Building Robie and St. Albans Streets.  
Chairman.  
City Home Water Service.  
Quinpool Road -C.F.Holland Claim - Tree.  
St. Patrick's Boys School Plans.  
Loan Approximately \$420,000.00 - Tenders.  
Underkeeper City Prison John E. Merrill, Resignation.  
Robie Street - Removal of Snow -Heber Hartlen's Stair.  
Fire Department Uniform Coats.  
Fire Department Underground Gasoline Tanks.  
Fire Escapes City Home.

ACCOUNT SCHOOL FOR BLIND.

Read letter School for Blind re their account for maintenance of pupils for the period ending June 30th, 1918, as follows ( see Board of Control Minutes November 26th, 1918):-

Charles Halifax, Nov. 28th, 1918.

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

Dear Mr. Monaghan:-

In response to your telephone message requesting on behalf of the Board of Control the certificates of the Halifax pupils attending the School for the Blind for the year ending June 30th, 1918, also the street addresses of these pupils I am enclosing herewith the ten certificates. I cannot find the certificate of Florence Campbell but presume it has been lost during the upset of the explosion and the subsequent repairs to the windows, walls and ceiling of the office. However I am certain that this certificate was issued. No certificates have been received for the pupils who entered during last year. You know that I have telephoned you many times with respect to the same but

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it seemed almost impossible to get Dr. Almon to come and examine the pupils so that he might be satisfied as to their lack of sight. These pupils are as follows:-

Charles Romo  
Harold McInnes  
Bruce Graham  
Reginald Isnor  
William Smeltzer.

It His Worship the Mayor would be satisfied with the certificate of our oculist I could have the pupil examined during the first week he is at school and would attach his certificate to the certificate to be signed by the Mayor of Halifax. This would obviate delays. The street addresses of the pupils are as follows:-

Marjory Claire Adams,  
99 Agricola Street.

Thelma Hilson,  
276 Upper Water Street,

Mabel Lounds,  
46 Duke Street.

Annie Slattery,  
268 Upper Water Street.

Florence Campbell,  
44 Dresden Row,

Douglas James, Goodall,  
Longard Road,

Gerald O'Connell  
31 Jacob Street,

Weldon Dockrill,  
5 Liverpool Street.

William Nicholson,  
680 Robie Street

Thomas Buckley,  
30½ Veith St.

George Baker,  
61 Seymour St.

Charles Romo,  
21 Poplar Grove

Harold McInnes  
42 Hollis St.

Bruce Graham,  
291 Brunswick St.

Reginald Isnor,  
92 Chebucto Road,

William Smeltzer,  
46 Lawrence Street.

As the financial year of the School of for the Blind closes on November 30th, our Board of Managers would esteem it a great favor if we could have our account settled before that date.

C.F. Fraser,  
per E.M.S.

The account \$1965.00 is passed for payment.

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Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the City Medical Officer Dr. W.B. Almon be instructed to report in writing to this Board why he did not attend to his duty in respect to the children referred to in the letter from the School for the Blind. Motion passed.

WATER BILL 130 SPRING GARDEN ROAD MRS. EMMA NAYLOR.

John B. Naylor appears before the Board and submits water bill against Mrs. Emma Naylor 130 Spring Garden Road \$11.81 claimed to be excessive. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

IMPERIAL OIL CO. PLANT KEMPT ROAD AND ROBIE ST.

Read petitions against the installation by the Imperial Oil Co. of oil and gasoline on the jib lot bounded by Kempt Road, Robie Street and West Young Street.

Mrs. Annie Thomson and Mrs. <sup>Day</sup> ~~Day~~ appear before / and address the Board on behalf of the petitioners.

The City Clerk is instructed to pay upon the table the record of the action of the Board on this matter.

CITY PRISON UNDERKEEPER.

Read application Rupert Brison for position as Underkeeper at City Prison. Referred to the Governor of the City Prison for report.

DANGEROUS BUILDING ROBIE AND ST. ALBANS STREETS.

William Hurshman appeared before the Board and submitted the following notification which he had received from the City Engineer:-

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Wm. Hurshman and George Cole,  
665 Robie Street,  
CITY

Gentlemen:-

I am instructed by the Board of Control to notify you to appear before them at their meeting on Thursday Nov. 28th, at 10.30 a.m. to show cause, if any, why your building at the south-west corner of Robie and St. Albans Streets, which has been reported to be in a dangerous condition, should not be demolished.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Mr. Hurshman stated he is willing to demolish his building but before doing so he wanted a satisfactory understanding with the Relief Commission for recompense for Explosion damages.

The City Engineer is instructed to notify William Hurshman and George Cole to demolish the building forthwith.

CHAIRMAN.

His Worship the Mayor arrives and takes the chair.

CITY HOME WATER SERVICE.

Read report, City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Nov. 27, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

there has been considerable delay in getting a quotation for a pumping plant for the City Home provided the service is changed over from the high to the low system. I have at last been able to get a quotation for the installation of a pumping plant at \$3989. delivery in about six weeks. The estimated cost of changing the piping system is \$1800. making a total cost of about \$5800.

As a matter of record I desire to say that I consider this expenditure would be unnecessary if the scheme for helping out the high service system already provided by the Legislature, were carried out.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

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The City Engineer is instructed to at once lay water pipes for supplying the City Home with water from the low service mains and to prepare specifications for the installation of a pumping system and call for tenders and submit same to the Board.

*Engineer ✓  
Gas Wagon ✓  
Sub. City Home.*

QUINPOOL ROAD - C.F. HOLLAND CLAIM - TREE.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

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His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached claim made by Mr. C.F. Holland for damage to his car.

Mr. Holland claims in the letter that his car was injured by a tree hanging over the roadway of Quinpool Road about 600 feet west of McGarrell's hot house. I have examined the whole road west of McGarrell property and can find no tree in the street which could cause the damage. I assume, therefore, that the damage which Mr. Holland alleges he has sustained, must have been caused by a tree on private property.

Under the circumstances I am not aware that the City is responsible, but this point can be settled by reference to the City Solicitor.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

The Chief of Police verbally informs the Board that recently an automobile was injured by a tree whilst driving upon the sidewalk on Quinpool Road.

*Engineer ✓*

The report is referred back to the City Engineer for further investigation and report.

ST. PATRICK'S BOYS SCHOOL PLANS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

*Engineer ✓  
St. Patrick's School  
W. F. Taylor  
Quinpool*

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His Worship the Mayor,

Sir,

I have examined the plans and specifications prepared by Mr. H.E. Gates for St. Patrick's Boy's School. They have had been examined previously by Mr. Johnston and Mr. Fegan. There are a few details respecting which we differ from Mr. Gates.

We think the class room doors should open outwards. Mr. Gates claims that there are two decided views in respect to this question, one side claiming that with the doors opening outwards, it is possible for the children to escape before they are under proper control by the teacher, and be injured in a panic, instead of being marched deliberately. Of the two, I strongly favour the door opening outwards, but if there is any decided difference of opinion in the School Board, I would suggest that the question be left to the decision of the School Board when the school is erected.

The Fire escapes are provided at the back of the building, which could be omitted altogether, as they are not required by law, but it is better to have them, and having them, they should comply with the law. The landing on the fire escapes should not be less than four feet in length and the door leading to the fire escapes should not be less than three feet wide. The specifications would provide for panic bolts on each exit door.

All these changes could be covered by notation on the plans or in the specification.

At the suggestion of Your Worship I wrote to the Secretary of the School Board asking her to send me the plans submitted by Mr. Fraser for the new school buildings, but she replies that they were draft plans and only and have been returned to Mr. Fraser to be completed. Under the circumstances I am submitting the matter to your Board, as I understand the School Board are desirous of closing the matter.

FW.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

The report of the City Engineer is approved.

The City Engineer is instructed to ask Mr. Gates to submit a guarantee before he is paid for the plans that in the event of the plans being used at some future time he will bring them up to date according to the system of school construction at the time of using them.

Engineer ✓  
Secy School ✓  
Mayor ✓  
H & Gates ✓  
Auditor ✓

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LOAN APPROXIMATELY \$420,000.00 -TENDERS.

Tenders for a loan of approximately \$420,000.00 are received and opened as per report of City Treasurer to be found in Minutes of Meeting of Board of Control November 29th.

A large delegation of financial brokers was in attendance at the meeting during the opening of the tenders.

The tenders are referred to the City Treasurer for report.

UNDERKEEPER CITY PRISON JOHN E. MERRILL, RESIGNATION

John E. Merrill, an underkeeper of the City Prison recently appointed appears before the Board and submits his resignation of office. Accepted.

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

Heber Hartlen appeared before the Board asking for a settlement of his claim of \$40.00 for expenses for clearing snow from Robie Street last winter. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORM COATS.

Read report Chief Fire Department as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 28, 1918.

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

I beg to report that I have gone into the matter of uniform coats with several clothiers and tailors who I thought would be in a position to fill our order.

Clayton & Sons are in the only firm who are in a position to furnish same in quick delivery. Their arrangements would be similar to those made

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with them a few weeks ago to supply the Police Department, namely \$29.00 per coat for same color and quality of cloth.

To same time as stated above Claytons & Sons being the only City firm who could handle this order at once I would therefore recommend their offer for your approval.

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

Approved.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UNDERGROUND GASOLINE TANKS.

Read tenders Imperial Oil, Co. and S.F. Bowser & Co. for supplying underground gasoline tanks for the Morris Street Fire Station and the Brunswick Street fire Station as follows:-

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

Mr. Churchill,  
Chief of Halifax Fire Dept.,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

We submit the following on an up to date Gasoline outfit---

5 bbl. galvanized steel Tank	\$112.75
T-206 Pump (with overhead discharge and hose equipment with filter..)	175.00
Total	<u>\$287.75</u>

T-206 Pump (with two way side discharge, Hose and Filter)	197.00
T-206 Pump (with one way side discharge. Hose and Filter)	186.60

We have in stock the underground Tank, also the T-206 Pump side discharge. Should you decided on the overhead discharge, we can have this delivered in Halifax in from two to three weeks.

IMPERIAL OIL, LIMITED,  
by A.W. Oldfield,  
Asst. Manager.

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Halifax, October 30/18

J.W. Churchill, Esq.,  
Chief of Fire Department,  
Halifax, N.S.

We agree to furnish you a tank of five barrel capacity made of 14 guage galvanized steel of the very best quality, rivited, and all seams soldered thoroughly, both inside and outside, the

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*Imperial Oil  
S.F. Bowser*



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outside and surface of the tank is thoroughly painted with black asphaltum, which makes it rust proof when buried underground, at-----\$115.60

PUMP. Our standard gallon stroke pump, cut 41, finished in red enamel with nickled trimmings, and built of heavy metal, all parts being carefully machined and fitted. A special spring lock is built into the head of the pump so that the pump can be securely protected from meddling when not in use. It locks by simply pushing a small lug, at ...\$ 97.75

FILTER :- A centrifugal filter, which device removes water and other impurities from the gasoline as it is pumped, at.;..... 18.70

HOSE DRAINING ATTACHMENT:- When this attachment is used with the pump, makes it possible to extend the point of discharge to any place in the same building. By its use, the hose is quickly drained of gasoline when the pumping operation is finished, so that the life of the hose is greatly prolonged as there is no gasoline left in it to rot the rubber, at 9.35

BOWSER GASOLINE HOSE :- We make this up in three lengths as follows, 8 feet length and connections at.....\$8.08  
10 ft. length and connections \$9.78  
12 " " " " 11.48

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Council  
Chief Fire Dept

All prices F.O.B. Toronto.

F.S. Boswer, & Co. Inc.  
Per. K.N. Macintosh,  
Representative.

The tender of the S.F. Boswer Co. is accepted.

FIRE ESCAPES CITY HOME

Tenders are received and opened for fire escapes City Home as follows:

D.G. Stewart	\$1340.00
W.F. McInnis	1364.00
Thomson & Theakson	1375.00
E.B. Lownds	1400.70

It is decided to accept the tender of D.G. Stewart it being the lowest, Controller Finlay dissenting on the ground that there are no funds and no legal authority for obtaining the necessary money.

The City Clerk is instructed to write Hon. George.

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*Jas. C. Boyer ✓  
Secy. City Home ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Council ✓  
Solicitor ✓  
Hon. S. H. Murray ✓*

Murray asking him to guarantee that the Government will use its good offices with the Legislature at its next session to secure Legislation authorizing the raising of funds for the construction of fire escapes at the City Home.

The Board adjourned.

Sharrow Water Extension - Tender.  
Improvement Main Water Pipe Like Camp Hill.  
Canadian Manufacturers Convention at Amherst.  
Loan \$430,000.00  
Explosion - Water Supply Temporary Building.  
Fleming Park - L.A. March Refreshment Privileges.  
Influence Hospital - Account Walker Louisa.  
City Prison - maintenance Military Prisoners.  
Canadian School Property + C.S.G. Building.  
Municipal Financing.  
Shipyard - Market B. B. B. - Poultry Show.  
Influence Epidemic - Thanks Governor of Massachusetts.  
Cornwall Street Sewer.  
Aldermanic Elections.

SHARROW AND PATRICIA WATER MAIN EXTENSION

Read report from Alderman *L. Fred Monaghan*  
A.C. Hawkins, L. Fred. Monaghan,  
MAYOR. CITY CLERK.

We agree to furnish labor for the excavating and back filling for the laying of the proposed water main on Sharrow and Patricia Streets, work to be done in accordance with the profile of same on file in your office City Hall.  
We agree to perform the above work for the sum of Three and Half Dollars (\$3.50) per running foot, work to be commenced and as soon as commenced until completed.  
Thanking you to give this tender your kindest consideration.

ALDEN CONSTRUCTION CO.  
2150 Collingwood Street,  
Halifax, N.S.

IMPROVEMENT MAIN WATER PIPE LIKE CAMP HILL.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 11.45 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Hines and Murphy.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Sherwood and Patricia Streets Water Extension -Tender.  
Encroachment Main Water Pipe Line Camp Hill.  
Canadian Manufacturers Convention at Amherst.  
Loan \$430,200.00  
Explosion- Water Supply Temporary Buildings.  
Fleming Park -L.A.Morash Refreshment Brivileges.  
Influenza Hospital - Account Walter Lownds.  
City Prison -Maintenance Military Prisoners.  
Acadian School Property - C.W.Outhit Building.  
Municipal Financing.  
Shipyards-Market Building-Poultry Show.  
Influenza Epidemic -Thanks Governor of Massachussetts.  
Cornwall Street Sewer.  
Aldermanic Elections.

SHERWOOD AND PATRICIA STREETS WATER EXTENSION  
TENDER.

Read tender from Alcorn Construction Co, as follows:

Halifax, N.S.,

F.W.W.Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer, City.

Sir:-

We agree to furnish labor for the excavating and back filling for the laying of the proposed Water main on Sherwood and Patricia Streets, work to be done in accordance with the Profile of same on file in your office City Hall.

We agree to preform the above work for the sum of Three and Half Dollars (\$3.50) per running foot, work to be commenced and at once and continued until completed.

Thanking you to give this tender your kindest consideration.

ALCORN CONSTRUCTION CO.  
#180 Gottingen Street,  
Joseph Alcorn  
Samuel Alcorn.

Consideration deferred.

ENCROACHMENT MAIN WATER PIPE LINE CAMP HILL.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

A short time ago I reported to your Board, verbally, that the Hospitals Commission proposed to erect an addition to the Hospital, some of the buildings of which would be erected over the main pipe line providing the south end, including the Relief houses on the Common, with fire protection and domestic supply from the high-service and the low service.

Before the plans were made Major Howard and Mr. Winters, representing the Dominion Government, came to my office and obtained from me the approximate location of these pipes, I pointed out to Major Howard at the time, that buildings should not be erected over the pipe line. The Government officials have prepared their plans apparently regardless of the location of the pipe line, and on the direction of your Board I sent a protest to General Lessard, who forwarded it to Major Pringle Commanding Canadian Royal Engineers, He took the matter up with Mr. Winters. Mr. Winters telegraphed to Ottawa and now informs me by telephone that the authorities at Ottawa claim that the location of the buildings was agreed to by some person for the City, and suggests to me that they would make a tunnel over the pipes.

The question of placing buildings over the pipe line has come up before, and in the case of Mr. Butler who erected a barn over the pipe line near the junction of Chebucto Road and Dutch Village Road, and that of Brandram-Henderson Limited, who erected a building over the pipe at Kempt Road, legal action has been commenced by the City to remove it.

I must also state most emphatically that if Major Howard or the military authorities refer to me as having agreed with them that the buildings should be erected over the pipes, the statement is directly contrary to the facts. I did not then and do not now consider that it would be in any way a satisfactory condition. These two pipes were laid a good many years ago, and at that time, pipes were cast lying on their side. In consequence, very frequently we find these old pipes thick on one side and thin on the other, and a sudden water hammer may cause a pipe to split. As the pipes are heavy, it is necessary that we should be able to get close to the break with teams and derricks so that the old split pipe may be lifted out and the new one put in. When a break occurs, the trench and the ground near it is filled with water, and in order to make as rapid repairs as possible, steam pumps frequently have to be employed to lower the water and keep it down so that the men can work. If these pipes were

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under buildings or in a tunnel, the conditions, especially in the winter, might be such that it would lead to serious loss of property and perhaps loss of life due to the delay in making the repairs.

I think prompt and decided action should be taken to prevent the officials of the Government carrying out this work in defiance of the City, either by applying for an injunction to restrain Rhodes Curry Company, who have the contract, from erecting the buildings, or by application to those who are superior in authority to the officials who are to blame. If these officials have made a mistake it might be corrected by them and not forced upon the City.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the City Engineer's report be approved and the City Solicitor instructed to forthwith take steps to prevent the proposed encroachment over the City Water Mains along the lines suggested in the Engineer's report. Motion passed.

The City Solicitor being present advises that an injunction be applied for to restrain the Contractors Rhodes, Curry & Co. from proceeding with the work.  
Approved.

By direction of the Board the City Solicitor drafts the following telegram to Hon. A.K. McLean M.P. for Halifax which is forwarded by His Worship the Mayor:

"Halifax, N.S. Nov. 29th, 1918.

Hon. A.K. MacKean,  
OTTAWA.

Military authorities here persisting in erecting hospital over City water pipes against our protest. The resulting consequences to the City will be most serious, and involve great danger. Am forwarding report of City Engineer and City is taking an injunction against Contractor. Please take all possible steps to have work stopped.

A.C. HAWKINS,  
MAYOR."

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The City Clerk is instructed to request P.F. Martin, M.P. for Halifax to also forward a telegram to Hon. A.K. MacLean, and the following is duly despatched:-

"Halifax, N.S. Nov. 29th, 1918

Hon. A.K. MacLean,  
OTTAWA.

Use best efforts to stop erection of hospital over City Water pipes against City's protest. This is a serious matter involving grave danger. City is taking out injunction against Contractors to stop work. Do all you can immediately to meet the City's wishes. Mayor Hawkins has telegraphed to you and City Solicitor Bell is writin to you. This is urgent.

P.F. Martin."

CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS CONVENTION AT AMHERST.

Read invitation Canadian Manufacturers Association as follows:-

Amherst, Nova Scotia,  
November 27th, 1918.

To  
The Mayor,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

The Maritime Branch of the Canadian Manufacturers Association is holding a conference on Reconstruction and other Industrial Problems, in the Town of Amherst, on the afternoon and evening of December 11th., 1918.

At the request of this Association I am extending an invitation to the Mayors of the Cities and Towns of the Maritime Provinces to attend.

A copy of the program will be mailed to you by the Secretary.

I trust that you will make it a point to be presnet.

F. L. Milner,  
The Mayor of the town of Amherst.

On recommendation of Hds Worship the Mayor it is unanimously decided to request Controller Hines to attend the convention to represent the City of Halifax.

LOAN \$430,200.00

In connection with tenders for a loan of approximately \$420,000.00 received and opened at a meeting on 28th inst. a number of financial brokers

*City Solicitor ✓  
City Engineer ✓  
Hon A.K. MacLean ✓*

*Cont. Hines ✓  
City Auditor ✓*

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appeared before the Board.

Read report City Treasurer as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 28, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,  
and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

In re tenders for loan.

I have been instructed to report on the purpose for which this loan is to be used.

On July 25th, 1917 the City Council approved of the following items

Permanent Sidewalks	\$15000
Motor Fire Engine	12500
Public Abattoir	10000
Various local Sewers	26000
1st. Sec. N.W. Arm Sewer	70000
Total	<u>\$ 133500</u>

On Sept. 13th, 1918 at the request of the Mayor and Board of Control the Provincial Government through Premier Murray promised to use their good offices to secure the passage of legislation legalizing the borrowing for

Lateral Sewers	\$75000
Water Extension	20000
Public Abattoir	10000
Tuberculosis Hospital	35000
Widening Streets	5000
Total	<u>\$ 145000</u>

By direction and after consultation with the City Engineer the following amounts are estimated to be required for the various services during 1919-20

Public Comfort Station	\$2000
Permanent Pavements	44700
" Sidewalks	30000
Sewer Construction	50000
Water D. "	20000
Widening Streets	5000
Total	<u>\$ 151,700.</u>

If no changes be made the total loan for items specified will be \$430,200.00

Tenders have been received and read as follows:

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	<u>For immediate delivery \$133500.</u>	<u>For option Delivery during March after legal action Prov. Parliament of Balance.</u>
Canada Bond Corporation Toronto,	98.25	98.25
F.B. McCurdy, & Co. Halifax,	98.55	98.55 & accrued int.
Harris Forbes & Co. Boston,	98.57	98.57
Dominion Securities Cor. Toronto,	98.64	98.64 & accrued int.
Wood Gundy & Co. " "	98.82	98.82 " " "
W.F. Mahon & Co. Halifax,	99.098	99.098 " " "
J.C. MacKintosh & Co } Halifax	99.31	99.31 " " "
H.M. Bradford		
A.M. Jack & Son for		
A.E. Ames & Co. Toronto	99.69	100.03 " " "
Eastern Securities Co. Halifax	100.77	101.63 " " "

After consultation with the City Solicitor I am of opinion that the tender of the Eastern Securities Company is the best in the interests of the City.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

*Council*

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the report of the City Treasurer be adopted and the tender of the Eastern Securities Company Limited accepted. Motion passed unanimously.

EXPLOSION - WATER SUPPLY TEMPORARY BUILDINGS.

*Engineer*

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Engineer is instructed to change the supply of water from the Relief Commission Administration Buildings and the temporary dwellings on the Citadel and south Common from the high service system to the low service system.

FLEMING PARK - L.A. MORASH REFRESHMENT PRIVILEGES.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

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His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the application of L.A. Morash for permission to extend the building used as a tea room, at Fleming Park.



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I would recommend that permission be given to Mr. Morash to build an addition 20' X 17' to accommodate his customers. He also asks for renewal of the lease of the building for five years, and says that the present lease runs out in 1920.

As his lease has two years to run, it is a matter which I respectfully suggest should not be dealt with at this time, especially as your Board is taking into consideration all revenue obtained by the City from all such leases.

F.W.W.Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

INFLUENZA HOSPITAL & ACCOUNT WALTER LOWNDS.

Read report City Auditor as follows:-

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

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

Dear Sir:-

In answer to yours of this date in re item of bill \$82.50 I beg to state that I mean just what I say in my report.

The bill was passed by the Health Board	\$3846.83
to which later was added	82.50
and passed by the Board of Control.....	<u>\$3929.33</u>

As a matter of fact I do not know who added the \$82.50, but later, no doubt, I can ascertain. I am informed by the Chairman, and Secretary of the Health Board that they do not know who added \$82.50/

W.W.Foster,  
City Auditor.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the report be referred back to the City Auditor, that he be informed his statement as written with reference to the addition of \$82.50 is at variance with the facts and that he be requested to make more clear his assertion as to who was responsible for adding said amount to the account, in view of the fact that the account itself and the covering letter from the City Health Board to the Board of Control included the item \$82.50. Motion passed.

*Engineer*

*Auditor*

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CITY PRISON - MAINTENANCE MILITARY PRISONERS.

Read letter Colonel W.E. Thompson, re cost of maintenance of Military Prisoners at City Prison, as follows:-

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

To-

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

Your Worship:-

I have the honour to forward herewith a copy of a report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 11th November, 1918, for your information.

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

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Certified copy of a Report of the Committee of the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General on the 11th November, 1918.

The Committee of the Privy Council have had before them a report, dated 1st November, 1918 from the Minister of Militia and Defence, stating that, under Section 136 of the Militia Act, prisoners sentenced by court-martial to imprisonment for terms less than two years, are required to be received into custody and detained by wardens of goals and instances have occurred in which sentences of detention by Commanding Officers and courts-martial have been executed by confinement in such goals, in the absence of conveniently situated authorized military detention barracks. Moreover the military offence of absence without leave was, by order in Council made punishable civilly on summary conviction by imprisonment up to two years, and absentees so punished have, upon conviction, been necessarily confined in civil goals.

It is considered that the expense of the maintenance of prisoners confined in such goals, and the fees of Sheriff's in connection with the arrest and discharge of prisoners confined in civil goals for strictly military offences, might properly be considered as expenses incident to military operations, and be borne by the Dominion of Canada, rather than by the Province by whom the goals in question are maintained, and the sheriffs appointed.

The Minister, therefore, recommends that authority be given for the payment of accounts for the maintenance in provincial goals of prisoners sentenced to imprison-

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ment or detention by courts-martial or by commanding officers for offences other than civil offences under Section 41 of the Army Act, or sentenced by civil magistrates to imprisonment for the military offence of absence without leave at the rate of 80¢ a day (the usual rate allowed for subsistence) and also for the payment of the proper fees of Sheriffs and other Provincial officers in connection with prisoners so sentenced, any payment made under the authority of this Order in Council to be chargeable to War Appropriation.

The Committee concur in the foregoing recommendation and submit the same for approval.

(Sgd) Rodolphe Boudreau,  
Clerk of the Privy Council.

The Honourable,  
The Minister of Militia & Defence.  
City Auditor and  
Referred to the/Governor of the City Prison to

prepare and submit within one week a statement of the amount due by the Dominion Government at the amount fixed by the Order in Council for maintenance of Military Prisoners.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY - C.W.OUTHIT BUILDING.

In response to letter of T.F.Tobin, K C. submitted at meeting November 19th, and in compliance with instructions from the Board on that date the City Clerk lays upon the table the following extracts from the Minutes of the Board of Control-

Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Board of Control held on the 29th day of November, 1917.

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

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

City Clerk,  
City Hall,

Sir,  
I beg leave to advise you that I have this day sent the enclosed letter to Mr. C.W.Outhit.

H.W.Johnston,  
Acting City Engineer.

*Sgt. Col WE  
Thompson  
Governor City  
Prison.*

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The Secretary in the City Engineer's Office,  
November 26th, 1917.

C. W. Outhit, Esq.,  
Barrington Street,  
C i t y.

Dear Sir,

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

H. W. Johnson,  
Acting City Engineer.

Approved.

A true extract,

L. Fred Monaghan,  
CITY CLERK.

Extract from Minutes of the Board of Control, January 10th, 1918.

Read letter C. W. Outhit, as follows:

Halifax, N.S. 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 extra 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,

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.

L. Fred Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

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The Secretary is instructed to inform Mr. Tobin that the said memoranda constitute the agreement between Mr. Outhit and the seller of the property.

MUNICIPAL FINANCING.

Read circular letter D.O.Cameron, Toronto, advocating the issuing of (blank) per cent five year circulating bonds of the denomination of \$10.00 to meet prevailing corporate needs owing to present money stringency. Referred to the City Treasurer for report.

SHIPYARDS - MARKET BUILDING -POULTRY SHOW.

The following communications are read and inserted on the Minutes for the purpose of record:-

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

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

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your favor of 19th inst. advising that the Board of Control, subject to the stipulations outlined in your letter of 16th inst., has decided to permit our Company to use the portion of the main floor of the Market Building applied for providing a satisfactory arrangement can be made with the Halifax Poultry and Pet Stock Association. In regard to the latter proviso, enclosed find a copy of a letter I handed Mr. Cote Sec-Treas. of the Halifax Poultry and Pet Stock Association, outlining the agreement he and I arrived at regarding our joint occupancy of the building from December 2nd to the 5th inclusive. Mr. Cote expressed himself as entirely satisfied with the arrangement therein outlined.

Will you be good enough to convey our thanks to His Worship the Mayor and the Board of Control for their action in granting us the use of this building, and may I ask that the City Engineer be instructed to designate the portion of the building that we may use so that our engineers can get to work on the plans for submission to the City Engineer at the earliest possible moment.

I also wish to thank you for the keen personal interest and attention you have given this matter, which I assure you is deeply appreciated.

HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LIMITED,  
J. E. McLurg,  
General Manager.

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E.L.Cote, Esq.,  
Secy-Treas.  
Halifax Poultry & Pet Stock Assoc.,  
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

Confirming our conversation of this morning with reference to the use of the Market Building, we agree that we will not lay more than one-half of our mould loft floor in this building until after your Association has held its exhibition. The floor space we limit ourselves to lay will be 75'X50' wide. Furthermore, we agree to supply you with the lumber necessary to place your exhibits in two tiers, you to return us the lumber when it has answered your purpose.

On your part you agree that should we have this portion of our Floor laid that it will be satisfactory to you not to use it and that you will have no complaint against the Board of Control of the City for not having the use of this portion of the floor.

We agree that our men will stop laying our floor on the night of November 30th and will not recommence until the morning of December 6th.

HALIFAX SHIPYARDS LIMITED,  
J.E. McLurg,  
General Manager.

His Worship the Mayor informed the Board that he had signed the memorandum of agreement between the City and the Shipyards which was approved at meeting of the Board on the 21st inst. for the rental for of the Market Building and the Board concurs in his action.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Solicitor is instructed to draft an act authorizing that the moneys received from the rental paid by the Halifax Shipyards Limited for the use of the Market Building may be applied for the construction of a permanent floor for the building.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC - THANKS GOVERNOR OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Read letter His Honor Samuel W. McCall Governor of Massachusetts as follows:-

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Solicitor ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Auditor ✓

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE HOUSE BOSTON.

7th November 1918.

His Honor, the Mayor of Halifax,  
Halifax,  
Nova Scotia.

Your Honor:-

I wish to express to you on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and personally, sincerest appreciation for your help in combating the epidemic of influenza. It was a distinctive and substantial contribution to the country, and fully as important as work upon the field of battle. Your endeavor was splendidly carried out and your devotion an honor to our National life.

The help you rendered is something that will not soon be forgotten by Massachusetts, Please accept my sincere hopes for your future success.

Samuel W. McCall.

Filed.

CORNWALL STREET SEWER.

Read petition for sewer extension Cornwall Street,  
Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ALDERMANIC ELECTIONS.

Read opinion City Solicitor, as follows:-

Nov. 25th, 1918.

Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

The question I am asked to answer is stated as follows:-

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the Governor in Council be requested to pass an Order in Council confirming any action of this Board and the City Council in the holding of an election for the filling of the vacancies now existing in the City Council

His Worship the Mayor asks the City Solicitor to submit a written opinion as to whether the Mayor would assume any liability in putting the resolution to the meeting and as to what the effect of such a resolution would be and in the meantime he declined to put the motion to the Meeting.

Obviously this resolution and enquiry respecting

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it must be considered along with the other parts of the discussion ( a copy of the minutes of which has been furnished me) which turned mainly on the legality of this and the other steps proposed to be taken. It is as I understand, the legality and effect of the proposed resolution which His Worship desires me to deal with.

In any strict sense of the phrase it cannot be said that there is any question either legality or illegality in the resolution. "Legality" in reference to a statutory body with limited powers such as the Board of Control or the City Council has as a rule reference only to the question whether or not the body is committing itself to some action in excess of its statutory powers. This resolution does not ~~expressly~~ propose any action by the Board. It is simply a request that another body will take some action. There is no ~~leg~~ illegality in such a request. The Board of Control can make it. So with equal propriety could the Board of Trade or any other organization or any individual citizen. The members of the Board of Control need not make the request in the form of a resolution of the Board. It would be just as pertinent, and I would suppose effective, if made in their own names as individual controllers.

In respect to the second part of the inquiry it is much easier to be definite. I cannot see in what way any such request as is proposed could have any effect whatever. The Governor in Council have no authority to confirm any action taken by the Board of Control in the holding of an election. The only body ~~ef~~ capable of exercising such a power is the provincial legislature. Even if that body undertook to confirm an election it would be necessary also to pass legislation confirming everything done by the Council so elected up to the time of the passing of the confirmatory Act, being in this respect in marked distinction from the request for the good offices of the government in respect to legislation legalizing certain definite things explicitly stated in the request.

F.H.Bell,

Consideration of the Solicitor's opinion is deferred.

MAYOR.

*L. J. W. Wray*  
CITY CLERK.



MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

November 30th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Imperial Oil Company Plant Kempt Road and Robie Street.  
Sherwood and Patricia Street Water Extension Tender.  
Robie Street Water Extension to Heber Hartlen Property.  
Encroachment Main Water Pipe Line Camp Hill.  
Loan \$430,200.00  
St. Patrick's Boys School Plans.  
Edward Newell's Discharge from City Prison.

IMPERIAL OIL CO. PLANT KEMPT ROAD AND ROBIE STREET.

Mrs. Robert Thomson and Mrs. McAlain appear before and address the Board in opposition to the application of the Imperial Oil Company for permission to install oil and gasoline tanks on the job lot bounded by Kempt Road, Robie and Young Streets facing the Cotton Factory.

S.S. Shatford and G.F. Iceton address the Board in advocacy of the application.

Mr. Shatford is advised to interview the property owners in the neighborhood and to explain to them the nature of the plant he proposes to install.

A copy of the petition, submitted at the last meeting of the Board, against the erection of the proposed plant is ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Shatford.

SHERWOOD AND PATRICIA STREET WATER EXTENSION TENDER

The tender of the Alcorn Construction Co. submitted at the last meeting of the Board for the laying of proposed water main on Sherwood and Patricia Streets is again read.

*Engineer*

*Shatford*

*S.S. Shatford ✓  
Engineer ✓*

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On motion of Controller Murphy the tender is accepted and the City Engineer authorized to proceed with the work.

ROBIE STREET WATER EXTENSION TO HEBER HARTLEN PROPERTY.

Moved by His Worship the Mayor seconded by Controller Murphy that upon Heber Hartlen signing an agreement in settlement and release of all claims against the City as an adjustment of all matters in controversy the City Water supply be extended to his property Robie Street upon his signing a bond to pay an annual rate of \$21.50 as his proportion of interest on the outlay, on the usual conditions of such bonds. Motion passed, Controller Finlay dissenting.

ENCROACHMENT MAIN WATER PIPE LINE CAMP HILL.

Read letter Dominion Government Department of Public Works as follows ( see Board of Control Minutes November 29th):-

Halifax, 29th, Nov. 1918.

To The City Clerk,  
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

With regard to the new buildings at above Hospital crossing City water mains I have now authority from the Department of Public Works to move said buildings to new positions clear of the mains. The mains will still be crossed however by two connecting corridors, ten feet wide over all, but provision is made for reinforced concrete arches at these two points. I trust this will prove satisfactory to the City.

Ronald Winter,  
Supt. of Works.

The City Solicitor verbally reported that he

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had obtained from the Supreme Court an interim injunction restraining the contractors from proceeding with the encroachment.

*Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓*

The matter is referred to the City Engineer City and the Solicitor to endeavor to make a satisfactory arrangement with the Military authorities.

LOAN \$430,200.00

At request of Controller Murphy the tender of the Eastern Securities Company and the report of the City Treasurer in re loan of \$430,200.00 (see minutes Board of Control, November 28th, and 29th) are again read the tender of the Eastern Securities Company being as follows:-

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

City Treasurer,  
City of Halifax, N.S.  
Dear Sir:-

Subject legal opinion, we beg to offer you One Hundred Point Seventy-seven (100.77) and Accrued Interest, for One Hundred and Thirty-three Thousand Five Hundred (\$133,500), City of Halifax Six Percent, (6%) 34 year Bonds, in consideration of an option at One Hundred and One point Sixty-three, (101.63) and Interest on Two Hundred and Eighty-six Thousand Five hundred (\$286,500),----- the unsold balance of the Four Hundred and Twenty thousand (\$420,000) issued 34 year Six percent, (6%) Bonds, until March 1st, 1919, or such time as the necessary legislation can be procured to legalize the issue. X

W.F. Macdougall,  
Manager.

(NOTE:- The difference in amount between the \$420,000.00 named in the tenders and the \$430,200.00 shown in the City Treasurers report is due to the fact that the binds were emergently called for, the amount named being tentative only and afterwards altered to the higher total of \$430,200.00

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On motion of Controller Murphy the arrangement between the Eastern Securities Company and the City in respect to the loan for the two groups of items totalling respectively \$145,000.00 and \$151,700.00 is referred ~~back~~ to the City Solicitor, the City Treasurer and the City Auditor.

The City Treasurer being asked if he approves of the acceptance of the offer of the Eastern Securities Company says he does approve and recommend it. The Treasurer is requested to submit his recommendation in writing as to the advisability and the price of the issue. The Treasurer requests that the City Auditor be associated with him in making the report. Agreed to.

It is decided to fix the rate of interest on the loan at 6% the bonds to be dated December 1st, 1918, as requested by W.I. McDougall representing the Eastern Securities Company.

The City Treasurer is requested to prepare and submit a formal resolution accepting the tender and authorizing the issue of the bonds including a request that the Premier of the Province may be pleaded to undertake to use the good offices of the Government to secure the enactment of legislation empowering the City to borrow such of the amounts named as have not received due sanction.

ST. PATRICK'S BOYS SCHOOL PLANS.

Read correspondence re account H.E. Gates for plans for St. Patrick's Boys School, as follows:-

Treasurer ✓  
Council

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L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose a copy of a letter sent today to the Mayor and Board of Control, which for some reason was left in the Mayor's office.

Will you kindly see that this copy is delivered to the Mayor and the Board of Control at the earliest possible moment.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary

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Nov. 28th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Board of School Commissioners to once more make application to you for the sum of Two Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars (\$2300.00) to pay Major H. E. Gates for the plans and specifications submitted by him, and accepted by the Board, for the new St. Patrick's Boy's School.

As the payment of this amount has been long delayed, the Board will be grateful to you if you will arrange this at the earliest possible moment.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

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Nov. 30th, 1918.

Miss S. J. Wilson, Sec,  
Board of School Commissioners,  
Sackville Street,  
CITY.

Dear Madame:-

In answer to yours of the 28th inst. would say that this is the first application that has come to hand for the Twenty-Three Hundred (\$2300.00) Dollars to pay Mr. H. E. Gates for plans and specifications for St. Patrick's Boys' School, that we have any record of. If there is be a previous application, kindly send me a copy of it.

A. C. Hawkins,  
MAYOR.

Consideration is deferred pending reply from the School Board to His Worship the Mayor's letter.

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EDWARD NEWELL'S DISCHARGE FROM CITY PRISON.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following correspondence between the Deputy attorney General and the Mayor re the release of Military Prisoner Edward Newell from the City Prison ( see Minutes Board of Control, November 19th, 1918.)-

Halifax, 27th, November, 1918.

Dr. A.C.Hawkins,

Mayor, H a l i f a x, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed to invite your attention to my letter to you of the 14th instant, respecting a complaint received from the Deputy Minister of Justice that you had directed the discharge of a prisoner committed to the Halifax City Prison for a military offence. There has been no reply to that letter, and this Department fears that you may be labouring under the erroneous impression that you, as Mayor of the City, have some power or authority in regard to the releasing or transferring of Prisoners committed to the City Prison.

This Department cannot acquiesce in the assumption by the Mayor of any power or authority whatsoever in regard to the releasing or transferring of prisoners, and I am therefore to request that ~~ye~~ if you directed the discharge of the prisoner in this case you inform the Department promptly by what authority ~~you~~ did so, and whether you would regard yourself as justified in taking similar action in any such cases that might arise in the future.

I may add that the question is not whether the facts in this case called for a transfer of the prisoner, but is whether you were justified in interfering in the matter.

If ~~th~~ a reply is not received to this letter the Department purposes instituting an investigation and if the result thereof should justify it, taking such action as would tend to prevent a repetition of the acts complained of.

Fred F. Mathers,  
Deputy Attorney General.

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November 29th, 1918.

Fred. F. Mathers, Esq.,  
Deputy Attorney General,  
CITY.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to your letters of the 14th. and

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27th inst. with enclosure of a copy of a letter from the Deputy Minister of Militia to the Deputy Minister of Justice, the delay in answering, I regret to say was due to a misunderstanding between Mr. Bell, our City Solicitor and myself.

With regard to No. T/618 Driver E.V. Newell, C.P.A.S.C., once a prisoner at Rockhead, I wish to state when the Governor of Rockhead called my attention to the fact that this man was suffering from syphilis, I personally investigated it and found that he was a menace to all the other prisoners in the City Prison. I might state among these prisoners ~~in the~~ ~~there~~ a number of Military Prisoners, many of them young boys confined there for trivial military offences.

I at once got in communication with General Lessard, and informed him of the facts, He promised to take action. I then consulted Mr. Bell, our City Solicitor, and the action I took was on the advice which he gave me. All I did was return the prisoner to the Rockhead Military Hospital, where he was formerly detained, suffering from a venereal disease, and from which he had absented himself without leave, for which breach of Military Regulations he was committed to the City Prison.

The above, I think, answers your letter of the 27th inst., except in so far as whether I regard myself as justified in taking such action in cases which might arise in the future. I might state that in such cases should arise, I will take every precaution on my part to prevent the spread of this loathsome disease in any civic institution in which I may have control, and will act on the cases when they arise, to the best of my ability.

The last clause of your letter threatens that your Department will institute an investigation. Such an investigation I would court, and I am prepared to appear whenever required.

A.C. Hawkins,  
MAYOR.

The City Clerk is instructed to furnish copies of the correspondence to the daily newspapers.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

*L. J. W. Wagoner*  
CITY CLERK.

*J. L. Gower ✓*  
*ac Echo. ✓*  
*ac Petipas ✓*  
*mail ✓*  
*C. F. Ross ✓*  
*Recorder ✓*

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,

December 3rd, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.45 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Murphy and Hines.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Loan \$430,200.00  
Liquor Law Enforcement.  
Policeman Malcolm McLean -Charges Against.  
Explosion-Gratuities to Firemen and Dependents of Firemen.  
Railway Bridges Fairview and Kempt Road.  
War-Policeman John Kellochs' return to Duty-Superannuation Fund.  
Fire Alarm Boxes.  
Murray Place Water Extension.  
City Prison Improvement.  
Street Lighting.  
Brunswick Street Electric Light.  
Street Railway and Street Lighting Services.  
City Prison report for November.  
Police Motor Patrol Waggon.  
Motor Truck License Geo. J.B.Metzler.  
Beech Street Sewer.  
Barrington Street- W.M.C.A Wooden Building.  
Riot May 25th,-Argyle and Duke Street Glass Broken  
Town Planning.  
Water Bill Murray Estate 1-3 Murray Place.  
Abattoir.  
St. Patricks Boys School Plans.  
Annual Civic Report  
#144 Preston Street Drainage.  
Explosion -Massachusetts-Halifax Relief.  
Accounts.

LOAN \$430,200.00

Read letter Canada Bond Corporation Ltd,

Toronto, as follows:-

Toronto, Canada, November 30, 1918.

James T. Hopewell, Esq.,  
City Treasurer,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to acknowledge your telegram reading as follows:-

"Eastern Securities secure Tender 100.77 for amount available November 101.63 for lot March delivery. Your offer the lowest. Mailing results."



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and wish to congratulate you on the excellent price you received for your bonds. This we think is the first issue of 6% bonds to be sold at a premium for some time. We are sorry that our bid was low, but as the market was particularly bare of securities it was very hard to estimate what the selling value of Halifax bonds would be.

If by any change the Eastern Securities do not exercise their option we will be very glad to hear from you or if you have any further bonds for sale we would like very much to be in a position to submit a bid.

A.W. McLennan,  
Manager.

Read report City Treasurer, as follows:-

Halifax, December 2nd, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,  
and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am asked to report why I consider the tender of the Eastern Securities Corporation Ltd. as the best in the interest of the City. The question can be considered under three points; its necessity, the term of years and the rate of interest.

As to its necessity I advance no opinion. Reports have been submitted by the Controllers in charge of the various departments for the years 1917-18 and 1918-9 and they have met the approval of the City Council and for the 1919-20 has been approved by the Board of Control.

The term 34 years: this has been practically standardized when large loans were required by the City Council. The obvious reason being that the cost of the work should be spread over its probable life and be borne equitably by the present and future taxpayers. For instance take the Sinking Fund investments necessary to pay for this loan. On a 34 year term at a safe and reasonable rate of interest say 4%, \$6012,20 would be required annually, while for a short period say 15 years, which seems to be in favor with the buyers of the Victory Loan, \$20974.13 would be required to be assessed. I am of opinion that the difference of nearly \$15000. can be used to better advantage by the ratepayers and I quote the utterance of Sir Thomas White in his Winnipeg speech when he said "short date financing is always dangerous"

INTEREST 6% In this connection the rate paid by the City will be close to 5.90%. The Victory Loan will no doubt be cited at 5½% as an example, but let it be borne in mind that the last loan cost an additional .64 of one per cent for expenses. Then

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again it would be only fair to state that business was not the object, rather it was a magnificent outburst of patriotism to show the boys "across the sea" that those left behind were back of them to the last dollar. The Royal Bank at the request of Controller Finlay for loans in 1917-18 and subsequently at the request of Mayor Hawkins and the Board of Control for those in 1918-19 recognized the state of the money market and are honoring our advances at the low rate of 5½% which holds good until 1st July 1919. With that in view arrangements will be made so that this generous treatment will continue until that date. I herewith give a few instances of sales and the rate of interest paid during the past 6 months.

Alberta Schools.....				to yield	7%
Fort Frances.....	6%	20 year installment	@92.53	" "	7%
Greater Winnipeg Water Loan	6%	\$1600,000	@96.86	" "	6½%
Brandon, Man.	5%	\$67000 -30years	@79.09	" "	6¼%
Protestant Board School					
Sommission Montreal	6%	\$900000 5 years.....	"....."	"	6.40%
Montreal	6%	\$16,000,000/.....	"....."	"	6½&6%
New Westminster B.D.	6%	\$100,000	@93.68		
"    "    "	6%	\$100,000	@91.		
New Brunsiwck Roads	6%	\$200,000.....	"....."	"	6%
Province Nova Scotia	6%	\$1,000,000, 10 years	@98.	" "	6.27%
Yarmouth	6%	\$54000. 15 "	" "	" "	6.18%
Halifax	6%	430,000 34 "	@100.77 &101.63	" "	5.90%

A close study of these terms and yielded interest

should prove to any fair minded critic that no mistake was made in the terms of the city more especially when it is considered that the Province of Nova Scotia with all its prestige obtained in open market only 97.33 while the average of the city is 101.33 and advance of 4 points or a saving of \$17200. on our loan.

These results warrant me in recommending the acceptance of the tender of the Eastern Securities Corporation Ltd.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer,

P.S. Attached letter just received.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS The City of Halifax has authority under the various Acts (cited) of the Legislature of Nova Scotia to borrow certain sums of money for certain purposes therein specified viz

For the year 1917-18 as passed by City Council July 25, 1917.

Construction of Permanent Sidewalks Cap. 4½ Acts 1915 \$15000.

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Purchase of Motor Fire Engine	Cap. 47 Acts 1915	\$12500.
Construction of a Public Abattoir (Additional)	86 " 1917	10000.
" " " Sewer	36 " 1916	90000.
" " " "	86 " 1917	6000.
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 133500.</u>

For the year 1918-19 as passed by Board of Control and Council, guaranteed by Government of Nova Scotia, through its Premier under date Sept. 13th, 1918.

For the construction of Public Sewers	Cap. 86 Acts 1917	\$75000.
" " widening of Streets	" 77b " 1914	5000.
" purpose Water Extensions	" 86 " 1917	20000.
" Construction of a Public Abattoir (Additional)	" " 1917	10000.
In aid of a Tuberculosis Hospital	" 63 " 1918	35000.
	<u>Total.</u>	<u>\$ 145,000.</u>

For the year 1919-20 as passed by the Board of Control and to be guaranteed by the Government of Nova Scotia through its premier.

For construction of Permanent Pavement	Cap. 70 Acts 1914	\$44700.
" " " Sidewalks	" 47 " 1915	30000.
" " " Public Sewers	" 63 " 1918	50000.
" " " Comfort Station	" 86 " 1917	2000.
" purpose Water Extensions	" " " "	20000.
" " widening Streets	" 77 " 1914	5000.
	<u>Total</u>	<u>\$151,700</u>

AND WHEREAS the Eastern Securities Corporation Ltd. have offered to take the said sum of \$133,500 as set out under 1917-18 loan and passed by the City Council under date July 25th, 1917 at 100.77 of par; and in conjunction therewith an option on a further sum of \$151,700 as set out under 1919-20 loan and passed by the Board of Control subject to the approval of the Government of Nova Scotia at 101.63 of par; (the last two items for delivery about March 1919)

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the complete offer of the Eastern Securities Corporation Ltd. be accepted and the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to issue and deliver to the said Eastern Securities Corporation Ltd. debentures or stock or both of the par value of \$133,500 @ 100.77 to cover 1917-18 loan and \$296,300 @ 101.63 to cover 1918-19 and 1919-20 loans, the said debentures or stock to be issued in like manner as upon the same terms and conditions as is provided by the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act 1905, and amendments and to bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum payable on the first day of June and December in each year, the term 34 years and to be redeemable December 1st, 1952.

The principal and interest at the option of the holder will be paid when due at the office of the City Treasurer Halifax or at the Royal Bank of Canada, in Montreal, Toronto, or New York, in the lawful money of Canada or in gold of the present standard weight and fineness.

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The resolution is moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines and passed unanimously.

The Secretary is instructed to forward a copy of the City Treasurer's report and a copy of the resolution to Hon. Geo. H. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia with the request that the provincial Government may be pleased to use its good offices at the next session of the Assembly for the passage of an Act safeguarding the hypothecation of City Securities to the Royal Bank of Canada and legalizing the sale and the date of City deventures or stock to the extent of respectively \$133,500 or; \$145,000.00 /and \$151,700.00 and collectively \$430,200.00 as individually set out in the resolution of the Board of Control and the City Solicitor is instructed to draft and submit to this Board such legislation for presentation to the Legislature upon the receipt of such anticipated undertaking from the Honorable Premier Murray.

*Eastern Securities Corporation Ltd  
Hon Treasurer  
Solicitor  
Auditor  
Council*

LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

W.S. Davidson, W.A. Major and Mr. Smith representing the Citizens Committee on reception to returned Soldiers appeared before and addressed the Board urging strict compliance with the law prohibiting the unlawful sale of intoxicating liquor.

At request of His Worship the Mayor the Chief of Police, The Deputy Chief of Police and Police Sergeants Johnstone, McIsaac and Spruin are also in attendance (the other three Police Sergeants being ill.)

The Committee's delegation explained the work being done and the cash being expended, through popular

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subscription, for the returned men and asked that every effort be made to prevent "bootleggers" and "blind pigs" from carrying on their trade of selling liquor to returned soldiers. They stated that on last Thursday Friday and Saturday after the arrival of the transport Aquitania there seemed to be a general free selling of liquor which was deleterious to the men and interfered with the good work the Committee was endeavoring to accomplish. The delegation asked that the Police Force as a whole get in sympathy with the Committee so that no such complaint may be required upon the arrival of the next troopship the Olympic which will soon be due here.

His Worship the Mayor thought the services and the intentions of the Citizens Committee should be upheld by the City and by every member of the Police Force and directed the Chief of Police, the Deputy Chief of Police and the Sergeants present to do all in their power to prevent the illegal sale of liquor to protect the returned soldiers from the illicit traffic. His instruction was that the Police Force should spare no effort to effect a complete enforcement of the law. He suggested that representations be made to the Justice Department at Ottawa who could under the War Measures Act very readily provide severe penalties for violations of the law against the liquor traffic.

The Chief of Police asked that the hands of the Police be strengthened by the passing of an Order in Council making it an indictable offence punishable by imprisonment to sell liquor to returned soldiers.

*Chief of Police  
Deputy  
Minister of  
Justice*

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Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Hines that the City Clerk be instructed to at once request the Department of Justice at Ottawa to pass an Order-in-Council under the war measures act or under such other authority as they may be possessed of placing a fine of say from \$500.00 to \$1000.00 or imprisonment for at least two years without the option of a fine for the first offence upon persons convicted of illegally selling liquor to returned soldiers.  
Motion passed.

The City Clerk forwards the following communication :-

Halifax, December 5th. 1918.

E.L. Newcombe, K.C.,  
Deputy Minister of Justice,  
OTTAWA.

Sir:-

The Halifax Citizens Committee on Reception to Returned Soldiers have been performing a most useful, praiseworthy and appreciative work during all the years of war and propose to continue it until they all return. As an illustration. Upon the arrival of the transport Aquatania last week this Committee spent between \$700,00 and \$800,00 in supply comforts and necessities for the men.

The Committee have from time to time found their good offices sadly handicapped through the illicit sale to returned soldiers of intoxicating liquors of noxious quality by "bootleggers" and "blind pigs" and have urged strongly on the City authorities that no effort be spared to effect a complete enforcement of the law against the traffic.

Our Police Force is energetically endeavoring to perform its duty in this matter but finds the law inadequate to meet the situation in respect to the returned soldiers. A small fine imposed upon a bootlegger has no deterrent effect, he pays it cheerfully and continues his trade.

The Board of Control respectfully suggest that the Department of Justice under the War Measures Act or such other authority as it may possess have an Order in Council passed making it an indictable offence and imposing a fine of not less than \$500,00 and in default of payment two years imprisonment (either or both) upon any person unlawfully Giving or Selling

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any intoxicating liquor to any returned soldier. It has been suggested that this provision might be framed as part of the ~~xxxxxxx~~ section prohibiting the giving of liquors to sentries on duty and etc.

The hearty sympathy and prompt activity of the Justice Department in this matter will be appreciated by the City Government and by the Citizens Committed who have done so much for the well being of the men of all parts of Canada who have returned home through the port of Halifax. As the men continue to arrive back in greater numbers the occasion for stringent measures will increase.

L. Fred Monaghan,  
City Clerk.

POLICEMAN MALCOLM MCLEAN - CHARGES AGAINST.

Read letter Bruce T. Graham Solicitor for Louis Patrizi, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 2/18

Chief of Police Frank Hanrahan,  
City Hall,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

I have been instructed by Mr. Louis Patrizi of 272 Upper Water Street to make a complaint to you against Police Officer Number 40. Mr. Patrizi instructs me that without the slightest provocation this officer entered his premises late last night or early this morning, and created such disturbance as to arouse all the lodgers in the house. Further that he broke open without cause, the door of room number 3.

An investigation by you will be appreciated by my client.

Bruce T. Graham.

The Board decides to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to investigate the complaint and the Chief of Police is instructed to notify McLean and Mr. Graham and his witnesses to be present.

EXPLOSION- GRATUITIES TO FIREMEN AND DEPENDENTS OF FIREMEN.

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

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Halifax, N.S. Dec, 3, 1918.

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

We beg to report on the \$1500. donated to the fire department by the American La France Fire Engine Co. also \$305.00 from other sources which have been duly acknowledged making a total of \$1805.00 This money was donated for the relief of widows and orphans of members of the fire department who were killed in the Explosion of Dec. 6th. and for members who were seriously injured. After further consideration we have come to the conclusion to recommend as follows:-

Mrs. Florence Duggan, 130 Creighton St. widow of the late John Duggan, 5 children, oldest child 10 years, youngest 1 year 6 mos. \$271.00

Mrs. Jennis Maltus, 26 Hunter St., widow of the late Michael Maltus, 10 children, youngest child 2 years 6 mos. \$271.00

Mrs. Lottie Leahey, Block 21 Garrison Appartments, widow of the late Frank Leahey, 1 child (girl) age 4 years. \$271.00

Mrs. Mary E. Condon, 69 Brunswick St., widow of the late Chief Edw. P. Condon, 4 children, youngest child 14 years \$271.00

Mrs. Mary Killeen, 161 Hollis St., mother of the late Frank Killeen, 2 children, (girl) ages 10 & 15 years \$271.00

Mrs. Elizabeth Broderick, 152 Queen St., mother of the late Wm. T. Broderick, family one married daughter \$100.00

Mrs. Margaret Brunt 123 Creighton St., widow of the late Asst. Chief Wm. P. Brunt, no children \$100.00

Mrs. Honora Hennessy, 16 Cupard St. widow of the late Walter Hennessy, no children \$100.00

Wm. Wells, driver of Patricia seriously injured \$100.00

Joseph Johnston, injured, since superannuated 50.00

Making a total as stated above of \$1805.00

J. J. Hines, Controller  
E. W. Churchill,  
Chief H.F.D.

Approved.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller

Hines that the gratuities voted by the City Council, passed by the Provincial Legislature and included in the Civic Assessment for the Current Year amounting to a total of \$9000.00 for the benefit of widows and other dependents of Firemen who were killed in the discharge of duty during the Explosion of December 6th, be at once paid over as contemplated by Chapter 60 of the

*Chief Fire Dept - ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Investigator ✓  
E. E. Thomas ✓  
Am La France engine Co. ✓*



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Premier Murray ✓  
Chief Fire ✓  
Supt ✓  
Treasurer ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Solicitor ✓  
Council ✓

Acts of 1918, and that the Premier of the Province be requested to guarantee the good offices of the Government to secure the passage of an act legalizing the payment. Motion passed.

WAR -POLICEMAN JOHN KELLOCHS' RETURN TO DUTY-  
SUPERANNUATION FUND.

The Chief of Police reports that Policeman John Kelloch who received leave of absence on September 20th, 1915 to go overseas as a soldier reported for return to duty today and is suitable for reinstatement. Approved.

Chief of Police ✓  
Treasurer ✓

In connection with the reinstatement of Kelloch as a Policeman the City Treasurer and the Chief of Police are requested to report as to the amount of cash the Police Superannuation Fund was affected through the enlistment of members of the force during the war with the view that the amount may be made up through legislation empowering the City to contribute a sum sufficient to pay the contributions that would have been paid by the members had they remained on duty continuously -said amount to apply only to those who have returned and who may return to Police duty.

RAILWAY BRIDGES FAIRVIEW AND KEMPT ROAD.

Read letter Halifax Automobile Association as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

I understand the Railway Commission is to be in Halifax about Thursday, and in the interests of the citizens the travelling public and motorists I would respectfully suggest that you interview them in ref-

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reference to the absolutely dangerous conditions that exist in the roadway at Fairview, by reason of the putting in of the new "Y" adjoining the Halifax & South Western Railway bridge and also in reference to the dangerous concrete bridge that was erected near this place some time ago. I would suggest that you and the President of the Board of Trade interview the Railway Commission on their arrival here.

A.G. Watson,  
Secretary.

Approved.

FIRE ALARM BOXES.

Read report City Electrician, as follows:-

Halifax, Dec, 3rd, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,  
Dear Sir:-

The following fire alarm boxes have been inspected and found in good working condition:  
No. 4, 42, 43, 45, 52, 53, 51, 5, 56, 58, 54, 7, 74, 62, 93,  
and 9.

P.R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

Filed.

MURRAY PLACE WATER EXTENSION.

Read report City Engineer re water extension  
Murray Place, as follows:-

Halifax, Nov. 30th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the petition of T.J. Walsh asking for the extension of the water to five houses which he is erecting on Murray Place.

The extension will be on the high service system - size of pipe required 6-inch; length 307 feet along Murray Place from Cateret Street; estimated cost \$2203.65

I would recommend that the extension be made, provided Mr. Walsh will agree to pay the interest on the cost at 6% namely \$132.22

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

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Engineer  
Council

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CITY PRISON IMPROVEMENT.

Read report Governor of City Prison as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 3rd, 1918.

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

I beg to report that the temporary location of the Domestic Hydrant in the Prison yard be changed and placed in the stable the distance being about thirty feet, with the exception of laying the pipe & etc., all other work could be done by Prison Labor.

I would also report that Iron Gratings in wards No. 2, 3, & 4, be installed instead of wooden partitions as by gratings the sight is not obscured from the wards.

George Grant,

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

STREET LIGHTING.

Read report City Electrician as follows:-

Halifax, Dec. 3rd, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Dear Sirs:-

Referring to your request for my report on the present system of street lighting, I beg to say there is very little I can add to what I have already said in communications to your Board.

The present system in its dilapidated condition is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of both Supply Company and consumer. The cost of repairs and trimming being excessive, while the useful light given out per unit of energy consumed is very low when compared with any modern system of Street Lighting.

During the past two weeks the service has been much worse than usual, I am advised by the Tram Co's Superintendent that this was due to sickness disabling some of their men. There has however been considerable improvement the last few nights.

I am satisfied that a good Street Lighting service can only be obtained by the installation of modern, and more efficient lighting units.

P. R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

The City Engineer and City Electrician are requested to fully report on the resolution passed by the Board at meeting July 30th. page 430 looking to an

*Gov Grant ✓  
Engineer ✓*

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improvement in the street lighting service and on the reply thereto from the Tramway Company submitted at Meeting August 6th, page 458 and also on the resolution passed by the Board October 1st, page 718 ordering an inspection and report as to the electric wire lines of the Tramway Co.

BRUNSWICK STREET ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Controller Hines reported the street light on Brunswick Street foot of Maitland Terrace not lighted for some time. Referred to the City Electrician for attention.

STREET RAILWAY AND STREET LIGHTING SERVICES.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Clerk is instructed to write the Directors of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company Limited requesting an opportunity for a conference between them and this Board for the purpose of considering the Tramway Service and the street lighting service, supplied by them as affects the City generally.

CITY PRISON REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.

Read report Governor City Prison for month of November, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S Dec. 3rd, 1918.

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

I beg to submit the report of the City Prison for month ending November 30th. A.D. 1918, as follows:-

I would report repair work is again in progress at the Prison as owing to the prevalence of influenza the work was practically suspended for ten days But fortunately only three real cases developed among the prisoners to date.

Engineer  
Electrician ✓

Electrician ✓

Secretary  
N.S. Tramway  
Power Co ✓

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These three cases being taken care of by the Military authorities who also further stated they would take care of any military or naval prisoners, who might be attacked by the influenza. ~~an~~ two of the three prisoners have been returned to the prison and one still in Hospital further developments of the disease is not anticipated by the City Medical Officer. I would also report the east wing of the Prison now ready for occupancy less the heating and plumbing which is being proceeded with thus greatly relieving the congestion of the west wing. I would also report that the improvement plumbing estimated for over two years ago be proceeded with while the building are under repair.

George Grant,

( Attached to report number of Prisoners, Crime, and length of sentence.)

The recommendation for improvement in the plumbing at the Prison is referred to the City Engineer for report and recommendation and to the City Treasurer for a statement as to funds available for the purpose.

POLICE MOTOR PATROL WAGGON.

Read letter Smith Bros. Toronto to W.L.Kane re the Motor Police Patrol Car recently delivered to but not accepted by the City, as follows:-

Toronto, Nov. 26th 1918.

The Halifax Automobile Company Limited,  
Halifax, N S.

Gentlemen:- Attention Mr. W.L.Kane, Mgr.

Your letter of the 23rd inst., received this a.m. and we are forwarding under separate cover the photograph of the body of the Patrol from which we made the Halifax Patrol Body.

The Body furnished on your Chassis is identical to that shown in photograph marked "Patrol" with the following exceptions :- The Body shown in photograph was originally made by us some years ago for a horse drawn Patrol wagon. The Police Dept. of this City had same converted and fitted to Overland Chassis as per photo. The only difference in this Body and the one supplied to your city is the Ventilation arrangement on the top of the body. This is an obsolete attachment and no bodies have been fitted with same for many years. The local Police Depart. have removed these unsightly adornments even from their oldest body, otherwise the bodies are identical.

Gov Grant ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Treasurer ✓

Halifax Police

Engineer

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of course you will notice that the photograph shows the body attached to an early model Overland, and the original pleasure body was cut away from back of front seat.

We trust that the Halifax Police Dept., will be satisfied when they compare the Photograph with the Patrol. We are glad that you personally are satisfied, and if there is any suggestions or further information that you should be requiring we will be of as much service as we can.

We thank you for your kind inquiry, and would ask you to protect our photograph and return when the matter is straightened out to the satisfaction of the Police Dept.

SMITH BROS.

Wm. J. McLoughlin,  
Mgr.

The Secretary is instructed to send to Mr. Kane a copy of the City Engineer's report on the car dated November 26th and an extract from the Minutes of November 26th covering the verbal report of the Chief of Police and to inform him that the City does not propose to accept the car until the contract is fully complied with and a vehicle furnished which is suitable for the requirements.

MOTOR TRUCK LICENSE GEO. J. B. METZLER.

Read application George J. B. Metzler for a Motor Truck License. Referred to the Chief of Police for report.

BEECH STREET SEWER.

Read petition A. P. Healy for sewer extension Beech Street. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

BARRINGTON STREET - Y.M.C.A. WOODEN BUILDING.

Read letter C. J. Burchell, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 29, 1918.

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

I have your letter of November 28th. I have

Engineer ✓  
Chief of Police ✓  
W. R. Kane ✓

Chief of Police ✓

Engineer ✓

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assurances from the president of the Nova Scotia Board of Fire Underwriters that this matter will be put through and I so informed the Board of Control. There is, therefore, no occasion for worry about the matter.

C.J. Burchell.

Filed.

RIOT MAY 25th. ARGYLE AND DUKE STREET GLASS BROKEN.

Read letter Murray MacKinnon and Dalry, as follows:-

November 29th, 1918.

City of Halifax,  
Gentlemen:-

The Estate of W.H. Pallister, at the Corner of Argyle and Duke Streets, had a large plate glass window, size 72x90 worth \$46.46 broken on the 25th of May last, the day of the riot which occurred near the City Hall. As the City is liable for damage caused by riots, we are asked to request that the City make good this damage by the payment of the amount to us on behalf of this Estate.

MURRAY, MACKINNON & DALEY,  
Per. G.

Referred to the City Solicitor for report.

TOWN PLANNING.

Read notice from the Town Planning Board, as follows:-

Nova Scotia Town Planning Act, 1915  
City of Halifax.  
Town Planning Scheme Number 1

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 29, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor, the Controllers  
and Aldermen,  
City of Halifax, N.S.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to give you notice that the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines has under the Town Planning Act and the procedure Regulations thereunder, authorized the Town Planning Board of the City of Halifax (hereinafter referred to as the "Board") to prepare a Town Planning Scheme with reference to certain lands situate entirely within the City of Halifax, enclosed within the inner edge of a red border on a certain map deposited at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall, Halifax, and marked "Map No. 1 and Map No 2" (including land already built upon, and likely to be used for building purposes) with the exception of land which is edged and hatched with violet lines on said Map No. 1 and Map No 2. the said piece of land being the "Devastated Area" so called as defined by the Halifax Relief Commission pursuant to the pro-

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A copy of the Order or Instrument giving such authority may be inspected and any necessary explanation or information in regard thereto may be obtained without payment of any fee at the said office of the City Engineer on any Saturday between the hours of 10. a m and 4 p.m. pending the preparation of the Scheme.

R.M.Hattie,  
Secretary Town Planning Board.

The City Engineer is requested to report as to what financial liability the City of Halifax would incur by concurring in the proposed scheme.

WATER BILL MURRAY ESTATE 1-3 MURRAY PLACE.

Read letter Mrs. E.M.Murray complaining of excessive charge for water at Nos. 1-3 Murray Place.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ABATTOIR.

Controller Hines verbally reports that yesterday in company with the Assistant City Engineer he visited the Abattoir and found the windows and doors still lacking and the building full of ice and in such a condition that the sub-contractors for heating and plumbing could not carry on their work. The Contractors for the building had done nothing to it since the promise made by them when they last appeared before the Board.

ST. PATRICKS BOYS SCHOOL PLANS.

On motion of Controller Finlay it is decided to pay H.E.Gates \$2300.00 for the plans and specifications of St. Patrick's Boys School submitted by him upon his signing an undertaking guaranteeing that the said plans and specifications in the event of their being used at some future time will be brought up to date according to the system of School construction at the time of using them.

Engineer ✓  
R.M. Hattie ✓

Engineer ✓

Engineer ✓

Secretary ✓  
School Board ✓  
H.E. Gates ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Treasurer ✓  
Council ✓



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ANNUAL CIVIC REPORT.

The Board decides to hold an evening session at an early date for the purpose of going through the annual reports of the various departments and deciding upon the quantity of matter in them that should be printed in the Annual Civic Report.

#144 PRESTON STREET DRAINAGE.

Read letter Cyril E. Smith complaining of drainage conditions at No. 144 Preston Street.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

EXPLOSION -MASSACHUSETTS-HALIFAX RELIEF.

His Worship the Mayor submits for the purposes of record the following telegram from the Mayor of Halifax to the Secretary of the Boston City <sup>Club</sup> Clerk and the letter from Mr. Hayes in reply:-

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

J.S. Hayes, Esq., Civic Sec'y,  
Boston City Club,  
Boston Mass, U.S.A.

I have just learned that the Citizens of Boston propose to honor Mr. H.B. Endicott, Chairman of the Mass-Halifax Relief Committee, by tendering him a dinner in Boston, tonight. If the opportunity offers, I should like to inform Mr. Endicott that the Mayor of Halifax desires to participate in this signal event and wishes to convey, on behalf of all our citizens, an expression of our deep appreciation of all that Mr. Endicott, his associates and the people of Mass. have done for Halifax, following the dreadful disaster of December 6th. last.

A.C. Hawkins, Mayor."

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Boston, November 30 1918.

Hon. A.C. Hawkins,  
Mayor,  
Halifax, N.S.  
Your Worship;

It was exceedingly gracious of you to send us the message of appreciation of the work of the

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Massachusetts Halifax Relief Committee, which was read at the dinner on Monday night, Mr. Endicott was deeply touched by this message and kind words of appreciation, and was overwhelmed with surprise at Mr. Pearson's appearance. I am sure the gratitude of Halifax as evidenced by these messages, and Mr. Pearson's personal words will be long remembered.

L.B. Hayes,  
Civic Secretary.

Filed.

ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment:-

Works Department.

Capt. A. Mitchell, sand, charged to Streets \$38.50

City Prison.

J.J. Scriven & Sons.	Bread	96.80
R.N. McDonald	Groceries	198.50
Wentzells Ltd.	"	256.26
W.A. Maling & Co.	Beef	160.80
Frank Fraser	Feed	64.45
D.J. McIntosh	Horseshoeing	17.75
Robt. Taylor Co. Ltd.	Leather & Laces	7.30
H.W. Cameron	Goggles	22.00
Dr. McFtridge	Services	10.00
N.S.T & Power Co.	Current	1.80
Mar. Tel & Tel Co.	Rental	16.15
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Paint	4.50
T.C. Allen & Co.	Stationery	5.25
Can. Rubber Co.	Rubber Coats	46.25
A.L. Melvin & Co.	Hardware	1.46
Maxwell's Ltd.	5 Uniforms	225.00
Irwin & Sons	Drugs	11.25
		<u>\$ 1145.52</u>

The Board adjourned.

*L. B. Hayes*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

December 5th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Annual Civic Report.  
City Prison Christmas Dinner.  
Citadel and Common Toboggan Slide and Skating Rink.  
Military Hospital Camp Hill-Encroachment on Water Pipes.  
Navy League Funds Campaign.  
Explosion-Accounts of Appraisers City Property Damages.  
Explosion -Rental of Market Building by Relief Commission.  
Explosion-Painting Fire Stations.  
City Home Water Supply.  
Accounts.

ANNUAL CIVIC REPORT.

The annual reports for the civic year 1917-18 from the City Assessor, the Weighers of Coal, the Chief of Police the Governor of the City Prison, the Clerk of Works, the City Treasurer and City Auditor submitted from time to time during the current year are taken up for consideration as to what portions of them should be printed and what parts not printed. It is decided on motion of Controller Murphy to print the reports in the usual way.

CITY PRISON CHRISTMAS DINNER.

The Governor of the City Prison is authorized to provide the usual Christmas dinner for the inmates of the City Prison.

CITADEL AND COMMON TOBOGGAN SLIDE AND SKATING RINK.

James D.O'Connor and R.V.Harris representing the Children's Play Ground Commission appeared before the Board asking permission to erect a toboggan slide on the western slope of the Citadel to run across North Park

*2300*  
*City Prison*  
*Auditor*

*Auditor ✓*

*Governor City Prison ✓*

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Street above the roadway and also permission to flood the Common for skating. The delegation is advised to ask the military authorities for permission to erect the toboggan slide on the Citadel and Common. Permission to cross the roadway with the structure is given in as far as the City has authority to grant it subject to legislation, <sup>the</sup> work to be carried out under the supervision of and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. Permission is granted for the flooding of the Common for skating purposes.

MILITARY HOSPITAL CAMP HILL - ENCROACHMENT ON WATER PIPES.

Col./W.E. Thompson, A.A.G. Ronald Winters of the Department of Public Works and Major Pringle appear before the Board and discuss the matter of changing the proposed location of additional buildings on Camp Hill in connection with the Military Hospital so that the buildings will not encroach over the City Water Main pipes.

Read telegram from Hon. A.K. McLean to P.F. Martin, M.P. as follows:-

OTTAWA, ONT, Dec. 3-18

P.F. Martin, M.P.  
Halifax, N.S.

Referring your telegram twenty ninth matter was immediately taken up here I am advised and representatives of Halifax were instructed to sufficiently move buildings to avoid the trouble likely to occur under original plan.

A.K. McLean.

The City Engineer presses his objection to any of the buildings crossing the water mains and insists that tunnelling over the pipes should not be permitted.

*J.D. O'Connor ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓*

*Engineer ✓*

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Engineer ✓  
Colonel Thompson informs the Board that the Department is forwarding amended plans showing new locations for the main buildings and that as soon as they are received they will be shown to the City Engineer.

NAVY LEAGUE FUNDS CAMPAIGN.

Engineer ✓  
On motion of Controller Murphy the Nova Scotia Division of the Navy League is given permission to place a boat at the entrance of the Grand Parade during the League's campaign for raising funds for dependents of the Merchant Marine Service.

EXPLOSION - ACCOUNTS OF APPRAISERS CITY PROPERTY DAMAGES.

Engineer ✓  
On motion of Controller Hines the City Engineer is requested to report as to accounts of appraisers appointed to value explosion damages to City Properties.

EXPLOSION-RENTAL OF MARKET BUILDING BY RELIEF COMMISSION.

The following correspondence is submitted by the Clerk of Works:-

Office of Clerk of Works,  
Dec. 5th, 1918.

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

Under arrangement with the relief commission, commencing May 1st, they were to pay \$200.00 a month for space used by them in the Market Building. We received in July \$400.00 covering rent for months of May and June; and although I have billed them monthly since no further payment has been received, and in the statement I sent them for rent to November 30th amounting to \$1000.00 I made the request for a settlement of their account and have received a letter in reply which I herewith forward for your information.

A.F. Messervey,

CLERK OF WORKS.

December 5th, 1918.

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

Clerk of Works,  
CITY HALL.

Dear Sir;-

Referring to your letter of December 2nd, enclosing statement for \$1000. for five months rent on the Market Building, ending November 30th, we beg to inform you that we have credited same in our books to the general account of the City, which offsets the City Loan Account to this extent.

H.F. Glass,  
Comptroller.

Referred to the City Auditor for report as to whether the City can use the \$1000.00 cash for Market Building purposes as intended if financed in the City's bookkeeping in the manner suggested in Mr. Glass' letter.

EXPLOSION - PAINTING FIRE STATIONS.

Read report City Engineer [ see minutes November 19th) re tenders for painting Fire Stations as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 3, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

The only tender received for painting fire stations is that of C.D. Lavers & Company. After consultation with the Chief of the Fire Department and the Asst. Building Inspector, I beg to recommend that Lavers & Company be given the contract for painting the

Central Fire Station \$518.40

Bedford Row Fire Station 719.87

and that their deposit cheques for the other two items Quinpool road and Morris Street fire stations, be returned, the other two tenders being too high.

F.W.W. Doane.  
City Engineer.

Approved, Controller Finlay dissenting.

CITY HOME WATER SUPPLY.

At suggestion of the City Engineer and on motion of Controller Murphy the City Engineer is authorized to endeavor to obtain offers from reliable parties on a cost plus basis for trenching for the laying of low service water supply to the City Home and report

*City Auditor*

*Engineer ✓  
Chief Fire Dept ✓  
Council*

*Engineer*

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ACCOUNTS.

The City Clerk submitted the usual monthly accounts chargeable to various departments viz:-

Citizens Free Library; City Home; General Accounts; Fire Department; Police Department; Tuberculosis Hospital; Works Department.

Controller Finlay complained that the Board had not had ~~the~~ opportunity to scrutinize the accounts and that they should ~~be~~ have been presented before.

The City Clerk explained that this is only the 5th day of the month, the usual Thursday for submitting accounts and that accounts cannot be presented to the Board earlier in any month or until they are contracted and rendered and checked and certified by the proper officials. Many of the account had not been received from Merchants until this morning.

The board declines to pass the bills and they are deferred until Thursdays' meeting.

The Board adjourned.

MAYOR.

*L. B. Cunningham*  
CITY CLERK.

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,

December 6th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Policeman Malcolm McLean-Charges Against.  
Policeman Hugh Campbell.  
Accounts.

POLICEMAN MALCOLM MCLEAN -CHARGES AGAINST.

The Board proceeded to investigate the following

charge--

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 2, 1918.

CHIEF OF POLICE FRANK HANRAHAN,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

I have been instructed by Mr. Louis Patrizi of 272 Upper Water Street to make a complaint to you about Police Officer Number 40 (McLean). Mr. Patrizi instructs me that without the slightest provocation this officer entered his premises late last night or early this morning and created such disturbance as to arouse all the lodgers in the house. Further that he broke open without cause the door of room Number 3.

An investigation by you will be appreciated by my client.

Bruce T. Graham,

The witnesses called were Louis Patrizi, Proprietor of the house; Albert Digo and Carlo Cassar, lodgers,

Mr. Patrizi stated that Police Officer McLean had entered the premises and gone to two rooms occupied by lodgers; but admitted that the statement contained in the letter of Mr. Graham that the Officer broke open the door of room Number 3 was a mistake. No door was broken open.

After hearing all the evidence in the case, including the statement of Officer McLean, the Board



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decided that the officer had not exceeded his duty, and the case was dismissed.

POLICEMAN HUGH CAMPBELL.

Hugh Campbell is on motion appointed a member of the Police Force on probation.

*Chief of Police*

ACCOUNTS.

The Board met again at 12 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines and Murphy.

The following named accounts are passed for payment.-

Halifax Power Co. Agreement.

John J. Power to legal opinion re City and Halifax Power Co. \$25.00

Police Department.

T.C.Allen & Co.	Stationery	31.25
W.H.Isnor & Sons.	Horse hire	36.00
W.T.Francis Furn. Co.5	Furnishings	29.65
W.S. Munnis	Overcoat	29.00
Alex.Frizzell	Batons	25.00
Sheehan Motor Co.	Repairs	4.50
G.A.Burbridge	Drugs	.35
Robt. Taylor Co. Ltd.	Boots	11.75
Dr. H.McFatrige	Vet. Services	2.00
F.W.Fraser	Forage	25.12
Neil Fox	Harness Supplies	4.00
S.Chittick & Son	Ice	4.50
Nova Motor Co.Ltd	Motor Fittings	25.27
do	do	18.85
do	do	2.75
Mar. Tel & Tel. Co.	Telephone Service	
	Detective Kennedy	7.15
	Chief Hanrahan	5.55
	Asst.Det. Colyer	5.50
		<u>18.20</u>
		\$ 238.19

Citizens Free Library.

T.C.Allen & Co.	Stationery	1.40
Can. Annual Review	Subscription	5.26
Royal Print & Litho Ltd.		4.50
		<u>\$ 11.16</u>

Fire Department.

Unagrs Laundry	Laundry	23.66
Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow	Machine Supplies	12.28

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Hfx. Marine Engineering Co.	Machine Supplies	23.80
F.W. McNally	Plumbing	3.85
Burns & Kelleher	Machine Supplies	26.22
National Drug	Stores	4.75
Robert Horner	Horshoeing	27.50
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	7.75
Imerial Oil Co.	Gasoline	56.12
Halifax Automobile Co.	Supplies	.90
Northern Electric Co.	Electric Lamps	34.20
Chas. Brister	Motor Supplies	16.75
Chas. Probert	Repairing Wharf	5.00
N.S. Tramway & Power Co.	light	35.07
Lawrence Hardware Co.	Hardware	1.15
Bruns & Kelleher	Machine Supplies	1.68
Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	10.50
Wm. Collings	Machine Supplies	49.41
Hillis & Sons		7.05
Longards Ltd.		64.30
R.N. McDonald	Stores	18.35
Longards Ltd.		82.95
O.C. Marriott	Shoing	17.75
J. MacInnis	Lumber	21.80
Lawrence Hardware	Hardware	2.24
H. McFatriage	Shoes	9.90
S.C. Thompson	Hay	34.00
Jas. Simmonds	Hardware	2.75
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		\$ 591.68

General Accounts.

Maritime Home for Girls		
Maintenance of Girls May 1st, to Oct. 1/18		
Truants	\$75.00	
Juvenile Offenders	147.78	222.78

T.C. Allen & Co.	Printing & Stationery	
City Collector	\$17.80	
Assessor	6.75	
do	25.50	
Clerk	89.75	
Mayor	1.95	
Treasurer	7.50	
Liquor Inspector	12.88	162.13

Chronicle Pub. Co.	Advertising	17.85
do	Town Planning Board	47.25
Herald Pub. Co.	advertising	50.40
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		2.80
		4.20
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		11.20

Acadian Recorder	Advertising	
	4.65	
	5.25	
	2.25	
	6.20	
	4.65	23.00

Dr. Finn. M/E. Certificates of Death

Ira Noonan	\$4.00	Wm. J. Forrestall	4.00
D. LeBlanc	4.00	E. Miller	4.00

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W. Hennett	4.00	C. Harris	4.00	
M. J. Kirby	4.00	J. Kennedy	4.00	
Rod McDonald	4.00	W. Wier	12.00	
Male infant unknown			12.00	60.00

E. M. Veith	Service	10.00
Canadian Law Book Co.	Vol 10 C. C. Cases	8.00
British American Bank Note Company	Depenture Coupons	19.50
Nova Scotia Undertaking Co.	Burial unknown infant	5.00
A. & W. McKinlay	Book City Clerk	1.80
		\$ 638.91

Works Department.

Water Maintenance	877.60
Sewerage	744.62
Streets	2602.48
Market Revenue	10.25
City Property	277.75
Teams & Stables	311.77
City Hall Lighting	56.80
Internal Health	28.22
Cleaning Paved Streets	15.65
Street Lighting	2166.17
Loan Widening Streets	2.25
Tuberculosis Hospital	5.45
Abattoir	3.68
Fleming Park	14.75
\$ 7117.44	

*Council,*

City Home

Wentzells Limited	Groceries	1003.41
Robt. McLeod & Co.	Meats	593.72
Leonard Fisheries Ltd.	Fresh fish	58.75
Smith & Proctor	Butter	205.80
W. Y. Kennedy	Dry goods	933.92
F. W. Keddy	Milk	185.00
Frank W. Fraser	Forage	100.19
A. Fordham & Co.	Leather	19.22
Davis & Fraser	mess Park	137.10
Chronicle Publ Co.	Advertising	8.40
H. McFatridge	Horsehoeing	6.50
Gordon & Keith	Pillows	5.00
Buckley Coal & Con Co.	Coal	629.67
S. Cunard & Co.	Hard Coal	30.98
The Flieschmann Co.	Yeast	4.50
Black & Flinn	Potatoes	1050.65
N. S. Tram. Co.	Light	.50
H. D. McKenzie	Coal	17.00
City Prison	Potatoes	21.00
Blackadar Bros.	Advertising	7.20
Jas. Simmonds Ltd.	Hardware	7.55
J. F. Outhit & Son	Potatoes	79.89
Baldwin & Co.	Crockeryware	7.97
J. H. Buchanan	Cash expended	66.18
Salaries	Pay sheet Nov.	904.34
		\$ 6084.49

COMMITTEE ROOM, CITY HALL,

December 10th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Whiteway Lighting -Barrington and Granville Streets.  
Snow Removal.  
Policeman Leo price.  
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Water -Sale of City Water.  
Electric Wire Line Across Barrington Street.  
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Water Bill #16 Hunter Street - Geo. Bishop, Sr.  
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Water Meter Bills.  
Richmond School -St. Patrick s Boys School.  
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School Commissioners.  
Quinpool Road -C.F.Holland Claim -Tree.  
City Prison Underkeeper.  
Public Schools Estimates 1919-20  
Victoria General Hospital Accounts.  
Tuberculosis Hospital Accounts for Patients.  
Assistance City Collector's Office.  
Loan \$430,200.00 - Undertaking by Government.  
Street Lighting Devastated Area.  
Estimates 1919-20  
Halifax Shipyards Water Lot.  
Explosion -Painting Fire Stations.  
Printing Annual City Report.  
Account Royal Bank of Canada for Legal Opinion.  
Accounts -City Health Board.

WHITEWAY LIGHTING -BARRINGTON AND GRANVILLE STREETS.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I have been following up with the Tramway Company and the question of re-starting the White-Way lighting on Barrington and Granville Streets.

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As previously reported, due to long exposure without attention, these lamps require a complete overhauling before they can be put into use. Arrangements have been made to have them taken in at once and gone over, and a special effort will be made to have them installed and operating for the holiday season.

We will require to make some arrangement with regard to the price to be charged for this lighting-it would be well to have the Tram Company submit us their proposal so that the matter could be given consideration and some satisfactory arrangements entered into.

John Murphy,  
CONTROLLER.

The City Engineer informs the Board that two months ago he had written the Tramway Company endeavoring to make arrangements for restoring the Whiteway lighting but had received no reply except that Mr. Soper of the Tramway Company has told him that the Company could not put the whiteway lights back into service at all.

The report is approved and referred to the city Engineer to follow up and attend to.

SNOW REMOVAL.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

It is advisable that we take up early the question of removal of snow from the streets. During the past few years the City has not very closely followed its regulations in this regard. Section 59 of Ordinance No. 4 reads as follows:-

"Within the limits mentioned in the next preceeding section the occupier of any premises shall remove the snow from the sidewalk, pathway and gutter in front of the same. In the case of any un-occupied lot, the snow shall be removed by the owner or person having charge of the same."

You will note from the above that those who occupy properties are requested, to clear the sidewalk, pathway and gutter in front of same, and in the case of unoccupied lots, the owner or person having charge, to carry out this work.

*Engineer*

*John Murphy  
Controller*

*Engineer*

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I consider the principal neglect, and the one which causes the greatest trouble is that the gutters are not cleared. I feel that the police should be instructed to see that this part of the regulation is complied with.

TRAM COMPANY - SNOW REMOVAL.

In the charter granted the Tram Company, provision is made for the removal of snow from streets over which their lines operate. There has been some question in the past as to the extent of the Company's liability under this Section, and to the City's co-operation in the work. I think it advisable that this question be taken up at once, and if necessary a more definite interpretation of the obligations involved on both the Company and the City, reached, and to this end would suggest an early conference with the Tram Company so that a clear understanding can be arrived at.

If both the matters set out above are taken up at once, it would enable us to keep our streets in better shape during the coming winter, and would save the City a considerable outlay in the spring in the cleaning up of same.

John Murphy,

CONTROLLER.

The report is approved and it is decided to take up with the portion of it relating to the Tramway Co. at the conference proposed to be held between the Board and the Directors of the Tramway Company.

At suggestion of His Worship the Mayor the City Engineer is requested to enquire into and report upon the latest devices for melting snow in order to save long distance haulage.

POLICEMAN LEO PRICE.

On recommendation of the Chief of Police, Leo Price is appointed a member of the Police Force on probation.

STREET RAILWAY EXTENSION BARRINGTON STREET.

Read report Controller Murphy, as follows :-

*Letter Sec'y  
Tram Co*

*Engineer*

*Chief of Police*

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

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

*H.R. Walker*

The growing traffic north of Young Street has been called to my attention with a view of asking the Tram Company to continue their Barrington Street line north from Young to Roome Street. I would suggest that this matter be placed before the Company with a request that the service to the end of their old line be re-established. I feel that the public demand now justified this being done.

John Murphy,  
CONTROLLER.

Approved.

BUILDING PERMITS.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

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

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

*Engineer*  
*Assessor*

It would very materially assist the work of the Assessor's Office, if an arrangement could be made whereby copies of all building permits granted could be turned over to the Assessor's Office. I would therefore suggest that some arrangement be made to have this carried out.

John Murphy,  
CONTROLLER.

Referred to the City Engineer.

STREET LIGHTS.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

Halifax N.S. December 10th, 1918

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

*Engineer*

I have been asked to have the question of placing lights at the following points reported out:-

- Corner of Quinpool Road and Poplar Street.
- Corner West Young and Agricola Streets.
- East Young Street between Needham and Gottingen Streets.

I understand that previous to the disaster the light was located at this latter location, but has not since been installed.

John Murphy,  
CONTROLLER.

Referred to the City Engineer.

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POLICE MOTOR PATROL WAGGON.

Read correspondence as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 7, 1918.

To the Board of Control.  
City of Halifax,  
City Hall.  
Gentlemen:-

It is three weeks today since we delivered to you "Overland" Police Patrol, for which there should have been prompt payment, according to the rules of the trade.

The first excuse for your non-payment was made by ~~you~~ demand for the photograph, which we had submitted when making our tender, and which we were to return to the makers in order that they might follow our instructions. This photograph has been secured by us, and sent to the City Clerk, but this is the last we have heard of it..

At a later date the writer noticed in the report of the proceedings of the Board of Control that there was a question as to the strength of the springs, and that the City Engineer was asked to confer with the Contractors. After waiting another week or ten days we called up Mr. Johnston, who referred us to the Chief of Police, whom we have not yet got in touch with.

The writer, owing to an accident, has not been able to go over to the City Hall and look into this matter personally, but we know enough about a model 85/6 chassis to be able to assure you that there can be no question as to the springs being fully strong enough to carry all the weight that is likely to be put into this vehicle.

We make this statement because the springs on the Patrol are made the same as those on our Willys-Knight, seven passenger weighing 3600 lbs.; and furthermore, they are the same as they put on their 3/4 ton delivery.

If there is any bumping under load, it might be caused by lack of clearance between the tires and the fenders, If this is so, we would call your attention to the fact, that you insisted upon having 33x4 1/2 Dunlop Traction Tires all round, in place of 32x4 Dominion Chain, ( the regular equip ment) This would reduce the clearance considerably, but as the change cost us \$45.00 we do not think we should also be held responsible for any unfavorable results caused thereby.

Our Agreement was to furnish a Patrol, such as used in Toronto and Hamilton. This has been done, the only difference being that we have given the City of Halifax a much better job than ever before built by the makers. We are, however, willing to render any assistance that lies in our power to make this transaction satisfactory; but owing to increased coast of materials, after our tender was put



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in, we were forced to pay \$280.00 over and above our estimated cost; it is therefore obvious that there is no money in this Contract for us, and should not be asked to stand any additional expense.

We would suggest that the original Tire Equipment be put on this car, or some attempt made to raise the rear fender, but, in any case, we feel, in all fairness, this matter should be taken up and not allowed to drift along without communicating with us in any way whatsoever.

THE HALIFAX AUTOMOBILE COMPANY,  
Limited,  
W.L.Kane,  
Manager.

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Halifax, N.S. Dec. 9, 1918.

The Halifax Automobile Co. Ltd.,  
W.L.Kane, Manager.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of the 7th inst., addressed to the Board of Control will be submitted to them tomorrow. I was not present at the meeting of the Board of Control when the City Engineer was asked to confer with you in reference to the patrol car, and owing to pressure of work in the City Clerk's office, I have not yet received the usual extract from the Minutes. If I had been aware of the action of the Board, I should have taken the matter up with you at once.

Our mechanic made a thorough investigation and inspection of the car and tested it with the Police. He found that with three men in the rear of the wagon the mud guards came down on the tires, and with a similar load going up Duke Street, the rear step dragged on the ground. Your suggestion that this might be blamed on an increase of half an inch in the projection of the tire from the rim, does not seem to me a very satisfactory explanation. The springs should surely be strong enough to take care of more than half an inch of vibration, as the car going over crossings and similar obstructions must have room to rise and fall on the springs with more clearance than half an inch.

The Chief of Police informs me that the car was stated to be able to carry not three men only, but seven or eight. I am satisfied, from the report of the mechanic, that the springs under the car will not comply with that requirement.

I am sending a copy of this letter with your letter to the Board of Control they are called to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

F.W.W.Doane,  
City Engineer.

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Halifax, Dec. 9, 1918.

The City Engineer,  
City Hall.

Dear Sir:-

We are in receipt of your favor of the 9th inst., and as you mention a meeting of the Board of Control today we hasten to call your attention once more to that portion of our letter of the 7th, wherein we stated that the springs on the Patrol are the same as those on our cars that carry a heavier load. You appear to overlook this point, and still blame the springs, which is wrong.

If there is a defect, as we presume there is it is in the rear fenders being set too low; that is to say the Body Builders, we are different people altogether than the manufacturers of the car, not allowing enough clearance between the tires and the fenders. If this is the case, a remedy will have to be found, but whatever the trouble is, let us get together and see what can be done.

THE HALIFAX AUTOMOBILE COMPANY,  
Limited,  
W.L.Kane,  
Manager.

The matter is left in the hands of the City Engineer.

EXPLOSION DAMAGES CITY BUILDINGS.

Read report Assistant City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Dec, 10, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

At a meeting of the Relief Commission and the Civic Advisory Committee I was instructed to find out the amount of money spent by the Commission on the City Market, Smallpox Hospital and Isolation Hospital. I got in touch with the Secretary of the Commission and asked him to let me have these amounts. After repeated requests I received a statement from the Controller of Finance on December 5th and on the 6th I wrote the Chairman of the Relief Commission, giving him the figures, which are as follows-

City Market	\$11,617.74
Smallpox Hospital	6,564.28
Isolation Hospital	24,483.88

Ten thousand dollars should be deducted from the cost of the Isolation Hospital, which amount the Commission

*Engineer  
Chief of Police  
W L Kane  
Assistant  
Council*

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granted towards its construction.

With regard to the Market Building, the Minutes of the Board of Control of Jan. 29th. show that the Chairman of the Relief Commission requested the temporary use of the Market building for the storage of second hand clothing, and stated that the Commission would affect the necessary repairs to make the building tight for the purpose.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

The City Treasurer is instructed to issue City Stock or Debentures to the Halifax Relief Commission for the \$32,665.90 referred to in the report; the interest on the loan for small pox hospital to be at par at the rate of 5% per annum as per letter of the Relief Commission dated February 11th, 1918, and the interest on the balance at par at the rate of 6% per annum.

It is also decided to request the Relief Commission to loan the City a further sum of \$50,000.00 for repairs to City Property (not including schools) and for the payment of explosion accounts and the City Treasurer is authorized and instructed to issue City stock or security therefor upon receipt of such loan.

*K.P. Bell ✓  
Treasurer  
Council*

WORKMENS COMPENSATION BOARD ASSESSMENTS.

Read report Clerk of Works as follows:-

Halifax, Dec. 10/18

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

I beg to submit an account of the Workmen's Compensation Board for an assessment amounting to the sum of eight hundred and seventy dollars and fifty cents (\$870.50) and chargeable to the following services:-

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Water Construction	\$100.00
Water maintenance	144.50
Sewerage	250.00
Streets	119.00
Cleaning Paved Streets	75.00
Electric Wiring Inspection	7.00
Internal Health	125.00
Teams & Stables	50.00
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	\$870.50

A. F. Messervey,  
Clerk of Works.

The report is adopted and the Assessments ordered to be paid.

WATER. -SALE OF CITY WATER.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Dec. 6, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

Some time ago your Board asked for a report on the sale of water by wharf owners and the Dominion Government, including the charges made. It has been very difficult to get some of the information sought. I asked two steamship agents for particulars, and obtained a satisfactory reply from one only. I also asked the officials of the Canadian Government Railways for a statement of the charges made by them and the quantity of water sold, but have not even received an acknowledgement of the receipt of my enquiry, although I have heard from other officials that my enquiry was received. I have also learned from them that the Canadian Government Railways charge 25¢ per thousand gallons for water supplied to shipping. This is confirmed by a letter from the Furness-Withy Company, who have obtained water from their ships at that price.

I have also received convincing evidence that some wharf owners charge \$1.50 per thousand gallons for water supplied to steamers at their wharf, and that in some cases at least \$4.00 per thousand gallons has been charged to owners of shipping who could not obtain the water in any other way; and this price, I am informed, has been charged for delivery at a wharf.

The City charges for such supply 14¢ per thousand gallons. The wharf owner pays for the installation of the pipe system, the City supplying the water only. The wharf owner also pays for the maintenance of the pipe system and for any special facilities provided for supplying steamers. It is therefore necessary, in order to cover overhead charges

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THAT the wharf owner should charge an advance on the prices charged by the City. A charge of \$1.50, however, to say nothing of \$4.00 is, in my opinion unjustifiable. Further, it is a black eye to the reputation of the port, among shipping interests. It is most important that Halifax, as a shipping port, should be made as attractive as possible to shipping interests, and moderate port charges are a great factor in influencing such interests favourably.

I have consulted with the City Solicitor on the matter, and I beg to recommend that owners of wharf property who are supplying water to shipping, be notified that the charge for water supplied at any wharf in the City of Halifax, must not exceed say 25¢ per thousand gallons, and that they must sign an agreement with the City to that effect, otherwise the City will decline to supply them with water altogether.

If it is claimed by any wharf owner that such charge will not give him sufficient margin over the City price to pay his overhead charges on the water pipe system and cost of maintenance and leave him a profit, the burden of proof should be upon him to show by actual cost records, that the price should be increased.

F.W.W.Doane,  
City Engineer.

*Engineer* ↗  
The City Engineer is requested to submit a supplementary report with recommendations in regard to minimum and maximum rates for City Water resold and also in respect to a revision of all special contracts for water as existing contracts expire to cover provisions relating to resale of City Water.

ELECTRIC WIRE LINE ACROSS BARRINGTON STREET.

The City Engineer submits the following application from the Admiralty Authorities and report

City Electrician thereon:-

*Dept. of the Naval Service,  
Ottawa, Nov. 16th, 1918.*

The City Engineer,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

We are about to erect a pole line carrying two #8 B & S solid copper conductors to transmit a

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small quantity of power at 2300 Volts from the Dockyard to the Naval Hospital at Halifax.

The most direct run for this line is across the Government Railway Yard and the City street in the direction shown upon the enclosed sketch. This run involves the erection of a pole A1 in the Government Railway Yard and a pole A2 near the edge of the sidewalk on the City street.

I shall be much obliged if you will kindly inform me if permission can be given to this Department to erect a suitable pole at the approximate position A2, observing that all necessary precautions with regard to sound construction at this cross-over will be taken.

G J. Debaretts,  
DEPUTY MINISTER.

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Halifax, Dec, 4th, 1918.

F.W. W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the enclosed request for permission for a 2,300 volt line crossing on Barrington St. opposite the Admiralty grounds, I should say, with adequate construction, there should be no objection to granting the permission asked for.

In crossing the Tram Co's line, it will be necessary to run under the 13,000 volt line, and over those of lower voltage.

The construction should be such, that a clear space of not less than four feet be maintained between the crossing line, and that of the Tram Co. carrying the higher voltage, and not less than two feet above those of lower voltage.

On the W.U poles, the clearance should be a clear four feet from all signal lines.

I assume the proposed line will be attached to the existing poles at the crossing, otherwise poles should be set so as to rigidly maintain the spacing suggested, and mid-span crossings should not be approved.

A lateral spacing of not less than 30" should be given on one side of each pole attached to, for climbing space, and the conductors should not be less than #4 B & S hard or medium drawn copper.

P.R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the matter be left in the hands of the City Engineer and that he be authorized to issue

Engineer ✓  
Electrician ✓  
Council

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a permit under conditions satisfactory to the City Engineer and City Electrician.

STREET LIGHTING SPECIFICATIONS -CITY  
ELECTRICIAN TRIP ABROAD.

Read report City Electrician, as follows:-

Halifax, Dec. 9th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Dear Sir:-

Referring to your request for the preparation of a Street lighting specification, I have been reviewing recommendations made a few years ago and find that while there is still in general but two types of lighting units being installed to day viz: the luminous arc, and nitrogen filled incandescent lamps, there appears to be a tendency toward smaller lighting units, with closer spacings than formerly, with the advantage of more even illumination.

Small unit lighting however presents a difficulty, in that the lamps are not provided with compensating coils, and are much more liable to damage through their circuits crossing up and delivering excess energy to the lamp. For this reason I had in a previous report, favoured the 400 and 600 c p lamps for lighting all but the down-town district.

There can be no doubt but that, with existing tree obstructions the lower c p lamp with shorter spacing has much in its favor, notwithstanding the higher first cost as well as that of maintenance, and its adoption should receive careful consideration.

The use of a new type of refracting shade is also highly recommended for the purpose of securing greater uniformity in lighting effect.

The matter of tree trimming is receiving more attention, due to the possibility, with the use of relatively low power lamps placed nearer the ground, of lighting under, rather than through the foliage.

For down town lighting the luminous arc, with the new high efficiency electrode, appears to be a strong favourite where brilliant effect is desired. There is a difficulty I understand in up-keep in our climate, especially with the ornamental type, such as now installed on Barrington street, which may be sufficiently serious to condemn it when considered with the fact that special station apparatus is required that does not contribute to higher power factor.

In submitting a specification, all the above matters should receive careful consideration, and in order that this may be done more thoroughly, I believe it would be advisable to visit some of the New England cities where recent installations have been made, so as to observe

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the effect of the new features, as well as the methods of overcoming the operating difficulties named.

I would recommend this to your favourable consideration.

P.R. Colpitt,  
City Electrician.

The report is discussed by the Board with the City Electrician.

On motion of Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines the City Electrician is instructed to secure and report to the Board a list of recent street lighting installations in nearby Canadian and American cities with the view of his being sent by the City to visit several of such cities for the purpose of inspecting and reporting upon their street lighting systems.

WATER BILL # 16 HUNTER STREET - GEO. BISHOP, SR.

Read report Assistant City Engineer, as follows:

Halifax, Dec, 10, 18

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached meter bill for water supplied to premises #16 Hunter Street. The bill covers the period from Nov. 12/17 to Sep. 12/18. Owing to the fact that the meter had not been read, the bill sent out in March only covered the two months from Sept. to November; consequently, the owner of the premises had no notification of the large amount of water that was used owing to the explosion.

As in my opinion the large consumption was due entirely to this cause, and as the owner had not having had any notification, had no opportunity to produce his claim before, I would recommend that the bill be reduced to \$4.41, or a consumption of 31,500 gallons, which is the average for the previous period.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved.

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*Electrician ✓*  
*Geo Bishop Sr ✓*  
*Collector ✓*  
*Chas V works ✓*  
*Engineer ✓*  
*Council ✓*



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WATER METER BILLS.

Read report Assistant City Engineer, re  
Water Meter Bills, as follows:-

Halifax, Dec. 6, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to submit the following report, and supplementary to my report of Sept. 27th, 1918, on water meter bills for properties, the owners of which have applied for a reduction, claiming that the amount charged is excessive.

The extraconsumption in the following properties was in my judgment due to the effects of the explosion, and I would recommend that the Board take similar action in their cases to its previous action, in amending the bills for these properties and charging them the same as for the similar periods of the previous year.

<u>Folio</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Owner.</u>
38-39 $\frac{1}{2}$	Agricola St.	Mrs. Emma Hubley
186-263	"	Mrs. M.A. Hillman
110-130	"	Chas. Woods.
4756-145	Almon St.	Chas. Weaver
429-5	Bauer St.	Mrs. P. Fleming et al
<del>338</del> -17	"	do
443-24	"	C. Outhouse.
502-1	Belle Aire Terrace,	Amos Woodworth.
(As this house was unoccupied and the meter not read from Nov./17 until Aug./18 it is recommended that the bill for the year from Sept/17 to Sep/18 be made the same as for the previous months.)		
2772	-202 North St.	Mrs. Jessie Horne
3435	-5 Sackville St.	Mrs. A.M. Callaghan
3922	-168 $\frac{1}{2}$ Up. Water St.	B.H. Eaton
791	-99 Charles St.	John Johnston
1017	-83 Cornwallis	Geo. J. Hiseler
1042	-121 "	Dev. Bridget Thomson
1562	-181 Gottingen	Mrs. E.P. Hiseler
2443	-57 Maynard St.	Mrs. M.A. Frawley
2570	-2 McCully St.	J.S. Hubley
	130 North St.	

(Owing to meter being out of order at various times since Jan/18, it is recommended that the bill in these premises for the whole year from Sep/17 to Sep/18 be the same as the previous year.)

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Engineer  
Council

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2277-814 Barrington St. F. Hill, (Cohn)  
593-16 Bloomfield St. Mrs. Ellen Marryatt, re-  
commended that the bill for the year to Sep/18 be  
made the same as the pervious 12 months.)

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER METER BILLS.

Read report Assistant City Engineer re Water Meter  
Bills, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Dec, 7th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the following meter bills for  
water rates, claimed to be excessive-

#37 COGSWELL ST. JOSEPH LANNIGAN.

The consumption in  
these premises from Sep/17 to Mar/18 was 32,000  
which is the amount complained of as being ex-  
cessive. I find from the records that from March to  
Sept. the consumption was 47,000 gals. As the amount  
complained of is less than the previous year, I am  
unable to recommend any reduction.

# 85 CORNWALLIS ST. GEO. J. HISELER.

The consumption com-  
plained of is from Sep/17 to Mar/18 which amounts to  
179,900 gals. A reference to the records shows that  
previous to the explosion from Sept. 15th to Nov. 15th  
the consumption was 15,500 gals., as against 5400  
gals during the similar period of the previous year.  
There was also an excessive waste in these premises  
after the explosion. I would recommend that the bill  
be reduced to the consumption for the six months from  
Sep/17 to Mar/18 42,000 gals.

#217 CREIGHTON ST. MRS. B. DAVISON.

The consumption com-  
plained of is from Sep/17 to Mar/18 which amounts  
to 251,000 gals., or an average per month of approx-  
imately 42,000 gals. The average per month for 1916-17  
was 26,000, and I would recommend that the bill be  
reduced and made up on a consumption of 156,000  
gals.

#67 CUNARD ST. LEWIS KESHEN.

The bill complained of  
was from Sep/17 to Mar./18, during which period  
the consumption was no doubt due to the explosion,  
but I find on looking over the records that there  
was a closet reported wasting before the explosion  
occurred and in going back a year I find that reports  
were made of taps wasting, water let run and closets  
wasting. I would recommend that the bill for the half

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year from Sep/17 to Mar/18 be made up on an estimated consumption of 115,400 gals., the same as the similar period of the predecing year.

#-3-5 FALKLAND ST. MRS. JANE GELLER.

The consumption from Sept/17 to Mar/18 at #3 Falkland St. was 191,700 gals. The consumption for the similar period of the previous year was 202,200 gals. Waste has been reported in these premises several times before the period complained of, and as the amount used for the half year from Sep/17 to Mar/18 is less than for the similar period in the previous year, I would recommend that the bill stand as submitted. At #5 Falkland Street, the consumption from Sep/17 to Mar/18 on which the bill was made up, was 344,100 gals. The consumption for the similar period of the previous year was 207,900 gals. In this case the large consumption began in Feb/18 and it would appear as though the increased amount was not due directly to the explosion. I cannot recommend any reduction in the bill for these premises.

#257 GOTTINGEN STREET. SAMUEL SIMON.

The owner of these premises has submitted two bills, one from Mar. to Sep/17 amounting to \$4.55 and the other from Sep/17 to Mar/18 amounting to \$3.26. The meter was out of order in Jan. 1918 and I would recommend that the bill from Sept/17 to Mar/18 be rendered for the same amount as a similar period of the previous year.

#136 GRAFTON ST. C. R. CARR.

The bill complained of for these premises is from June 1916 to Sep/1917 the complaint of excessive consumption being made sixteen months after the bill was rendered. If for no other reason than the fact that the law calls for the complaint of excessive consumption being made within a month after it is thought to occur, I would recommend that no reduction be made in this bill, but making an investigation into the matter I find that this year in March, pipes were burst and taps running. In the previous year the closet was in bad condition and the tenants informed our inspector that the waste had been going on all winter; in fact since 1914 there has been carelessness in the use of water in these premises. I would therefore recommend that no alteration be made in the bill.

#236 MAYNARD ST. CATHERINE CONNOLLY ESTATE.

The bill complained of is for the half year ending Mar. 1918. On referring to the records I find that the waste of water took place after the 1st of January February, the reading of the meter on this date being 44,400

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and the reading on March 2nd being 110,600 gallons, This extra consumption can therefore not be attributed to the results of the explosion and I cannot recommend any reduction in the bill.

#129 NORTH STREET. LEWIS WEIS.

The bill complained of is from Sep. 17 to Mar/18 and is based on the consumption of 141,300 gals. as registered through the meter. A reference to the records shows that during this period and two months, before the explosion there was a broken pipe on the premises and the consumption for Oct. and Nov. was 38,600 gals. for each month. The meter was not read in December and in January the reading showed a consumption of 38,300 gals. for the two preceding months, which only equalled the consumption for one of the months before that. In February the consumption had dropped to 15,500 gals. and in March to 10,000 gals. The cause of the large bill was therefore not due to the explosion and as before this event the bad state of the plumbing had been allowed to remain for over two months, I cannot recommend any reduction in the bill.

#16 ROTTENBURG ST. P.J. NAPIER.

The bill complained of is from Sep/17 to Mar/18. A reference to the records will show that for the period immediately succeeding the explosion there was no increased consumption. The large increase was during the month of February and was caused by a leaking closet. I cannot recommend any reduction in this bill.

#24 UPPER WATER ST. SILAS MORASH.

The bill complained of is for the period from Sep/17 to May./18 the consumption being 132,900 gallons. I find that in Oct. 1917 the meter readers reported a pipe burst on these premises which continue through November and to the 4th of December, the last reading before the explosion. The meter was not read in January, but in February and March closets were reported wasting in the premises. I have no doubt that a certain amount of the large consumption was due to the result of the explosion, but this would only affect the reading of the meter after the 4th of December. I would recommend that the bill be made up on a consumption of 43,000 gallons for the period complained of.

#162 UPPER WATER ST. MISS JANE DAVIS.

The bill complained of covers the period between Sep/17 and Feb/18. A reference to the records shows that the excessive consumption occurred during the months of October and November and December before the explosion took place, and from the records I cannot find that this event was responsible for the

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large amount of water consumed on the premises. I would recommend that the bill be not reduced.

#16 BLACK ST. F.C. STEVENS.

The owner of these premises complains of the bill for the half year ending Sep/18 amounting to \$10.94. The bills for the past four years are as follows:-

Year ending Mar/15	\$14.72
" " "/16	23.27
" " "/17	12.58
" " "/18	8.97

A reference to the meter readers' reports shows that the cause of the large consumption for the current half year was due to a closet wasting and the waste continued for over a month. The owner of these premises has been charged in error \$2.00 a year meter rental, and this amount should be deducted from the bills as rendered. I would recommend that the amount of \$9. be deducted from the bill for \$70.48 as rendered by the City Collector for the period above mentioned.

#186-188-190 NORTH ST. CHARLES KIRBY ESTATE.

*Check 7/20/18  
Collection  
P. J. ...  
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The bills complained of for these premises are for the period from March to Sept. of the current year. At #186 the half yearly bill is for \$1.38, and at #190 for \$3.10. These amounts are not excessive and I can see no justification for any reduction being made. At #188 the amount of the bill is \$9.57. Previous bills at these premises were \$7.96, \$2.36 and \$4.55. The meter has been tested and found correct, and I have no doubt that the water was used. I therefore cannot recommend any reduction in the bill as submitted.

#152 GRAFTON ST. CHARLES KIRBY ESTATE.

The bill complained of is for the past half year and amounts to \$10.06. This, with the exception of two periods, is the lowest bill in these premises for the past 7½ years. I cannot see any reason why any reduction should be made.

#7 BELLE AIRE TER. SAMUEL R. FRAME.

The bills for this property which are complained of, were \$2.96 from Sep/17 to Feb./18 and \$6.28 from Feb/18 to Sep/18 or a total for the year of \$9.24. The records show that from Nov. 25/17 to Feb/23/18 the consumption was 19,100 gals, while during March it rose to 40,500 and then dropped to 1500 gals. From this it would appear that the large consumption took place over two months after the explosion and was not attributable directly to that cause. The Foreman of the Water Department also reports that there were several leaks in the lead pipe during the previous year. I therefore cannot recommend any

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reduction in this bill.

#8 BELLE AIRE TERRACE, SAMUEL R. FRAME.

The bill complained of is from Sep/17 to Feb/18 and amounts to \$10.57. I find from the records that there is a large consumption at these premises during the month of November and a closet was reported wasting. No reading was taken in December, but the January reading showed the consumption of the two previous months to have been 50,000 gallons, with a note that the water had been allowed to run. In February the consumption was 15,100 gallons and a statement is made that the pipe was broken. A certain portion of the increased consumption was no doubt due to the explosion, but a certain portion was also due to the fact that a closet was wasting before this event and also that two months afterwards a pipe was broken. I would recommend that 25,000 gallons be deducted from the consumption on which this bill was made up, which would reduce the bill to \$7.07

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

#202 NORTH ST. MRS JESSIE HORNE.

The period covered by this bill complained of, is from March to Sept. 1918. I find on reference to the records that a pipe on these premises was reported burst in April of this year, and apparently had not been repaired until August. Under these circumstances, I am unable to recommend any reduction in this bill

H.W.J.

Approved.

RICHMOND SCHOOL -ST. PATRICKS BOYS SCHOOL.

Read correspondence re funds for Public

Schools, as follows:

Halifax, N. S. Dec. 2, 1918.

A.C. Hawkins, M.D.,  
Mayor of Halifax.

Your Worship:-

I am in receipt of a letter this morning from you stating that my letter of the 28th was the first application for the Twenty Three Hundred Dollars (\$2300.00) to pay Major Gates for the plans and specifications for the new St. Patrick's Boy's School.

I enclose herewith a copy of a letter written October 30, and left with the stenographer at your office on the same day.

Trusting this may be satisfactory to you.

S. J. Wilson,

*Club works  
Collector  
Engineer  
Council*

December 10th, 1918.

Halifax, October 30, 1918

His worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners, held on Monday, the 28th inst. it was Resolved

THAT application be made to the Board of Control for the amount of Two Thousand Six Hundred and Firty-six Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$2646.30) for the following purposes:

Twenty Three Hundred Dollars (\$2300.00) to pay cost of plans for new St. Patricks Boy's School.

Three Hundred and Firty-Six, Thirty (\$346.30) to pay assessment under Workmen's compensation Act.

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

S.J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

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Halifax, 5th December, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:-

I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to inform you that the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax has applied to the Governor in Council for the approval of the following resolution adopted by the Board at a recent meeting.

"Whereas, this Board finds it necessary to purchase a piece of land in connection with the erection of the new Richmond School site, being part of the estate of the late J.P. Murray, for the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500); and for the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars (\$2,300) to pay Major H.E. Gates for plans prepared for the new St. Patrick's Boy's School.

"Resolved: That, under Section C., Clause 901, of the City Charter, application be made and the same is hereby made to the Governor in Council requesting the approval of the said amounts and that the City be requested to issue its Debentures for payment of same to this Board".

I am also to inform you that the Governor in Council has appointed Saturday, the 7th day of

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December, at 11 O'clock, A.M., in the Executive Council Room, Province Buildings, City of Halifax, as the time and place at which the matter of such application shall be heard, and that the City may appear at the hearing.

Arthur S. Barnstead  
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Filed.

OXFORD SCHOOL ADDITION.

Read Order in Council re contract for addition to Oxford School as follows:-

Halifax, 7th December, 1918.

His Worship, the Mayor,  
Sir,

I enclose herewith certified copy of Order in Council, dated 23rd, November re proposed addition to Oxford School.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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Certified copy of an Order of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated the 23rd day of November, A.D. 1918.

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The Governor in Council under Section 893 of the Halifax City Charter is pleased to approve of the contract proposed to be entered into between the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax and W.T. Harris & Sons, Limited, for the erection of an addition to Oxford School to contain two class rooms, on the same basis as the contract for repairs to said school approved by Order in Council dated the 19th day of July, A.D. 1918, namely - the cost of work, plus ten per cent, profit to the Company, the estimated cost of the addition being approximately Thirteen Thousand Dollars.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Filed.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

Read undertaking Provincial Government to support legislation confirming the appointment of school commissioners named by the Board of Control as follows:-

Council

Secretary  
School Board  
Council  
Halifax

C. P. H. H. H.  
Council

Council  
Halifax



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Halifax, 5th December, 1918.

His Worship, the Mayor,  
Halifax,

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you on behalf of the Government that they will use their good offices to secure the passage of legislation at the next session of the Legislature to ratify the appointment by the Board of Control of the City of Halifax, of Controllers Taylor and Hines to be members of the Board of School Commissioners to represent the City Council in the place of the Commissioners whose terms of office has expired.

Arthur S. Barnstead  
Deputy Provincial  
Secretary.

A copy of the letter is ordered to be forwarded to the Board of School Commissioners.

QUINPOOL ROAD - C.F. HOLLAND CLAIM - TREE.

In connection with his claim submitted at meeting November 28th for damage to his automobile by a tree on Quinpool Road C.F. Holland appeared before the Board.

Mr. Holland is advised to make arrangements with the City Engineer and the City Solicitor to visit the location where the damage occurred and the City Engineer is instructed to report on the result of the investigation.

CITY PRISON UNDERKEEPER.

Read application W.J. Hanebury for position of underkeeper at the City Prison. Referred to the Governor of the City Prison for report.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ESTIMATES 1919-20

Read Estimates for Public Schools for the

Secretary  
School Board  
Council  
Solicitor

C.F. Holland  
Engineer  
Solicitor

Governor  
City Prison

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Civic Year 1919-20 as follows:-

December 5th, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Es. q.,  
City Clerk,

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith in accordance with  
the City Charter, a copy of the School Estimates  
for the year 1919-20.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

SCHOOL ESTIMATE.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1920, WITH COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	<u>PASSED 1919</u>	<u>AMENDED 1919</u>	<u>NEW ESTIMATE 1920</u>
Teachers	181,030	175,530	223,615
" Cadet Instructors	400	400	550
" Equipment			2,525
Business Boys Class	1,500		1,500.
Technical	2,285	2,285	2,285
Supervised Playgrounds	2,000.	2,000.	2,000.
Supervisor	2,500	2,500.	2,800.
Secretary	1,400.	1,400.	1,600.
Bookkeeper	800.	800.	1,200
Stenographer			600.
Messenger	300.	300.	300.
Truant Officer	1,200	1,200.	1,400.
Caretaker	1,300.	1,300.	
Mechanical Supt.			2,100.
Janitors	18,504.	17,844.	18,896.
Maintenance	16,000.	29,334.35	21,427.50
Bldgs & Cr. 10,000.		6,334.35	14,811.50
Fur. & ets Rep. 2,500.		500.00	3,700.
Paint L/W. Clean 3,500.		2,500.	2,916.
Rents	10,968.80	10,968.80	10,888.80
Insurance	3,000.	3,000.	5,000.
Fuel	22,000.	22,000.	20,000.
Water	1,500.	1,000.	1,500.
General Expenses	2,000.	2,000.	2,000.
Int. on Debentures	6,950.	6,950.	6,950.
Advertising & Printing	700.	700.	700.
Books & Stationery	2,200.	2,200.	2,500.
School Apparatus	1,200.	1,000.	2,500.
Office Expense	250.	250.	250.
Medical Inspection	2,270.	2,270.	2,975.
Doctor's Salary 750.		750.	950.
Nurses (2) 1,400.		1,400.	1,800.
Expenses 120.		140.	225.

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Dental Inspection	800.				
Dentist	600.	300.	500.	600.	940.
Expenses of Clinic	200.				
Auxiliary Classes		200.		340.	
Teachers (4)	3,560.	5,510.	2,730.	4,190.	5,390.
Equipment	600.		1,880.	400.	1,200.
Rent of Rooms	1,350.		450.		
Pension System		1,200.		1,200.	1,200.
Commissioners Allowance	1,000.			1,000.	1,000.
	290,767.80		272,682.15		346,592.30
		LESS:			

PROBABLE PROVINCIAL GRANT  
IN FAVOR OF TEACHERS.

25,000.00	25,000.00	26,000.00
<u>265,767.80</u>	<u>247,682.15</u>	<u>320,592.30</u>

*all copies ✓  
sent -  
Council*

Copies of the Estimates are ordered to be forwarded to each member of the Board of Control and City Council. Consideration of the Estimates is deferred.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS.

Read letters (2) Hon E.H. Armstrong, re accounts for patients at Victoria General Hospital for which the City disputes liability as follows:-

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

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Re Frank McPherson.

Dear Sir:-

All papers in this matter have been submitted to me by the Superintendent of the V.G. Hospital who advises me that the City of Halifax is disputing any claim of the V.G. Hospital for the maintenance of this patient.

This patient is renting a house at 61 Queen St., and has a wife and family now settled there. I have no doubt from the facts as represented to me that he has a residence in the City of Halifax. If it is the intention of the City to further dispute this claim, I shall be obliged if you will advise me in order that I may take steps to hold any further enquiry that may seem necessary.

E.H. Armstrong,  
Commissioner of Public Works and Mines.

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

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

re THOMAS GOULD.

Dear Sir:-

All papers in this matter have been submitted to me by the Superintendent of the V.G. Hospital who advises me that the City of Halifax is disputing any claim of the V.G. Hospital for the maintenance of this patient.

This patient is now residing in the City of Halifax and with his family is maintaining a house and home in rented rooms at 76 Willow Street.

If it is the intention of the City to further dispute this claim, I should be obliged if you will advise me promptly in order that I may take such steps as seem necessary for any further enquiry.

E.H. Armstrong,  
Commissioner of Public Works and Mines.

The City Clerk informs the Board that he had been instructed by W.E. Messervey who has charge of investigating hospital cases charged to the City that Frank McPherson has only resided in Halifax for seven months, and Thomas Gould five months.

The City Clerk is instructed to procure copies of the information on file with Mr. Messervey and forward same to the Hon. Mr. Armstrong.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL ACCOUNTS FOR PATIENTS.

Read report Assistant City Clerk, as follows:-

December, 5th, 1918.

To-  
The Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit for the action of the Board the attached accounts of the Hazlewood Cottage Hospital for maintenance of Tubercular Patients chargeable to the City of Halifax and whose settlement have been verified by affidavit.

For term 3 months to April 30th.	\$592.14
"    3    "    July 31st	574.30
"    3    "    Oct. 31st.	517.15
	<u>\$ 1,683.59</u>

H.S. Rhind,  
Asst. City Clerk.

*Letter Hon  
E.H. Armstrong*

December 10th, 1918.

The accounts are passed for payment and out of appropriations as certified by the City Auditor. Controller Finlay dissents.

ASSISTANCE CITY COLLECTORS OFFICE.

Read accounts \$25.00 against sewerage account and \$25.00 against Water Department Mrs. F.M. Irons, for assistance in City Collector's office. The accounts are passed for payment.

LOAN \$430,200.00 -UNDERTAKING BY GOVERNMENT.

Read letter Hon. George H. Murray, Provincial Secretary, as follows:-

Halifax, 4th, December, 1918.

The City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to inform you, on behalf of the Government that they will use their good offices to secure the passage of legislation at the next session of the Legislature, legalizing the sale and date of the debentures or stock of the City of Halifax, and providing for the payment of the amounts borrowed on 1917-1918 account, for Permanent Sidewalks, erection of a Public Abattoir, construction of Public Sewers, and for purchase of a Motor Fire Engine, totalling \$133,500, the same being passed by the Board of Control and the City Council on July 25th 1917.

Also that they will use their good offices in securing the passage of legislation at that session to legalize the sale of debentures or stock of the City of Halifax of amounts borrowed on 1918-1919 account, for construction of Public Sewers, \$75,000, for construction of a Public Abattoir, additional \$10,000; for construction and aid in building a Tuberculosis Hospital, \$35,000; for construction of Water Extensions, \$20,000. and for the Widening of Streets at a cost of \$5,000. the same being passed by the Board of Control and City Council on the 13th day of September, 1918, and totalling \$145,000.

Also that they will use their good offices to obtain the passage of legislation at that session, to legalize the sale and date of the debentures or stock of the City of Halifax for amounts borrowed on 1919-1920 account, for construction of Permanent Pavement \$44,700. construction of Permanent Sidewalks, \$30,000.

December, 10th, 1918.

Construction of Public Sewers \$50,000; for Water Extension, \$20,000. for Public Comfort Station \$2,000 cost of Widening Streets, \$5,000 totalling \$151,700 the same being passed by the Board of Control on the 29th November, 1918, and that such legislation will authorize the borrowing of the amount, its expenditure and all warrants certified by the City Auditor therefor.

G.H.Murray.

Filed and copies ordered to be forwarded to the City Treasurer and the Eastern Securities Company.

STREET LIGHTING DEVASTATED AREA.

Read report Contr ller Murphy, as follows:-

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

His Worship the Mayor  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

In view of the number of residence s which are gradually building up through the devastated area, it is advisable that some steps be taken to have street lights installed at various points where the convenience and safety of those resideing in the locality can best be served.

I would recommend that the City Electrician be asked to make an immediate surbey and report fully on the situation.

John Murehy,  
CONTROLLER.

Approved.

ESTIMATES 1919-20

The City Clerk is instructed to notify the heads of all Civic Departments to forthwith prepare and submit their Estimates of receipts and expenditures for the Civid Year 1919-20.

HALIFAX SHIPYARDS WATER LOT.

Read letter Department of Marine re appli- cation of Halifax Shipyards for water lot near foot of Hanover Street and the City Engineer's report thereon, as follows:-

City Treasurer ✓  
Eastern Securities  
Co. ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Council

Electrician ✓

See letter ✓  
in file

December 10th, 1918.

OTTAWA, November 5th, 1918.

The City Clerk,  
Halifax, N.S.

Sir:-

I forward herewith plan of a water lot in Halifax Harbor applied for on behalf of the Halifax Shipyards Limited and I would ask if you would be good enough to inform me whether there are any objections so far as you are aware to the application being granted.

Please return the plan with your reply.

C. Stanton,  
Assistant Deputy Minister.

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Dec. 3, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached communications from the Department of Marine, that the only interest the City of Halifax had in the proposed water lot was in front of Hanover Street. The end of Hanover Street below Campbell Road had been expropriated by the Government, and I therefore see no objection from a City standpoint, to the granting of the water lot applied for.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

The City Engineer's report is approved.

EXPLOSION - PAINTING FIRE STATIONS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Dec. 3, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I have obtained a bid from Victor McLaren, who is now painting the City Hall, as follows:-

For painting West. St. Fire Station	\$800.00
" " Grafton St. " "	100.00
" " Quinpool Rd. " "	325.00
" " Morris St. " "	140.00

I would recommend that his tender be accepted.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

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Encl.  
Plan #54707

*Marine Dept  
Ottawa  
Halifax Ship  
Yards Ltd  
Council  
Engineer*

December 10th, 1918.

It is decided to award the contract for painting  
the Grafton Street, the Quinpool Road and the  
Merris Street stations to Victor McLaren.  
Controller Finlay dissents.

Chief Fire Dept.  
Controller Hines  
Council

Controller Hines is requested to report as  
to the advisability of the Fire Department under-  
taking with its own staff to do the painting of  
West Street Station.

PRINTING ANNUAL CITY REPORT.

The City Clerk informs the Board that the  
contract for printing the Annual Civic Report has  
not been awarded. The tenders received some months  
ago were from the City Print - \$1.64 per page, and  
T.C. Allen & Co. \$2.00 per page. The tender of the  
City Print is accepted.

Council

ACCOUNT ROYAL BANK OF CANADA FOR LEGAL OPINION.

Read letter Royal Bank of Canada covering  
account for \$25.00 Henry, Rogers, Harris and Stewart,  
as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Nov. 19, 1918.

J.J. Hopeweb, Esq.,  
City Treasurer,  
Dear Sir:-

We enclose herewith an account rendered  
by our soliditors in connection with the city bus-  
iness, which we <sup>think</sup> properly be paid by the City.  
If in order, please send us your cheque for the amount.

Council

F.H. Harris,  
Manager.

The account is passed for payment.

ACCOUNTS CITY HEALTH BOARD.

The following named accounts chargeable to the  
the City Health Board are passed for payment:-



December 10th, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,  
& Members of Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The following accounts have been passed  
by the Board of Health:-

N.S. Tramway Co., light, isolation Hosp.....	\$25.11
London Rubber Stamp. Co. Stamp office.....	.75
O.C. Warner, Milk, Oct. 1st to 31, isolation Hosp..	52.12
G.A. Burbridge, Vaccine, isolation Hospital.....	75
T.C. Allen & Co. office supplies, Oct 3, to 24th..	15.12
Longards Ltd, testing heating system, Sept. 16th, Isolation Hospital.....	15.00
J. Wannacott, Oct 19th, repairing lock office ....	35
A.S. Austen, Oct. 23rd, hods & shovels, smallpox...	3.00
Baldwin & Co. Oct. 10th, to 23rd, dishes, I. Hosp..	20.24
John Starr Son & Co. Oct. 9th to Nov. 8th, batteries, inspectors.....	4.75
Morton & Thomson, Oct. 1st, to 30th etc. for office	15.58
Robert McLeod, Oct. 1st to Oct. 31st, meat etc., I. Hosp.	120.25
Robert McLeod, Aug. 1st to Aug 30th, meats etc., Small Pox Hosp..	147.81
Robert. McLeod, Nov. 2nd to Nov. 29, meats I. Hospital....	115.50
Buckley Coal Co. fuel, Oct 1st and Sept 30th I. Hosp.	322.08
Cragg Bros, Oct 21st, funnel office.....	40
J.A. Kaizer, May, June, July, Aug. Sept. Oct, fish.....	97.28
Wet Wash, Aug, Sep, Oct, & Nov. washing Isol. Hosp.....	49.50
Halifax Herald Adv. Nov. 14th, small pox.....	2.80
S. Cunard & Co. May & June, coal to houses & Hosp	289.75
S. Cunard & Co. Sept. 5th, to 14th Isolation Hosp, <del>Oct - \$30.25</del> , Oct 10th, coal to small pox hosp,	
\$11.00 total, \$41.25 .....	41.25
Mar. Tel & Tel. Co, Aug. Sep., Oct Services.....	29.31
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	\$ 1368.70

*Council*

The Board adjourned.

*L. J. ...*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

December 12th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Policeman J.G.M. Frank.  
Loan \$430,200.00  
Account for Crushed Stone.  
Police Motor Patrol.  
Resale of City Water.  
Tramway and Street Lighting Conference.  
Tuberculosis Hospital Plans.  
Victoria General Hospital Account Thomas Gould.  
Water Supply Relief Buildings South Common.  
Town Planning.  
Annual Civic Report -printing Tenders.  
Imperial Oil Co. Railway Siding.  
Water Bill W.S. Craig 348 Gottingen Street. -  
Victorian Order of Nurses.  
Anti Tuberculosis League City Grant.  
Explosion - Loan \$132,665.90 from Relief Commission.  
Water Bills #1-3 Murray Place.  
Water Bill #130 Spring Garden Road -Mrs. Emma Naylor.  
Water Department Valves.  
Halifax Harbor Regulations.  
Market Building Rental.  
Salary City Medical Officer.  
Explosion-School Buildings Repairs.  
Accounts City Health Board.

POLICEMAN J.G.M.FRANK.

Read application of John Glen More Frank for position of Policeman. On recommendation of the Chief of Police Mr. Frank is appointed a member of the Police Force for six months probation.

LOAN \$430,200.00

Read correspondence re Loan of \$430,200.00 for various purposes as follows:-

December, 11th, 1918.

Mr. James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.  
Dear Sir:-

Regarding the issue of \$133,500 6% City of

*Chief of Police ✓*

December 12th, 1918.

Halifax 34 year Bonds which we have just purchased from you, we would thank you to have these Bonds issued as of date December 1st, 1918, and these same instructions apply also to the Bonds on which we have an option, that is the total loan of \$430,200.00

It might be necessary that we procure from you some Inscribed Stock Certificates for multiples of \$100, but we presume it will be in order to have the entire issue date December 1st, 1918, interest semi-annually, June and December, payable in gold at Montreal, Toronto, New York, etc., etc., etc.,

Trusting that you will be able to get the Bonds in hand in a comparatively short time, and thanking you in anticipation of your kind attention to this matter, we remain,

W.I. Macdougall,  
Manager.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,  
and  
Board of Control-

Gentlemen:-

In compliance with request of the Eastern Securities Co. Ltd. expressed in above letter I ask authority to have the necessary debentures engraved.

In re inscribed stock certificates the necessary blanks are in my possession.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer

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Dec, 12th, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,  
&  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

At the request of the Eastern Securities Co. Ltd. through its Solicitors Messrs McLean, Paton, Burchell & Ralston, a supplementary authority embodying certain points desired by them has been obtained from the Hon. Premier of the Province and a copy of same is herewith attached.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

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Halifax, N.S. Dec, 9/18

The City Treasurer,  
Gentlemen:-

I beg to inform you on behalf of the Government that they will use their good offices to secure the passage of legislation at the next session of the Legislature, legalizing the issue, date and sale of the Debentures or Bonds of the City

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December 12th, 1918.

of Halifax amounting to \$133,500.00 bearing interest at the rate of 6% payable semi annually dated Dec.1/18 payable as to principal 34 years after date, for the purpose of providing for the payment of amounts borrowed on 1917-18 account and money to be borrowed, for Permanent Sidewalks, erection of a Public Abattoir, construction of Public Sewers, and for purchase of a Motor Fire Engine, referred to in a resolution passed by the Board of Control and City Council July 25/17.

Also that they will use their good offices in securing the passage of legislation at that session to legalize the issue, date and sale of debentures or bonds on the City of Halifax for amounts borrowed or to be borrowed on 1918-19 account for construction of Public Sewers \$75,000.00, for construction of a Public Abattoir, additional \$10,000; for construction and aid in building a Tuberculosis Hospital \$35,000; for for construction of Water Extions \$20,000. and for the Widening of Streets at a cost of \$5,000, the same having been passed by the Board of Control and the City Council the 13th day of September, 1918, and totalling \$145,000, such Debentures to bear interest at 6% per annum payable semi annually and payable as to principal, 34 years after date.

Also that they will use their good offices, to obtain the passage of legislation at that session, to legalize the issue, date and sale of the Debentures or bonds of the City of Halifax for amounts borrowed or to be borrowed on 1919-20 account, for construction or Permanent Pavements, \$44,700; construction of Permanent Sidewalks, \$30,000; construction of Public Sewers, \$50,000; for Water Extensions, \$20,000; for Public Comfort Station, \$2,000; cost of Widening Streets, \$5,000, totalling \$151,700, the same having been passed by the Board of Control on the 29th November, 1918.

And that such legislation will authorize the borrowing of all the amounts mentioned herein the expenditure thereof and all warrants certified by the City Auditor therefor.

GH. Murray,

Approved.

ACCOUNT FOR CRUSHED STONE.

Read requisition City Works Department for payment of account \$93.06 J.M. McGrath & Son for crushed stone. The account is passed for payment.

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Council  
Solicitor  
Auditor  
Treasurer  
Eastern Securities  
Co.

December 12th, 1918.

POLICE MOTOR PATROL.

The City Solicitor is requested to examine the undertaking between W.L.Kane and the City for the supplying of a Police Motor Patrol and submit his opinion to the Board.

RESALE OF CITY WATER.

The City Engineer is requested to ascertain the quantities of City Water resold by Wharf owners and others and to consult with them as to what a reasonable rate per 1000 gals. would be for such resale and report to the Board.

TRAMWAY AND STREET LIGHTING CONFERENCE.

Read letter N.S. Tramways and Power Co. as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Dec, 11, 1918.

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

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 10th instant in which, by Resolution of the Board of Control, the Directors of this Company are requested to meet the Board of Control for the purpose of considering the Tramway Service and the Street Lighting Service in the City.

I am instructed to advise you that the local members of the Board of Directors of this Company will be pleased to meet the members of the Board of Control for a conference on this subject, on Friday the 13th instant, at any hour and place that may be suitable to the convenience of the Board of Control.

H.R. Mallison,  
Managing Director.

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December, 12th, 1918.

H.R. Mallison, Esq.,  
Managing Director.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of 11th inst., I am directed to inform you that His Worship the Mayor will be pleased to meet the Directors of the Nova Scotia Tramways and power Company at his office tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock,

H.S. Rhind,  
Asst. City Clerk.

December 12th, 1918.

It is decided to hold the conference referred to at the Mayor's office at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

It is also decided to call the attention of the Tramway Company Directors to a complaint made by Mrs. H.V. McDod that a street car upon which she was a passenger upon her way home after 11 o'clock at night turned her out left her a long ~~xxx~~ distance away from her home, turned around and returned to the City.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL PLANS.

Read report Controller Murphy as follows:-

Halifax, December 12th/18

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

Several months ago steps were taken to have plans and specifications for the new tuberculosis Hospital prepared. So far as I am aware nothing of a definite nature has yet come through regarding these plans.

No doubt those who have this matter in hand appreciate the great necessity of having this work proceeded with at the earliest date. It is therefore reasonable to assume that pressure of other work prevents their proceeding with same.

Under these circumstances I do not think further time should be lost, as if we hope to place this contract and have the work proceeded with in the early spring, it is absolutely necessary that some other means be taken to have the preliminary work wound up. I would therefore suggest that unless definite assurance can be had that these plans will be in our hands within ten days, we obtain the services of an architect to complete the work on the plans so that tenders can be called for building at once.

John Murphy,  
CONTROLLER.

Approved and referred to the City Engineer  
for attention at once.

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Conference held ✓  
Dec 13/18.

Engineer ✓  
Solicitor 3 ✓

December 12th, 1918.

VICTORIA GENERAL HOSPITAL ACCOUNT THOMAS GOULD.

Read letters as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Dec 10, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

THOMAS GOULD.

I beg to advise you that today the account of hospital charges for \$10.00 in the case of Thomas Gould, of whose discharge I advised you on a recent date, has been paid.

W.W. Kenney,  
Superintendent.

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

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk,

Dear Sir:-

Re Thomas Gould.

Since writing you on the 4th instant, I beg to advise that the above named has been paid in full his account at the V.G. Hospital.

E.H. Armstrong,  
Minister of Public Works & Mines.

Filed.

WATER SUPPLY RELIEF BUILDINGS SOUTH COMMON.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Dec 11th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:-

In compliance with the attached extract from the Minutes of the Board of Control, the water service at the Relief Commission buildings on the Citadel and South Common was changed from the High Service System to the Low. There was almost immediate complaint from the Relief Commission's Officials, and the Superintendent of the Water Department made an inspection to ascertain what results had been. He discovered that in a large proportion of the buildings, the water would not rise to the second floor, and the high service system was again turned into their water pipes, pending further orders.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

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December 12th, 1918.

TOWN PLANNING.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Dec. 11th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached extract from the Minutes of the Board of Control respecting scheme #1 Halifax Town Planning. I am asked as to what financial liability the City of Halifax would incur in concurring in the proposed scheme. That is a question which is impossible to answer today.

All the older part of the City is excluded from the operation of the Town Planning Board in scheme #1, but outside of that area, with the exception of the devastated area, the Town Planning Board have power to design the replanning, altering, widening or extending of streets or laying out of new ones. The expenditure incurred to date is practically ~~nothing~~ for advertising only, and no proposal has been made yet for anything that involves additional expenditure in connection with Scheme #1.

The time for concurring or refusing to concur in the proposed scheme is past, as the notice received by the Board contains the information that the Commissioner of Public Works and Mines has granted to the Town Planning Board permission to prepare the scheme.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Referred to the City Solicitor for report as to the extent of the City's financial liability for expenditures incurred by the Town Planning Board.

ANNUAL CIVIC REPORT-PRINTING TENDERS.

The City Clerk reported that by telephone message The City Print to whom had been awarded the contract for printing the annual City Report now decline to enter into the Contract. The tenders for the work received some months ago were, The City Print \$1.64 per page and T.C. Allen & Co. \$2.00 per page.

It is decided to advertise for new tenders for the work.

Solicitor ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Auditor ✓

Adv Recorder ✓  
Mail ✓  
Ckbo. ✓



December 12th, 1918.

IMPERIAL OIL CO. RAILWAY SIDING.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Dec, 11, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

The Imperial Oil Limited has applied for permission to extend the City siding across Young Street to their property opposite the site of the old Cotton Factory, as shown on the attached plan. Special legislation would be required to authorize the granting of such permission.

An application was made in 1905 by the Dominion Cotton Mills Company Limited for permission to lay a track on the same location. In granting permission an agreement should be required to be signed by the Company providing that the use of the siding shall not be allowed to interfere with traffic requirements, in connection with the holding of the Provincial Exhibition, including the time immediately before and after the dates during which the Exhibition is open; that traffic over the siding shall be subject to the direction of the City Engineer that the siding shall be located to the approval of the City Engineer; laid to the grade of Young Street; planked where it crosses the street; free passage for water provided and maintained at the gutters, and the whole crossing maintained and kept in good repair by the Company; that it shall be operated only in connection with the business of the Company; that cars shall not be allowed to stand on Young Street; that every precaution shall be taken to protect the public against accident and for indemnification of the City; that work and repairs shall be performed to the satisfaction of the City Engineer; that the agreement may be terminated and the permit cancelled by one year's notice in writing; that the Company shall pay the City the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ per annum for the privilege granted, which included the use of the siding through the City Field on the east side of Kempt Road; and such other provisions as your Board and the City Solicitor may consider necessary.

In connection with this matter I desire to call your attention to the fact that the Canadian Government Railways are using the siding in the City field continuously, although it was laid primarily for Exhibition purposes. Steps should be taken to retain the City's rights in the land and siding so that there may be no misunderstanding between the Railways Department and the City.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

December 12th, 1918.

*Imperial Oil Co ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Solicitor ✓*

It is decided not to grant the premission applied for by the Imperial Oil Company.

The City Engineer and City Solicitor are requested to further report as to the use by the Canadian Government Railways of the siding in the Incinerator lot.

WATER BILL W.S.CRAIG 348 GOTTINGEN STREET-  
VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES.

*Engineer ✓*

Read letter Victorian Order of Nurses covering Water bill against the W.S.Craig house #348 Gottingen Street claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

ANTI TUBERCULOSIS LEAGUE CITY GRANT.

Read application Anti Tuberculosis League for a city grant as follows:-

Dec, 10th, 1918.

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

Gentlemen:-

In accordance with a resolution which was passed at the last meeting of the Anti-tuberculosis League, I am writing to ask from you financial aid to assist in carrying on our work. We have two visiting nurses constantly employed and in a few weeks the tuberculosis clinic, at the Dispensary will be opened which will require the services of another specially qualified nurse and this expense must be borne by us. In view of the increased number of tuberculosis cases which will no doubt follow the present epidemic of Influenza in our City, I would ask on behalf of the League that you would give us a generous grant this year. I am enclosing our financial report for the past three years.

*Secretary ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Clerk ✓  
M.P. Bell ✓*

Eva A. Mader,  
Corresponding Secretary.

*Eva A. Mader ✓  
B/c ✓*

The City Clerk is instructed to acknowledge receipt of the communication and to inform the League that their application will be considered by the Board when dealing with the annual Estimates.

December 12th, 1918.

EXPLOSION - LOAN \$132,665.90 FROM RELIEF COMMISSION.

Read letter Relief Commission, as follows:-

Halifax, December 11, 1918.

The City Treasurer,  
Halifax,

Dear Sir:-

Referring to our conversation over the phone today, instructions have been issued to our Finance Department to make a further advance to the City of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) on collateral of bonds as heretofore.

This advance will be made on receipt from you of City Bonds to the amount of \$132,665.00 and the entire loan will bear interest at the rate of six per cent.

The letter of February eleventh referred to by you over the 'phone only had reference to the loan of a small amount of money @ some two or three thousand dollars in connection with the small-Pox Hospital - on a basis of five per cent interest until such time as the City should be able to obtain legislation to borrow money elsewhere. It had nothing whatever to do with a loan such as is now being negotiated.

Ralph P. Bell,  
Secretary.

The foregoing loan is intended to cover the

following named items:

Schools	\$50,000.00
Repairs City Property	50,000.00
Small Pox Hosp.	6,564.28
City Market	11,617.74
Isolation Hosp.	24,483.88
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	142,665.90
Less contributed by the Commission on account Isolation Hospital.....	10,000.00
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	132,665.90

*Treasurer ✓*  
*Auditor ✓*  
*Council ✓*  
*R P Bell ✓*

The references in the letter as to rate of interest are approved and agreed to.

WATER BILLS # 1-3 MURRAY PLACE.

Read report Assistant City Engineer as follows:-

December 12th, 1918.

December 11, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached bill amounting to \$82.88 for water supplied to #1-3 Murray Place from Nov. 1/17 to Sep. 7/18

This property is supplied by a long pipe from South Street and the meter is at the line of the street on South Street, so as to control this service pipe as well as the pipes in the house. In the spring of this year, the meter reader found an excessive consumption and notified the owner that there must be a leak somewhere in the pipe. Mrs. Murray immediately took steps to have the leak discovered, and stopped, but owing to the difficulty in obtaining men it was some time before this could be done. Finally she obtained a man who got at the pipe and had the leak repaired.

Mrs. Murray in her letter says that there was great loss of water because of the Department's inability to act promptly. With regard to this clause, the Department has nothing to do with the pipe beyond the line of the street, and she was notified of this fact at the time. In fact some years ago a similar occurrence took place, and it was well known to her that the owner had to keep the service pipe repaired.

It has been the policy of the Department that where the owner took immediate steps to remedy leakage or waste, when the same was brought to his or her attention, not to penalize them for a loss which was beyond their control. In this case I am satisfied that the owner took all possible steps to remedy the conditions existing, and I would recommend that the bill be reduced to \$7.00 for the period between Nov/17 and Sep/18 this amount being in excess of any amount charged during the past four years for water used on these premises.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER BILL # 130 SPRING GARDEN ROAD MRS.  
EMMA NAYLOR.

Read report Assistant City Engineer re Water Meter Bill Mrs. Emma Naylor, #130 Spring Garden Road, as follows:-

December 11, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached meter bill for

*Clk & Works  
Engineer  
City Collector  
Council*

December 12th, 1918.

water supplied to the premises #130 Spring Garden Road from January to September 1918.

The bill is made up on a consumption of 84,400 gallons and amounts to \$11.81. I find that owing to the fact that the meter was damaged and out of order last March, the previous bill was for water used from Sept. 1917 to Jan. 1918, and the present bill, therefore, is for eight month's use of water. The meter was not replaced until Sept. and consequently the consumption had to be averaged.

The half-yearly bills at this property for the past two years have been, \$6.74, \$2.83, \$13.17, and \$11.81. The present bill was based on the consumption for the half year ending Sept. 1917 as provided for in the Charter. I do not think Mrs. Naylor has any complaint, as if the bill had been made up on the consumption from January to September it would have been much larger, but as there was a waste in the premises in Feb. 1917 the bill was sent out for a similar amount as the half yearly bill of the previous year.

*Engineer -  
City Works -  
Collector -  
Council*

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER DEPARTMENT VALVES.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Dec. 10 1918.

His worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I have received tenders for valves from Drummond, McCall & Company, Montreal and T. McAvity & Sons, St. John, tenders on City of Halifax specifications -

T. McAvity & Sons	12-inch valves	\$100. f o b St. John
Drummond McCall & Co.	12-inch valves	\$130. delivered at Halifax.
" "	15-inch valves	\$220. delivered at Halifax.

I would recommend that the tender of T. McAvity and Sons for twelve 12-inch valves be accepted, and the tender of Drummond McCall & Co. for six 15-inch valves be accepted.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

*Engineer -  
Council*

December 12th, 1918.

HALIFAX HARBOR REGULATION.

Read letter Admiral Storey, re Halifax Harbour Regulations, as follows:-

Naval Service Department,  
H.M/C. Dockyard, Halifax, Dec. 11, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor of Halifax,  
Dear Sir:-

It is proposed shortly to issue the attached memorandum.

I will be obliged if you will favour me with any remarks you may be pleased to make.

M.S. Storey,  
Admiral Superintendent.

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-PORT OF HALIFAX.

The Public Traffic Regulations, dated Feb. 19th 1918 and Addenda, dated August 27th, 1918, are hereby suspended.

The Harbour Master will resume control of shipping in the harbour in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for the government of the Port of Halifax, approved by Order in Council, Oct. 15 1896, and Order in Council dated March 7th, 1918, on the understanding that he is to keep clear such berths as are required for H.M. Ships, viz, "A", "B", "C", "D" (and "E" if required), as shown on Blue Print in his possession.

The Harbour Master will be responsible, except in the case of H.M. ships, <sup>that</sup> the Health Officer is informed of the arrival of ships, and the Superintendent of Pilots is informed that pilots must look to the Harbour Master for orders.

Pilots are to be instructed that all incoming ocean traffic should pass to the Eastward of George's Island whenever it is practicable to do so, and that orders on this matter are under consideration.

The Naval Transport Officer is responsible for the berthing of Transports at Government wharves.

The Examination Service is discontinued, and the Defence Nets are in process of being removed.

Till further orders Pilots are to be instructed that all Neutral vessels arriving are to go direct to Bedford Basin, reporting to Control vessel anchored at the Narrows.

Referred to Captain F.G. Rudolf <sup>Harbor Master</sup> for report.

MARKET BUILDING RENTAL.

Read report City Auditor as follows:-

December 12th, 1918.

Dec, 11th, 1918.

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

In answer to yours of the 5th, inst., re \$1,000.00 rent of Market Building from Relief Commission, I beg to say that I know of no way in which the amount can be handled to pay City Bills before it is received.

W.W. Foster,  
CITY AUDITOR.

*Received  
R P Bell -*

The Secretary is instructed to write the Relief Commission requesting them to pay over the amount of rental due as agreed upon.

SALARY CITY MEDICAL OFFICER.

Read report City Auditor as follows:-

Halifax, December 11th, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

In answer to yours of the 10th inst., re City Medical Officer's Salary, I beg to state that the amount of \$350.00 has not been paid because the funds are not provided.

W.W. Foster,  
CITY AUDITOR.

*Solicitor -*

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

EXPLOSION - SCHOOL BUILDINGS REPAIRS.

Read letter School Board, as follows:-

December 13th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by this Board to request a further advance of Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.00) Dollars on the Explosion Account for the repair of Schools.

This at your earliest convenience, please,

S.J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

*Auditor -  
Treasurer -*

Approved.

December 12th, 1918.

ACCOUNTS CITY HEALTH BOARD.

The following named accounts chargeable to the City Health Board are passed for payment.

*Council.*

Plumbing Examiners attendance at meetings	\$70.00
Mrs. Parker, pay at Small-Pox Hospital	4.00
Berringer Bros. Groceries, Small-pox Hosp.	771.11
Collector's Office, Water, I.D. Hospital.	34.06
Barringer Bros. Groceries, I.D. Hospital	22.98
	\$ 902.15

The Board adjourned.

*L. H. M. M. M.*

CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.



Halifax, N.S.,

Dec. 13, 1913

A special meeting of the Board of Control and the directors of the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company was held in the Mayor's office, City Hall at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 13th-

Present- His Worship the Mayor  
City Engineer  
City Clerk  
Controller Hines  
Controller Murphy  
Controller Finlay  
City Electrician  
City Solicitor  
H.R. Mallison  
W.H. Covert  
C. E. Smith  
Howard Smith

Mayor- What is the first matter that we want to bring up?

City Clerk- The street lighting.

Mayor- About street lighting - I think we have come now to a stage when the City recognizes that the arrangement is unsatisfactory, and it must be unsatisfactory as well to the Company. We have no contract, and I believe we have reached a stage where the City is prepared to make a contract, but we will want a modern system. These lights we have are inadequate. I understand it is even difficult to get parts to keep them in repair, and we are having our Electrician prepare a scheme and if it is necessary we shall send him away and let him look over the plants in other places and get some arrangement to have the City supplied with a modern system. There was some question as to whether or not we could make a contract - that the legislation had put an embargo on us in the interests of the projected Company, the Halifax Power Company, which today does not appear to be going to materialize, but if there is anything like that in the way, we could have that remedied by the Legislature. So if you are prepared to take the matter up with out officials, I think the City of Halifax within some few months should have a modern system of street lighting that will be efficient and satisfactory to the general public. In preparing any plan of a modern street lighting system our officials and yours may not look at the matter from some angles in the same way, but we may get at some mutual understanding.

Mr. Mallison- With reference to the City street lighting, I may say that on behalf on the Company, the present street lighting contract is a very big burden and a very unsatisfactory contract for my Company. In the first place we are not giving satisfaction to the City that we would like to give, and with our present equipment I do not see how we can possibly give a satisfactory lighting service. Then the equipment we have now, has been in service for something like 16 or 17 years and it is out of date. There are, practically speaking, no cities or towns in Canada that are using a similar type of lamp, and the maintenance and upkeep of this old system has grown in expense to such an extent that we are actually losing money on the street lighting. We would be very glad indeed to be rid of it.

Mayor- You do not mean you would be glad to be rid of the whole thing?

Mr. Mallison- I am speaking of the lighting contract and the lighting system. Early in 1916 we made efforts to get the contract renewed, with the idea of putting in a proper street lighting system. In the Fall of 1916 the City advertised for tenders for a street lighting system and they supplied specifications and details of the system they required, and my Company tendered for the supply of the current, taking very considerable exception to a number of the clauses of the specification which we felt could not be lived up to. Nothing ever came of that tender at all. We advised the City at the time, that we really did not want to go on any further with the then lighting contract, because we realized that it was not of advantage to the City, and a detriment to the public opinion of our Company in supplying the service we were doing, and we advised the City then that at the expiration of that contract, we would prefer not to continue. However, the City was not prepared to deal with this even then, and that contract was renewed for another year, with the understanding that it would not be renewed any more. So at the commencement of 1918, the first of March, to be exact, the contract expired, and there was no real arrangement made except at the request of the City we continued, after advising the City that we could not do it at the cost of the old contract, the maintenance of the street lighting system and the cost of everything being so heavy that we actually were losing money on the contract. We would be very glad, if it were the wish to the City, to tender upon a street lighting system for a term of years, on a specification laid down by your engineers - and we are willing to take it up and go into it thoroughly at any time.

Mayor- That is what we want. It would have to be a new specification - we should keep that in mind.

Mr. Mallison- Any information or assistance of any kind that we can render, to make this City one of the best lighted Cities in Canada or even in North America, we shall be only too glad to supply.

City Engineer- I do not just know what the Board intended when they called this meeting. I have been listening to see what the meeting is for, or whether this is all you intended to discuss. I had an idea that this meeting was called because the present system of lighting was in such an unsatisfactory condition that we would have to make some effort to improve that in the meantime.

Mayor- I did not touch upon that phase of the subject in opening the meeting, but that might be taken up. Can anything be done to improve the present lighting.

Mr. Mallison- I may say that both the City Engineer and the City Electrician have complained officially regarding the street lighting, and I am quite prepared to admit to you that it is bad. There are a great many causes for that, and a great many legitimate reasons, so far as the Company is concerned, for it and that is an added reason why we are very anxious now, that this present contract be terminated at the very earliest possible moment. The type of arc lamp is not now used, and when we want any in-

nerglobes we have to order them in the States and wait for them to be blown and shipped. The same thing applies to the outer globes. The repair parts from the Canadian General Electric Co. factory come when they feel inclined to make them up for us, for they do not carry them in stock. At the time of the celebration here, we had in stock 74 outer globes, which we thought was a fairly reasonable supply. The day after the celebration we took out those 74 globes and put them on the lamps to replace breakages that took place during the celebration. We need about 85 to 90 more globes at the present time. They have been ordered for some considerable time. We do not know yet, nor can we find out, when we shall get them. Inner globes broken to a great extent in the same way, have been shipped from the United States since October and are not here yet nor can we find them. We have duplicated an order to send by express, but we have to wait until the glass is blown, so that under these circumstances it is practically impossible to keep the lamps in proper working order. The lamps to be properly repaired, would cost more than a new lamp costs, because it simply means rebuilding the old lamp.

Mayor- Cannot you replace them with new lamps? Get a modern lamp and as these others get broken, put in a new one. Why go on repairing them at all. You say that it costs more to repair them than to instal a new lamp.

Mr. Mallison- I mean to repair them so that they will be fairly efficient.

Cont. Murphy- The answer is that they are not being kept repaired, and the Company does not feel justified in making an outlay for fear everything may be thrown on their hands six months from now.

Mr. Mallison - That is the idea exactly, and I might add that in agreeing to the extension of the contract we specified that we did not feel justified in buying any additional fixtures for such a short period of time, and it was left with the City whether additional lamps would be got or not.

Mayor - How long would it take you to instal an up-to-date system if you got the contract.

Mr. Mallison- The actual installation could be done in about four or five months, provided we got the necessary equipment from the manufacturers promptly. It would depend entirely on that.

Mayor- The general public perhaps would discount your statements if they heard them, but I am prepared to accept them. It is utterly impossible to get them before the general public, and there is certainly to-day an outcry against the system we have - the inefficiency of it; so that I do not see there is anything but to arrange to have a new specification and a new contract, and the sooner we do that the better. There seems to be nothing else for us to do.

Cont. Finlay- In view of the existing legislation, I understand that the Halifax Power proposition as passed upon last year, prohibits the City from entering into a contract with any other company.

Mayor- I think we will take it for granted that we can have that removed.

The City might be in a position to purchase the Halifax Power Company and light the City ourselves. If we make a contract now for four or five years, we tie everything up again. The Legislature is going to meet in a short time now.

Mayor- We do not have to wait for that. I do not think the Legislature will stand in the way. How long was your first contract originally for, Mr. Mallison?

Mr. Mallison- For a period of five years; then it was renewed again for another period of five years and then for a period of three years, and then for a period of six months and then from year to year from that time on, and with reference to your suggestion, your Worship, my Company is of the same opinion as you are, that the only satisfactory way for the City as well as for the Company is to abandon this old system and have a new one.

Mayor- Any reasonable person has to admit that. It has been in use for 25 years and the fact that you have to wait to have these parts blown, is enough to prove that the installation of a new system is the only thing possible.

W.H. Covert- No authority, no matter who, would undertake to light this City unless they could get a five year contract.

Mayor- I am ready to make a five year contract, and I would take chances on the Legislature turning us down. Either that or the City undertake to do its own lighting. We can do that, but I do not know that the City at the present time would be justified in making that capital expenditure. The legislature would give us a charter so that we could do our own lighting, but they would not let us do any commercial lighting. I would be pleased to hear anyone who has any views on this matter. What do you say, Mr. Doane, about Mr. Mallison's contention that this system is hopeless of improving.

City Engineer- It seems to me, your Worship, that your proposal is hardly a safe one - to make a contract and take a chance on the Legislature not turning it down. I understand that the Halifax Power Co. claim that if we make a contract that it can only run until they are ready to make one with us, and then we have to make one with them. We should look at all sides of the question, and assuming we are not able to go ahead, we should take some steps to improve the present lighting.

Mayor- I do not believe it is possible to improve this present system.

Cont. Murphy- The only thing I think that can be done with the present lighting system might be to lay in a larger supply of spare parts. It would be safe to ask the Company to lay in a year's supply of all parts. They are running too close on parts. Even if the City had to make some little undertaking itself, to lay in a certain number of inner and outer globes and other wearing parts. I do not believe you can put in a modern street lighting system in Halifax inside of twelve months. I think it is a safe assertion that you will have to go along and make the best of the present conditions for a year.

Mayor- By a modern system I mean a modern lamp. We may have to use our old poles, but we should have modern lamps.

Mayor- Mr. Bell, would we be able to make a contract with the Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company, on account of the Halifax Power proposition?

City Solicitor- It is very doubtful, but I would rather put that in writing for you.

Cont. Murphy- At the present time is the City bound to anything.

City Solicitor- The City has committed itself to certain undertakings; if the Company makes good, it is entitled to have an agreement entered into. At the present time it cannot tell whether the Power Company is going to make good. If it goes ahead, it takes a chance; either it must make its contract with the Nova Scotia Tramways Co. conditional on the Power Company, or it runs a chance of having two contracts on its hands. It is a very awkward position to be in. I have given it considerable consideration. The City has practically said to the Power Company - if you give me this when you are ready to deliver it, we will take it. If they are ready to deliver it, we must take it.

O.E. Smith - Is there a time limit?

City Solicitor- Yes - it is either one year, or two years at the outside.

Cont. Murphy- It is a known condition that the Power Company will not take into consideration the carrying of things through under the present legislation; they will not accept it without certain amendments.

City Solicitor- Yes, that is true. But on the face of the legislation we have certain commitments, that the Power Co., if they make good, involve our making a contract with them, but I will put that in writing for you - altho there is nothing more that I can add.

Cont. Murphy- The undertaking of the Halifax Power Co. in their contract is that they will instal a modern type of street lighting to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. It is reasonable to assume if you are going to contract with this Company that they will do likewise, and whatever installation is made would be serviceable for the Halifax Power or for this Company, and there is nothing against our making a contract with another company, and if the City finds itself in that position, the City can take the installation over from the Nova Scotia Tramways Company.

O.E. Smith - This Company would then be called upon to make the capital expenditure.

City Solicitor- The City would furnish the money.

W.H. Covert- Our directors should be willing to take the risk of going on with it, on the statement of the City that if this other concern did materialize and they were paid for their installation, they would hand it over.

O.E. Smith- The capital expenditure, that is what I am interested in.

Cont. Murphy- The initial expenditure would necessarily be made by your company, but if the Halifax Power Company materialize, you would be reimbursed for your total and

O. E. Smith- In the meantime, we would be making the capital expenditure, with no contract.

Cont. Murphy- We would enter into a contract with your Company under that condition.

O.E. Smith - Capital at this time is very hard to get, and we do not feel like investing that money -

Cont. Murphy- If you were guaranteed that you would involve yourselves in no financial loss?

O.E. Smith- If it covered a period of years, we could furnish it, but not for six months.

Cont. Murphy- The City would not be unreasonable - we would make a five-year contract.

City Solicitor- Then we would have to insist on the Power Company taking over this plant. That arrangement would commend itself to everybody's good sense.

Cont. Murphy- It is a clear business proposal, instead of leaving the City bound hand and foot. I would like to see the Company submit a proposal for a ten or fifteen year contract.

Mayor- You could give us one bid on a five and one on a ten year contract..

City Electrician- How would the Halifax Power Co. feel if it were compelled to buy any plant which they had no say in purchasing and which perhaps would not suit them at all.

Cont. Murphy- The City has a certain say about what type of plant the Power Co. would buy.

City Electrician - Yes

City Solicitor- The Power Company is not in a position to make very many conditions. They are making tremendous concessions for the City to keep this open for them. We can tell them that the electrical apparatus will be there, and tell them that when they come in, all they have to do is to buy out this good installation and go on with it.

Mr. Mallison- It has been suggested in this discussion that in the event of this new system being put in on that basis, the Halifax Power Co., should they come in, would take our system over from us. I do not think that this would be any part of the agreement that my company would make if the City took it over. We do not want to enter into any agreement which would oblige us to turn over our equipment and accept payment from the Halifax Power Co.

City Solicitor- What difference would it make who you got payment from, as long as you got paid?

Mr. Mallison- That is just the point - we are willing to take a chance from the City.

City Solicitor- We would make the conditions such that the Halifax Power Company could not get into the contract until you were paid - it would be money in hand.

Mr. Mallison- There is also another point I would like to make. If a contract is entered into on the basis of the possibility of it being turned over to the City or any other company, it means that the original in-

stallation will both cost more and take longer to do, because in the event of our being <sup>able</sup> to sell out, we would want the street lighting system separate from any other system - on different poles and everything separate.

City Solicitor- If they want us to keep this open for them, they will have to make good every bit of expense that the Tram Company is put to - we can make any kind of conditions to them.

Mr. Mallison- The Tram Co, is not desirous at all of having any foreign lamps or wires on its poles.

O.E. Smith - I should think a ten year contract would be a better proposition for the City than a five year one. You could get better terms on a ten year contract. The other company would have to make good the initial cost to us.

Mayor- Mrs. McLeod came in yere yesterday and she was much incensed because she had to wait a long time to get a car. She was waiting for a car at 11 o'clock at night, and two of the cars she went to get on, would not allow her to get on, as they were being switched off in another direction. We have complaints like that continually coming to us and the cars are not kept up to their schedule as well as we should like to have them. Cant your Company do something about it.

Mr. Mallison- I shall investigate that, your Worship. Do you know the number of the car?

Mayor- It was #66.

Cont. Murphy- Then the snow situation-

Mayor- We want to deal with the snow situation this winter a little better than it has been dealt with in the past, and thought we would take the matter up with the Company. We have asked the City Engineer to get some data from other cities with reference to this matter, and we will use it on Water Street and on other streets too..I do not know what the expenditure will be, but I presume if we get a plant of that nature and the Tram Company could have the use of it, they would be willing to chip in on the expense.

Mr Mallison- This is an important matter to the City and to us. We have been doing it all. We are under no obligation, either legal or moral to do this work - that is, any more than our own tracked area, but in view of the fact that it always incommoded vehicular traffic and that in turn, following our tracks, incommoded us, we have been doing this work on the tracked streets. But we are not able to go on with it - the City must do its share. Years ago, before my time, there was an arrangement between the Company and the City, whereby the City cleared certain streets or a certain section of a street, and the Tram Company the other streets or sections of streets. - half and half. Then that dropped off, and in self-defence the Company had to do it. I brought this to the attention of the previous Board of Control and I may say I have on record in my office a letter of commendation from the ~~Company~~ City and the Board of Control as to the very efficient way in which the Company had removed the snow for two winters.

Cont. Murphy- I think you have an exceptional situation in Halifax. The streets are so narrow that you cannot clear

your tracks without creating a condition that under your Charter would obligate clearing the rest of the street. The street must be levelled.

W.H. Covert- My recollection was that there was an arrangement that one or other remove the snow and a certain portion of it was paid by the City.

City Engineer- There was never any arrangement with the City since I was here. Mr. Mallison may have referred to custom. With reference to the removal of snow from the street, I presume the City stands clear on their legal rights, but as for moral rights, conditions are changed so that we cannot avoid looking at it from another point of view. Since that time, they have taken up the greater portion of the roadway with double tracks, and if it were something that were not done in other cities, I would be slower in giving as my opinion that the Tram Company are morally bound to take care of the whole roadway, even tho they may not legally be bound. In some cities the Tram Company has to pay even for the paving of the whole roadway. The double track enables the Tram Co. to give a better service and consequently to earn more money, and they should be disposed to forget in a measure, what the strict legal rights of the Charter are, and meet us on the moral side, but as far as I am concerned, there never was any arrangement.

O.E. Smith- Is it unreasonable to expect the City to clear off the snow that is thrown on the streets?

City Engineer- If your double tracks were not there, or no tracks were there, we would not have to take it away. Some of us had to fight pretty hard for the Tram Company to be allowed to put double tracks on streets narrow like these. Some of us thought it was a good thing for the City and the Tram Company to have these streets double tracked, and we worked hard to get them there. Personally, I think the Tram Company should look at our side of it.

Mr. Mallison- In Montreal the City itself does the snow removal and charges the Company fifty percent of the cost. It works out more satisfactorily in Montreal than it does in any other the other cities.

City Engineer- In St. John they charge the Company a fixed rate per mile for snow removal, and the City pays the rest, if there is any.

Mr. Mallison- In the event of snow removal on a mileage basis, the City takes a chance one way or the other.

O.E. Smith- In Montreal it is fifty fifty on the tracked streets.

Cont. Murphy - In Montreal it is fifty-fifty on excess profits.

Mr. Mallison-, Along those lines I have no doubt that the Company would be very glad to negotiate an arrangement on the lines of the Montreal contract.



Mr. Mallison- We were facing a deficit and we applied to the Legislature for an increased fare, but we did not get it.

Mayor- Most western cities have increased the rate. I was out in Vancouver when they increased the rate there, and they had a heart to heart talk with the Council there and the increase went through without any trouble.

O. E. Smith- What is the rate there?

Mayor- I think 7¢ - they showed that their earnings were not enough to keep ~~it~~ - they laid all their cards on the table, and everyone was satisfied.

O.E. Smith- That is what should be done here - get together and be reasonable.

Mayor- I do not think the citizens would have any kick. They cannot expect the Company to run the trams efficiently without being able to pay the expense.

Cont. Murphy- What is the position of the Company with regard to certain improvements that were provided for by the grant passed by the Public Utilities - that amount of \$600,000 that was to provide certain improvements in tracks and additional cars. What is the position to-day?

Mr. Mallison- With regard to cars, I spent until late last night discussing with the manufacturer the necessary details for the quantity of new cars asked for before the Public Utilities Board. We asked for six, and I am getting my specifications prepared and tenders asked for, for twelve new cars. While in the summer we have abundance of rolling stock, I do not consider that we have quite enough in the winter. If we can get the people to run the cars, we can give a service that is sufficient to carry the travelling public, and I think we shall be able to get the people shortly, because things look better. All year we have been absolutely tied down hand and foot because we could not get people to operate our cars.

Mayor- What about that Cogswell Street spur line?

Mr. Mallison- Two years ago we discussed the advisability of a line across the Common. In my opinion it was a very essential and desirable line to build, and we, to all intents and purposes agree that it should be built. We ordered 1000 tons of steel rails two years ago last July for delivery a year ago last July, and we have never been able to get the rails yet. We have written within the last three months regarding those rails and we are still advised that the steel company are not in a position to export the rails. The local rolling mills in Canada do not roll a street railway rail at all, and we are simply in the hands of the manufacturers. So far as my judgment goes, it would be a benefit to both the Company and the City to have that line built. We have not abandoned it by any means - and have everything ready to go ahead just as soon as we get the rails to build the line.

Mayor- We want you to run that Richmond line out to Roome Street. There are a lot of people moving out there.

O.E. Smith- There is no house out there north of ~~that~~ where the cars now run.

Mayor- There are a lot of people living out west of Gotting Street who need that car service.

Mr. Mallison- It means the building of a new line and about 30 poles, and we are so put to it for line men that it would seem to me that it is more essential for the general public that we should supply the line work on demand at the moment, and let that part of the line go. We have looked over the situation and I think the necessity is much greater elsewhere than it is there for service. My idea, I may say, is that when the Reconstruction get the new roadways built, we would like to make a belt line of Gottingen Street and our main line, extending the Gottingen St. line out to Lady Hammond Road and making a double loop belt. I have been planning for that ever since I saw the plans of the district. We would like to do it because it is our belief that the amount of traffic available will be greater ~~than~~ in the North end than ever before. We will have to build a sub-station up there and make a great many improvements in traffic handling, etc.

Cont. Hines- How about improving the belt line?

Mr. Mallison- We have two extra cars on the Belt line to-day, but we have not had the people to run the cars. With regard to the improvements that Controller Murphy has asked about in connection with the Tram Service, I will say that the idea of the local management, and this of course is subject to the approval of the Board, for this coming summer is to do a large portion of Quinpool Road with double track from Oxford Street towards the Arm so that we can improve the Armdale Service. I propose to change this single track layout down around the Post office and Buckingham Street into a double track. I propose to build a track down to the new railway station and also to belt this line out here. I propose to make a belt line between Gottingen and Barrington Streets in the North End, and as I say, we are now negotiating for twelve new up to date first class cars, and the probabilities are also that we will be obliged to instal a new sub-station somewhere in the North End to give us ample facilities for efficiently handling any class of business that comes to us.

Cont. Murphy- Would it not be possible to take certain sections and try to give us some underground in connection with the street lighting.

Mr. Mallison- It will cost more money. So far as this company is concerned, if the City specifies underground street lighting system, we will figure accordingly. I do think if it was decided to put any section of the City underground, it would be a short sighted policy to put just the street lighting underground. I think it all should go underground. When you are building your underground duct, it would be very much more economical to build a duct sufficient to handle all the wires, rather than take it up later.

W.H.Cover- Do you mean the trolley wires?

Mr. Mallison- No, telegraph and telephone and our wires. You realize that the citizens who would be served from that underground section would have to pay more for their service than those served from an aerial system. In Montreal the City built the ducts and compelled every utility to name the space it needed before they built the ducts. Then they charged them so much for duct rental, and the companies in turn are allowed to charge the citizens who are served from the underground section, a higher rate than those served from the aerial system. I have seen the principle along St. Catherine and Notre Dame Streets and the principle is to charge for

lighting and power from the underground is higher than is charged the citizens who take their service from the other system.

Mayor- I suppose the City charge enough to pay the interest and sinking fund?

Mr. Mallison- Yes.

Mayor- We should keep that in mind and arrange for that what

Cont. Murphy- There is one other question - as to/definite plans are in hand regarding the overhead construction.

Mr. Mallison- With regard to the overhead lines, I may say that the City Electrician and myself have been in conference on more than one occasion recently and we have, as I say, been very much hampered all summer by the want of line men. I have advertised several times in St. John, Moncton, Montreal and other places for linemen but without success, and we are away behind in our line work and house connections. We have had this last week three linemen sent down from Montreal, and they will be sending four more down on Saturday night's train. If we can get an adequate staff of linemen we will contingence the work we started a year ago of overhauling our entire overhead system. It requires attention and we are thoroughly alive to that fact. I do not think there is anything alarmingly dangerous or anything like that, but there are portions of it that require building up, and we will do it as rapidly as we can get the people to do the work for us.

Cont. Murphy- You have not had a chance, Mr. Colpitt, to prepare that report of yours?

Mr. Colpitt- No, not yet.

Mayor- I wish you would again look over the ground and see about that extension on Campbell Road.

Mr. Mallison- We wont overlook it, but I think we should catch up where we are so far behind, before going on with that.

City Clerk- Why don't the cars go on to Young Street on ~~Sittingen~~ Street. They go to North Street and turn back.

Mr. Mallison- Very few of them. It is without our knowledge and consent, I can assure you of that.

Cont. Murphy- Is there not something in the Charter that makes the Company submit a regular time table to the City.

City Engineer- I do not think so. They have been asked to submit a time table and they have done so, but I do not think there is anything except regarding rate of speed.

City Clerk- The understanding is, I think, that the Company will submit a proposition for the street lighting for five and ten years.

Mayor- First the specification must be prepared by our

Mayor- Some people are asking for an extension of the White Way lighting to the new station.

Mr. Mallison- The situation with regard to that is that we have to instal 27 new lamps. The City Engineer wrote me early in November asking me if we could renew that lighting and under what terms. Unfortunately I was out of town all of November, and the day after I got back, I found this letter and set it aside for attention, and Mr. Murphy called me up and asked me what we were going to do. I said that in the Christmas holidays I would have these lamps taken down and put back and we will light them as early as we can and make our arrangements then. He said he would like that done, and I undertook to do it. All the lamps are now being repaired, but it is a big job for they were 18 or 20 months out of service. I hope we will get them done very shortly/

Cont. Murphy- We have only a limited appropriation for lighting and we would like to have some idea of what it will cost. I think if you would go into the matter and submit a price to the City that you would charge for the starting of these lamps, we would know better where we are.

Mr. Mallison- I shall submit my proposal to the City Engineer for him to deal with it.

Cont. Murphy- Give us a price on what you would carry these lamps to April 30th.

Mr. Mallison- With regard to additional lighting, we would have to purchase the street equipment complete for the additional 23 lamps.

Mayor- You would have to give us a figure for that.

Mr. Mallison- I would think if your City are going to put in any other lighting of this kind, the pendant type of light would be more suitable. I should think down Hollis Street and up Spring Garden Road and down as far as Inglis Street on Barrington would be a logical location for it. These bracket lamps are not as easily or as well maintained as the pendant type, and I do not think they light the streets as well. I think the pendant type will light a larger area than these brackets. If there is anything we have in the way of information it is at your disposal at all times.

Meeting adjourned 1.50

A delegation from the Halifax branch of the Navy League, consisting of Frank E. Warren, U.S. Silver, and G. W. Brockfield who called upon and addressed the Board stating that the City of Halifax contribute the sum of \$500.00 toward the fund of \$100,000.00 for the league in celebrating

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

December 17th, 1918.

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

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Water Bill-133 Spring Garden Road -Dr. H.K.McDonald.  
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City Prison Supplies.  
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Accounts.

NAVY LEAGUE CITY'S CONTRIBUTION.

A delegation from the Halifax Branch of the Navy League, consisting of Frank K.Warren , H.R. Silver, and S.M.Brockfield who waited upon and addressed the Board asking that the City of Halifax contribute the sum of \$5000.00 toward the fund of \$100,000.00 for which the league is endeavoring

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to obtain by voluntary subscription throughout the Province of Nova Scotia of which the sum of \$50,000.00 was allotted to be raised in the City of Halifax.

Moved by Controller Murphy that the City of Halifax subscribe the sum of \$5000.00 toward the Navy League fund. Not seconded.

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Finlay that the City of Halifax contribute the sum of \$3000.00 toward the Fund being raised by the Navy League on behalf of dependents of members of the Merchant Marine who lost their lives during the Great War, with the understanding that should the Halifax Branch of the League fail to reach its objective of raising \$5000.00 in the City and County of Halifax that the City will contribute such further sum as will be necessary, up to the total amount of \$5000.00; and further that the amount of the City's contribution to this Fund be placed on the City's Tax Bills as a special item in the assessment for <sup>1919-</sup>1920.

Motion passed.

BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION -ROBINSONS LIMITED PROPERTY.

G.M. Robinson and J. McG. Stewart, his Solicitor appear before the Board requesting payment of \$1000.00 the amount agreed upon for the acquisition by the City of the portion of Robinson's Limited property acquired by the City for the extension of Brunswick Street to

Assessor ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Treasurer ✓  
Solicitor ✓  
Council ✓  
FK Warren ✓

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Queen Street . Mr. Stewart complained that notwithstanding the \$1000.00 had not been paid over to Robinsons Limited the partial release of mortgage given by the Canada Life Insurance Company which was placed in the City's hands has been recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds.

The City Engineer informs Mr. Stewart and the Board that the release of mortgage had been placed in his hands and in accordance with custom had been filed in the registry office without any knowledge on his part that any breach of faith was being made due to the fact that the cash had not been paid over.

Controller Murphy states that the City Expects very shortly to be in a position to settle Mr. Robinsons claim.

WATER METERS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Dec, 16th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the tenders received for meters, that the bids received are as follows, made up on the same basis, including duty paid-

SIZE.	KEPTUNE METER CO.	H.B. CLARK & SON	STAIRS SON & MORROW	DRUMMOND MCCALL & CO.
5/8"	\$14.43	\$14.43	\$13.77	\$13.50
3/4"	21.65	21.65	20.65	19.75
1"	31.62	31.62	27.55	27.95
1 1/2"	55.00	55.00	58.00	53.50
3"	1 65.00	165.00	217.50	200.00
4"	2 75.00	275.00	362.50	330.00
6"	5 50.00	550.00	725.00	682.50

In the present state of the finances it seems

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useless to consider more than the two smaller sizes. The lowest tender is that of Drummond McCall & Co, but they have not tendered on our specification and decline to submit to our test. Their tender, therefore, cannot be considered.

The tender of Wm. Stairs Son & Morrow for the Worthington meter is 66¢ lower than that of the Neptune Meter Co. and H.B. Clarke and Son for the Trident and Lambert respectively. When tendering last ~~the~~ year, the people supplying the Worthington meter declined to accept the condition of our specification which requires a two year guarantee. The meter is a delicate piece of mechanism and we should know that we are getting a reliable article. I could not recommend a cheap meter any more than I would think of recommending a cheap watch. There is another reason which appeals to me more strongly even than the quality of the workmanship, and that is the additional difficulty in obtaining and training men to keep meters in repair. It adds to the cost of maintenance to have several kinds of meters, and where the number of patterns is limited, the men become much more expert at repairing them.

The Trident and the Lambert meters have proved their worth over and over, and I consider for the small difference in price that these two meters are much better value for the City than the Worthington.

Since my last report on meters there are fifty more houses ready for meters and 160 which will be ready in a short time, making the total number of houses which will be in a position to waste water by the middle of the winter if not provided with meters, over five hundred.

I would recommend that 364 - 5/8" meters be purchased to replace those destroyed by the Explosion. The money for this replacement was obtained from the Relief Commission a few days ago. And I would further recommend that the remainder of the five hundred 5/8" meters for which tenders were asked, namely 136, be purchased from the balance remaining from the estimate for meters for this year. At the prices named by the Neptune Meter Company and H.B. Clarke & Son, namely ~~at~~ \$14.43 this would amount to \$1962.48 leaving a balance unexpended of the \$6000. estimate which would purchase twenty-six 3/4" meters at \$21.65 or \$562.90

I would recommend that the above be purchased, half the order to be given to the Neptune Meter Company and the other half to H.B. Clark & Son, and that the purchase of the remaining meters required, be postponed until the money is available.

F.W.W. Doane,  
CITY ENGINEER.



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Moved by Controller Murphy that this matter be deferred until the City Engineer submits a list giving the locations of all the buildings in which meters were lost during the explosion. Not seconded.

Moved by Controller Hines that the report of the City Engineer be adopted. Not seconded.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Murphy that the City Engineer's report be not concurred in and the meters recommended be not purchased. Controller Finlay's motion is adopted. Controller Hines dissenting.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Oxford School Addition.

Read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary covering copy of Order in Council directing the City to issue debentures or stock to raise the sum of \$13,000. for the purpose of erecting an addition to Oxford School, as follows:-

Halifax, 10th, December, 1918.

The City Clerk,  
Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith certified copy of an Order in Council, dated 6th November, re amount required for proposed addition to Oxford School.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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Certified copy of an Order of His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated the 6th day of November, A.D. 1918.

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Whereas the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax requires a sum not to exceed Thirteen Thousand Dollars for the purpose of erecting an addition to Oxford School to contain

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two class rooms and has applied to the Governor in Council for an Order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures to the amount so required, not to exceed the sum of Thirteen Thousand Dollars;

And whereas the Governor in Council appointed Saturday the 2nd day of November, A.D. 1918 at 11 o'clock A.M. in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, City of Halifax, as the time and place at which the matter of such application should be heard;

And whereas due notice of the amount so required and of the purpose for which the sum is required and of the time and place so appointed were given to the Mayor of the said City;

And whereas the matter of said application was heard at said time and place;

Now therefore the Lieutenant Governor by and with the advice of the Executive Council for Nova Scotia, and under and by virtue of Section 90 of the Halifax City Charter, is pleased to order and direct and hereby orders and directs the City of Halifax to issue debentures or stock to raise the amount so required.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Approved and the City Treasurer instructed to issue the debentures or stocks accordingly.

Oxford School Playgrounds.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners,  
as follows:-

December 16, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am directed by the Board of School Commissioners to request your Honored Body to sanction and supply the funds for the purchase of ten lots of land East of Oxford School and between North St and Chebucto Road. The same being necessary for the extension of Oxford School Playgrounds and may be purchased from the Real Estate Co. Ltd., H. McC. Hart, Secretary, for Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars per lot.

This in accordance with Section 893 Clause B, of the City Charter for which in same Section, Clause 2, the Board has applied to the Governor in Council for its approval.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

*Treasurer  
Council*

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Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by  
Controller Hines that the School Board be re-  
quested to submit a plan of the property pro-  
posed to be purchased showing the dimensions of  
the lots and also that the Governorin Council  
be requested to defer action upon the appli-  
cation of the School Board for approval of the  
purchase until the School Board furnishes the  
information asked for. Motion passed.

St. Joseph's School and St. Patricks Girls High  
School Playgrounds.

Read letter Board of School Commissioners,  
as follows:-

December 16, 1918.

His Worship, the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of School Commissioners deems  
it advisable to extend the School Playgrounds of  
St. Joseph's School on Kaye St. by the acquisition  
of land on Russell St. measuring approximately  
200 ft.

One parcel of this land is in the hands  
of the Relief Commission, from whom no difficulty  
is anticipated. The balance belongs to private  
individuals.

The Board of School Commissioners further  
deems it advisable to extend the School Play-  
grounds of St. Patrick's Girls' Hight School on  
Brunswick St., to Maitland St., by the acquisition  
of a strip of land immediately in the rear, known  
as the Adams' Property and forming part of the  
estate of one J. Adams.

In all instances, the Board has used  
its best efforts to acquire these lands by pur-  
chase, and now requests Your Honored Body to  
instruct the City Solicitor to institute the nec-  
essary proceedings to acquire these lands by  
expropriation.

Further, the Board has applied to the  
Governor in Council for its approval of the  
Contracts, in accordance with Section 893, Clause  
2, City Charter.

S. J. Wilson,  
Secretary.

Letters  
School Board  
Provincial  
Secretary

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Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the School Board be requested to submit plans of the respective properties proposed to be purchased showing dimensions of the lots and giving the assessed values of same and that the Governor in Council be requested to defer action on the application of the School Board until such information is supplied; and further that the City Assessor be also asked to report to this Board as to the assessed values of the properties that the School Board is seeking to acquire. Motion passed.

Richmond School Site-St. Patrick's Boys' School Plans.

Read letter Deputy provincial Secretary covering ~~let~~ Order in Council approving of the purchase of the site for the new Richmond School at \$6500.00 and of the contract for the purchase of plans for the new St. Patrick's Boys' School at \$2300. as follows:-

Halifax, 13th December, 1918.

The City Clerk,  
Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith certified copy of Order in Council approving of contract proposed to be entered into by the Board of ~~Control~~ School Commissioners for the purchase of a site in connection with the erection of the new Richmond School, and with H.E.Gates, Architect, for plans and specifications of the new St. Patrick's Boys School.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

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Certified copy of an Order of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia in Council, dated the 12th day of December, A.D. 1918.

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Letters ✓  
School Board ✓  
Provincial Secretary ✓  
City Assessor ✓

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The Governor in Council under Section 893 of the Halifax City Charter is pleased to approve of the contract proposed to be entered into by the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax with the estate of the late J.P. Murray for the purchase of a piece of land comprised between Longard Road on the West, Cabot Street on the South, Agricola Street on the East and Duffus Street on the North, as a site in connection with the erection of the new Richmond School at a cost of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars; and of the contract proposed to be entered into between the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax and H.E. Gates, Architect, for the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars said sum being accepted by said Architect in full discharge of his services in preparing plans of the new St. Patrick's Boys School in consideration of reserving which sum the said Architect agrees to sell the said plans and accompanying specifications to the Board, and further agrees to make at the request of the Board any change or alteration in the said plans ~~ee~~ which may reasonably be required by the Board to make the plans conform to modern requirements at any date in the future when ever the said Board decides to build the new St. Patrick's Boys School.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary covering Order in Council directing the City to issue debentures or stock to raise the sum of \$6500. for the purchase of a site for a new Richmond School and the sum of \$2300. for the purpose of paying for plans for the new St. Patrick's Boys School, as follows:-

Halifax, 13th, December, 1918.

The City Clerk,

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith certified copy of an Order in Council, dated 12th December, 1918 approving of the issue of debentures or stock of the City of Halifax to raise the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars for the purposes mentioned therein.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

December 17th, 1918.

Certified copy of an Order *Ah/0000011/* of His Honour the Lieutenant Governor, of Nova Scotia in Council, dated the 12th day of December, A.D. 1918.

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Whereas the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax requires the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars for the purpose of purchasing a site for Richmond School at a cost of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, and the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars for the purpose of paying for the plans prepared for the new St. Patrick's Boys School and has applied to the Governor in Council for an order directing the City of Halifax to issue its debentures or stock to the amount so required.

And whereas the Governor in Council appointed Saturday the 7th Day of December, A.D. 1918 at eleven o'clock A.M. in the Executive Council Room, Province Building, City of Halifax, as the time and place at which the matter of the said application should be heard;

And whereas due notice of the amount so required and of the purposes for which the same is required and of the time and place so appointed were given to the Mayor of the said City;

And whereas the matter of said application was heard at said time and place;

Now therefore the Lieutenant Governor by and with the advice of the Executive Council of Nova Scotia and under and by virtue of Section 901 of the Halifax City Charter is pleased to order and direct and hereby orders and directs the City of Halifax to issue debentures or stock to raise the amount so required.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Approved and the City Treasurer instructed to issue debentures or stock accordingly.

PATRICIA AND SHERWOOD STREETS - TRENCHING  
FOR WATER PIPES.

Read report Asst. City Engineer, as follows:-

Dec. 17th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir:-

I beg to recommend payment to the Alcorn Construction Company of the sum of two hundred and seventy-six dollars and twenty five cents (\$276.25) on account on their contract for digging trench for water pipe on Patricia and Sherwood Streets-

*Council Treasurer*

*Patricia & Sherwood Streets*

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Estimated value of work done	\$325.00
15% retained	48.75
	<u>\$ 276.25</u>

Bal. Recommended

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved and the progress payment ordered to be made.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL PLANS.

Read letter Ross and McDonald, Architects, as follows:-

Halifax, December 16th, 1918.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Dear Sirs:-

We must apologize for not having answered your letter of December the 2nd at an earlier date, in which you enquire as to the expected date of completion of plans and specifications of the Tuberculosis Hospital for the City of Halifax.

We would advise that the working plans are well under way, but, we believe it will require another ten days or two weeks before these can be entirely completed in such shape as to be in a position for the reception of tenders.

We trust this will be found satisfactory to you.

Ross & Macdonald.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the City Clerk request a representative of Ross & Macdonald to confer with the Board at its meeting Thursday morning at the City Hall, 19th inst. Motion passed.

WAR- MILITARY HUTMENTS NORTH COMMON.

Read letter Assistant Deputy Minister of Militia and Defence, as follows:-

*Delphone ✓  
Ross &  
McDonald  
Solicitor 3 ✓*

December 17th. 1918.

Department of Militia and Defence,  
Ottawa, Canada, Dec. 12th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
City of Halifax.

Sir:-

I have the honour to inform you that this Department is in receipt of a letter from the General Officer Commanding, Military District #6, Halifax, in which it is stated that the City of Halifax is pressing for the completion of an agreement whereby the Department of Militia and Defence will be bound to remove certain temporary buildings from the North Common within eighteen months of the ending of the War.

The Department is deeply grateful to the City of Halifax for the courtesy shown in allowing the use of the property in question, but it is most difficult at this time to determine whether it will be possible for the buildings to be given up at the time specified, and I am sure the City of Halifax would not wish to embarrass or hamper the Department in the task of returning to their homes, the men arriving from overseas.

Owing to the importance of Halifax as a port of disembarkation it is essential that adequate accommodation be maintained to provide for any contingency and it is hoped that the City will accept the assurance of the Department that steps will be taken to remove the hutments from the North Common as soon as this can conveniently be done. In the meantime may I ask the indulgence of the City owing to the inability of the Department to specify at this time how long the buildings will be required.

F.F. Jarvis,  
Acting Deputy Minister.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

EXPLOSION - INTEREST ON LOANS FROM RELIEF  
COMMISSION.

Read report City Treasurer, as follows:-

Halifax, December 16th, 1918.

His Worship ~~the~~ Mayor, Hawkins,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I have been instructed to prepare the Estimates for 1919-20 which comes within my duty. Before doing so I wish to ask your serious consideration and instructions in re the matter of interest on the collaterals deposited with the Halifax Relief Commission.



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The account as it stands today, shows that stock certificates for the funds advanced for repairs to schools to be \$300,000, for City Property, \$134,000. and for Small pox Hospital Market Building, and Infections Disease Hospital \$32700, a total of \$466,700 and the accrued interest payable January 1st, 1919 will be about \$7500. No provision has been made in the years interest account for this amount as it was unforeseen. I also understand that possibly another \$50000. will be required to finish the repairs on school buildings. In short, it would seem as if our interest charges in re Halifax Relief Commission will be, for assessment purposes 1919-20 1 year on \$500000 @ 6% - \$30000 plus the accrued interest due Jan. 1st, 1919 of \$7500. in all \$37,500.

With our city, at least 1/5 wiped out entailing a probable loss of assessable property of some \$4,000,000 I would respectfully suggest that a delegation wait upon the Halifax Relief Commission to strongly urge the extinction of this interest charge, failing in that, request that its payment be deferred until the final settlement of the city's loss be reached when the work of the Commission is ended so that an equal burden may be laid upon the shoulders of all, if the Government at Ottawa definitely decides that it cannot make good all losses.

As it is at present with the reduction of assessable property and the undoubted fact that many of our ratepayers have not received dollar for dollar on their losses, it would seem to be the greatest injustice to saddle them with an additional 15¢ per \$100 on their tax bills for 1919-20.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

The City Treasurer is requested to discuss the matter with the Board at its meeting on Thursday 19th. instant.

STABLE IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT - EDWARD  
LEONARD.

Read report City Health Board, as follows:-

Halifax, December 17th, 1918.

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

I beg to call your attention to the fact that Edward Leonard is maintaining a stable at No. 67 Coburg Road, in contravention of the

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Residential District Act. Sometime ago we received a largely signed petition from the residents of that district protesting against the use of a building there as a stable by Mr. Leonard. In an opinion the city solicitor states that on the information given to him the use of the building in question, as a stable, constitutes a violation of the Residential District Act (1915 C.46, sub-section 4) permitting the continued use for business purposes of buildings so in use at the date of the Act.

Asthis matter seems to be one for the Board of Control to instruct the Solicitor to take action, the same is submitted for consideration

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

The Secretary is instructed to request Mr. Leonard to appear before the Board at its meeting on Thursday, 19th inst, to show cause why he should not be restrained from maintaining a stable at this property in contravention of the Residential District Act.

BEECH STREET SEWER.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Dec. 16th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached petition from A.P. Healy asking for the construction of a sewer in Beech Street.

There are four houses on the south end of Beech Street near Jubilee Road which require drainage. The remainder of the street north to Quinpool, Road has not yet been built upon. The estimated cost of construction a sewer to reach these houses is \$3785. The drainage from some of these houses is running over the surface and is creating conditions which are decidedly objectionable.

I would recommend that a sewer be constructed from Jubilee Road northwardly on Beech Street for a distance of about 350 feet.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

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CORNWALL STREET SEWER.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

Halifax, Dec. 16, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying petition for the construction of a sewer in Cornwall Street.

There are three houses on the street, and the conditions on that portion of the street near Oxford Street are not good. The ground is flat and holds the water.

The estimated cost of constructing a sewer in Cornwall Street is \$4980. and I would recommend that the work be placed on the Order Book to be carried out in its turn.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Approved.

COAL WEIGHERS REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.

Read report Coal Weighers for the month of November, showing each man to have received

\$96. 89. Filed.

LOAN \$430,200.00

Read letter Eastern Securities Company, Ltd,

as follows:-

Halifax, December Fourteenth,  
Nineteen Eighteen.

Mr. James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

Dear Sir:-

We beg to draw your attention to an item which appeared in yesterday's paper, stating as follows:- "the Eastern Securities Company yesterday notified the Board of Control that it would take the balance of the City Loan namely \$430,000!" This must have appeared in error, as our option on these Bonds does not expire until the Legislation is through.

We asked to have the issue of \$133,500 which we purchased, dated December 1st, and as you wish to have the whole amount of the Loan dated the same time, we intended to intimate that it would be satisfactory to us for the Bonds on which we had an option to be dated the same date.

Engineer  
Council

Council

Engineer  
Council

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Should we not exercise our option, we believe that it will not affect the city's interest having the balance of the Bonds dated December 1st, 1918 but from our letter of the 11th to you, we cannot see that we have expressed our intention of taking up the entire issue, and we trust that we did not convey this impression to you. Kindly confirm this understanding to us. We remain,

W. I. Macdougall,  
Manager.

Filed.

WAR- PENALTIES FOR SERVING LIQUOR TO RE-  
TURNED SOLDIERS.

Read letter Deputy Minister of Justice,  
as follows:-

Ottawa, December 12th, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Sir:-

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of 5th instant and I have referred same to the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-Establishment.

E. L. Newcombe,  
Deputy Minister of Justice.

Filed.

WATER BILL # 133 SPRING GARDEN ROAD -  
DR. H. K. McDONALD.

Read letter Dr. H. K. McDonald, complaining of excessive charge for water at his property 133 Spring Garden Road. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PAINTING WEST STREET ENGINE  
HOUSE.

Read report Chief Fire Department, as follows:-

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 12/18

His Worship the Mayor,  
and Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report in view of the tenders for painting the different engine houses being accepted with the exception of the West St. House. and this is one of the most ~~important~~ important particular houses in the department having sixteen men stationed therein.

*Chief Fire  
Dept.  
Council*

*Engineer ✓  
Dr. H. K. McDonald ✓  
Council*

December 17th, 1918.

On inquiry I find that we have an expert painter and several of the men who are attached to the department and especially to this house who are capable of doing this work themselves in a first class manner I would therefore recommend in view of the fact that and assuming that the work can be done as cheaply by our department that we undertake the painting of this house ourselves.

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

Approved.

CITY HOME REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.

Read report City Home for the month of November, as follows:-  
Halifax, December 5th, 1918.

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

Gentlemen:-

I beg to submit the following report of Charities Department for the month of November 1918.

The Superintendents report shows that during the month there were 27 persons admitted into the City Home 15 were discharged and 4 died. Of the number admitted 6 were chargeable to the Province and 21 to the City.

The total number of inmates November 30th was 278 made up of 152 men, 118 women and 8 children, on the same date last year there were 165 men, 118 women and 9 children a total of 292.

There were 3 patients admitted into the Nova Scotia Hospital during the month whose maintenance is chargeable to the City of Halifax.

I would recommend that the Superintendent be directed to provide the usual Christmas dinner for the inmates and to carry out the usual arrangements in regard to the Officials and Nurses.

J.J. Hines,  
Controller.

Approved.

CITY PRISON SUPPLIES.

Read report Governor City Prison, as follows:-  
Halifax, December 17th, 1918.

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

Gentlemen:-

I beg to report that one dozen and a

*Chief Fire  
Supt. ✓  
Council*

*Mr  
Council ✓*

*Supt. City Home ✓  
Council*

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half yale locks is required for use at the prison.  
Also three dozen sanitary pails with tight fitting covers.

The above locks some of which are to replace locks destroyed by prisoners in escaping and attempting to escape also to replace locks which have become depleted.

Sanitary pails to replace those worn out.

George Grant,

Approved and the governor authorized to purchase the supplies recommended.

CITY PRISON-MASTER LOCKS AND KEYS.

Read letters and tender Lawrence Hardware Company for supplying a Master Key system, covering all doors inside the City Prison.

Deferred until consideration of the estimates.

CITY MARKET REFRESHMENT BOOTH.

Read schedule St. John Ambulance Brigade, giving items of receipts of expenses in the conduction of a refreshment room in the City Market for the month of November, as follows:-

MARKET LUNCH ROOM-NOVEMBER 1918.

Receipts.

Nov. 2-----	\$9.37	
9....	7.63	
16	8.72	
23	4.95	
30	<u>3.86</u>	\$34.53

Expenses.

Supplies	\$13.18	
Sundry Ex.	<u>1.16</u>	14.34
		<u>\$20.19</u>

Clara B. Bligh.

Filed.

ACCOUNTS.

Accounts chargeable to various services are passed for payment, as follows:-

*Governor  
Prison* ✓

*B/c  
Estimates* ✓

December 17th, 1918.

Printing & Stationery.

Kings Printer's Office, Printing Halifax  
Taxation Act.....\$110.00

Public Gardens.

Mar. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Phone	\$16.83	
N.S. Tramway Co.	Light	6.96	
S.D. Thompson	Feed	12.72	
Baldwin & Co.	Flower Pots	8.70	
Bruke & McLeod	Repairs	8.85	
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		54.06	

Contingent Account

W.H. Donavan	Beer for returned		
	Soldiers reception	64.90	118.96

City Health Board.

E.F. Sullivan	Whiskey	\$11.00	
Boutilliers Ltd.	fish	3.00	
Ross Print	Printing	9.00	
Hxf. Seed Co.	Linseed Meal	3.75	
Robinsons Ltd.	Auto Hire	17.25	
Chas. A. Barnstead	fly paper	1.20	
R.S. McDonald,	Broceries	7.40	
City Taxi	Auto Hire	7.00	
Kinley Ltd	Drugs	24.03	
Western Union	Tels.	5.91	
Halifax Herald	Advertising	124.95	
T.C. Allen & Co.	Books, paper etc	16.50	
J. & M. Murphy	Sheets etc.	161.25	
Gordon & Keith	Blankets etc.	709.10	\$1,328.14

The Board adjourned.

*Council*

MAYOR

*L. J. M. M. M.*  
CITY CLERK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

December 19th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.45  
o'clock/ Present His Worship the Mayor and  
Controllers Finlay , Murphy and Hines.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Public Schools.  
Oxford School Playground.  
St. Patrick's Girls High School Playground.  
St. Joseph's School Playground.  
Fire Department - Union Protection Company.  
Tuberculosis Hospital Plans.  
Stable 67 Coburg Road in Residential District.  
Coal of Inferior Quality - City Home -City Hall.  
Telephone Pole Windsor Street.  
Water Bill #27 Bilby Street William Downs.  
Water Bills 136 Grafton Street and 46 Duke Street  
C.R.Carr.  
Controller Taylor Leave of Absence.  
Whiteway Lighting Barrington and Granville Streets.  
Street Lighting.  
Christmas Gift for Orphans -J.D.O'Connell.  
Electrical Workers Pay.  
Engraving City Bonds.  
Police Motor Patrol Waggon.  
Explosion - City Health Board Accounts.  
Isleville Street Water Extension.  
Riot May 25th -Account for Plate Glass Broken.  
Brunswick Street Extension to Queen Street -Robin-  
son Property.  
Buildinf Act violation by Public Works Department.  
Influenza Hospital -Lowns Account.  
City Health Board accounts.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Read letters (three) Board of School Commissioners  
re Public Schools Playgrounds as follows-

OXFORD SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

December, 19th 1918.

L.Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst.  
asking for further information on the proposed ex-  
tension of the Oxford St. School Playground.

I am sending you herewith sketch plans  
prepared by Mr. Hull , our Mechanical Superintendent.

As the Oxford School has increased from a  
four Department to a ten Department School, and as



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the Playground for a four Department School is quite inadequate for a ten Department School, it was deemed desirable, while the land was still unoccupied to procure this additional land at the present time.

G.K. Butler,  
Acting Secretary.

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ST. PATRICK'S GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

December 19, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk,

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 17th inst. concerning the addition to St. Patrick's Girl's High School Playground, I may say that the proposed addition is a lot approximately 40x93 ft. facing on Maitland St. The price asked by the owner, Fourteen Hundred (\$1400.00) Dollars, was thought by Mr. J.S. Parker who interviewed the owner, to be about twice what the lot was worth. Hence the request for expropriation proceedings.

G.K. Butler,  
Acting Secretary.

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ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

December 19, 1918.

L. Fred Monaghan, Esq.,  
City Clerk.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to yours of the 17th inst. regarding the addition of St. Joseph's School, I am sending you herewith sketch plans prepared by Mr. Hull, our Mechanical Superintendent showing the area of the present Playgound and the proposed addition. The original Playgound was for a six Department School and in our opinion, was too small for even this size school. The new building has ten Departments, hence the required addition.

Expropriation proceedings are deemed necessary for the reason that Mr. J.S. Parket, who interviewed the owners of the property, found that, while he could procure half of the property at a reasonable price, the owners of the other half were asking, what he deemed an excessive price.

G.K. Butler,  
Acting Secretary.

Moved by Controller Finlay that the Board approve of the proposed extension of the Oxford School Playground. Not seconded.

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In answer to questions the City Solicitor informs the Board that the Board of Control has nothing to do with the matter of public schools sites.

The letters are filed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - UNION PROTECTION COMPANY.

Captain H.F. Burton, Wm. Scott and W.W. Hoyte, representing the Union Protection Company appear before and address the Board.

Captain Burton submitted the following extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Company held on November 25th, 1918.-

Nov. 25/18

"Moved by W. Hoyt, and seconded by Mr. Scriven that this Company cease to exist as a Salvage Company on the first day of May 1919. Carried."

The delegation informed the Board that the determination of the Company to cease to exist as a Salvage Corps was due to the fact that they are unable under the changing conditions to obtain recruits to maintain the strength of the company and that they find themselves running in debt. At the present time they are about \$800.00 behind hand. It has been found impractical for a volunteer organization to operate in conjunction with a paid fire department.

His Worship the Mayor requested the delegation to place before the Board a financial statement showing their indebtedness.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL PLANS.

Mr. Ross of Ross and McDonald, Architects, appeared before the Board and exhibited draft plans of the

Council

Captain  
H F Burton ✓

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**TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL  
TO COST ABOUT \$98,000.**

Ex-Mayor M. E. Keefe, recom-  
mended Mr. Ross, of the Mon-  
triel architectural firm of Ross  
and McDonald, to the City Board  
of Control meeting today when  
Mr. Ross explained to the Board  
details regarding the plans for  
the Anti Tuberculosis Hospital  
to be erected by the City on the  
site acquired at Dutch Village.  
The building as planned is 280 by  
50 feet, two storeys in height and  
is expected to be of brick. An  
estimated cost is \$98,000, includ-  
ing \$12,000 for its power plant,  
and it is to have a 50 bed capac-  
ity.

Mr. Ross explained that the  
working plans and specifications  
would be ready in three weeks  
to allow of tenders being called  
for. The plans as originally pro-  
posed had had considerable re-  
vision at a conference and Mr.  
Ross submitted to the Board re-  
vised sketches of the plans,  
pointing out the reasons given  
for the changes.

It was decided to allow three  
weeks for completion of the plans  
and the City Engineer was asked  
for a report on the water service  
and sewerage for the hospital.

proposed Tuberculosis Hospital and fully explained  
them. M. E. Keefe, Chairman of the Anti Tuberculosis  
League was also present.

Mr. Ross stated that his firm is prepared  
to donate the sketches now submitted but wanted  
to know if they had authority to go ahead and  
prepare the working plans. If they were authorized  
to finish the complete plans he would undertake  
to hand them over in three weeks time. The sketches  
are approved and Mr. Ross instructed to complete  
the working plans.

The City Engineer is instructed to prepare  
plans for water and sewer extension for the Hos-  
pital with alternative plans for septic tanks for  
the drainage and report with recommendations and  
estimate of cost.

STABLE 67 COBURG ROAD IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Agreeably to notification Edward Leonard appear-  
ed before the Board in connection with the complaint  
against him of keeping a horse at his premises 67  
Coburg Road in contravention of the Residential  
District Act.

Mr. Leonard informed the Board that he re-  
moved the horse from the premises on Friday 13th  
inst. and that he intends to keep it away from  
there but that he proposes to keep his waggons there.

W. F. Jost asked that Mr. Leonard be compelled  
to take down the stalls in the stable put up by him  
in violation of the law without a permit.

Ross & McDonald  
Engineers  
Council  
Auditor  
Solicitor 3c

Engineer ✓

December 19th, 1918.

COAL OF INFERIOR QUALITY - CITY HOME - CITY HALL.

Controller Hines complained of the inferior quality of the coal being supplied to the City Home by the Buckley Coal Co.

*J. H. Buchanan  
Engineer ✓*

The City Engineer made a similar complaint regarding the coal being supplied at the City Hall.

His Worship the Mayor advises Controller Hines not to take inferior coal and that if he cannot get proper coal from Mr. Buckley to get it elsewhere.

TELEPHONE POLE WINDSOR STREET.

*J. H. Buchanan  
Engineer ✓*

Controller Hines informed the Board that Andrew Hubley complains of the location of a telephone pole in front of his residence Windsor Street and that he desires it shifted.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

WATER BILL # 27 BILBY STREET WILLIAM DOWNS.

*J. H. Buchanan  
Engineer ✓*

Read water meter bill William Downs 27 Bilby Street claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WATER BILLS 136 GRAFTON STREET AND 46 DUKE STREET .C.R.CARR.

*J. H. Buchanan  
Engineer ✓*

Read water meter bills Charles R. Carr 136 Grafton Street and 46 Duke Street claimed to be excessive.

Referred to the City Engineer for report.

CONTROLLER TAYLOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

Read application Controller Taylor for leave of absence, as follows:-

December 19th, 1918.

c/o Regal Shoe Store,  
Broad Street,  
Newark, N.J.

December 14th, 1918.

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

I thought I would <sup>have</sup> been able to have  
been with you before this, but on account of sick-  
ness in my family, I find it will be impossible for  
me to get back for some time.

If possible I would like have three  
months leave of absence dating from December 31st,  
1918. I might not need all this, if nothing happens  
I want to be back before the end of the City year.

Hoping you will be able to grant me  
this request.

G.A. Taylor,

P.S. Controller Hines has kindly consented to look  
after my end in my absence.

Referred to the City Solicitor for report.

WHITEWAY LIGHTING BARRINGTON AND GRANVILLE  
STREETS.

Read report City Engineer, as follows:-

Dec. 19, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I have a communication from the Nova Scotia  
Tramways & Power Company stating that they will  
put the 27 White Way lamps in service and supply  
the lighting until April 30th at the rate of \$12.00  
per lamp per month.

There were ten old lights removed from the  
district when the White Way system was in operation  
before. The old lamps were paid for at the rate  
of \$5.21 a month, which for 4-1/3 months would  
cost \$225.77. The White Way lamps will cost a  
total of \$1404.00 to the end of April, an additional  
expenditure of \$1178.23

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Engineer  
is instructed to request the Tramway Company to put  
the whiteway service in operation at once and to  
inform them that the question of price for the  
service will be submitted to the Board of Public

*Solicitor -  
G.A. Taylor*

*Engineer -  
F.W.W. Doane*

*Mayor -  
G.A. Taylor*

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✓  
Engineer  
Council

Utilities for adjustment. The City Engineer is instructed to submit the matter to the Board of Public Utilities.

STREET LIGHTING.

✓  
Engineer  
Electrician

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the City Engineer and City Electrician prepare plans and specifications for the installation and operation by the City of suitable plant for lighting the streets of the City ~~by~~ by either steam or water power or both. Motion passed.

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR ORPHANS - J. D. O'CONNELL.

Read letter J.D.O'Connell, as follows:-

Hotel Camaguey,  
Camaguey, Cuba,  
December 11th, 1918.

Dr. Hawkins,  
Mayor of Halifax.

Your Worship:-

I am sending you a check for \$210. and request that you buy one 25 ¢ script and five new pennies for each child in all the orphanages of Halifax this will give thirty cents to 700 children which I think there will be. I heard from some of them, The Home of the Good Shepherd has 198, the Industrial School 95, St. Joseph's Orphanage 175, Infants Home, 35 Girls Home has only ten I have not heard from the others but they will let you know.

And if there should be more than 700 kindly give them their 30 cents also and I will send you the difference. You can get script and new pennies at the Sub-Treasurer in Halifax and get some one to deliver them as early as possible but before Christmas, for sure. It can be given to the head of each home if more convenient for you.

Hoping you will pardon me for taking this liberty and thanking you for your help,

I remain as ever,  
J.D.O'Connell.

✓  
Mayor

Referred to His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk for attention.

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ELECTRICAL WORKERS PAY.

Read letter Electrical Workers Union, as follows:-

Halifax, Dec. 18th, 1918.

Mayor Hawkins, Esq.,  
City,

Dear Sir:-

I have been requested by the execution of our local to write you regarding rate of wages for Mr. Chas. Wilson, who is at present employed as a wiring inspector in the City Electrician's office.

The regular union journeyman rate prevailing at the present is 55¢ per hour, which went into effect as per agreement with the employers of this City on Dec 1/18 and which expires on May 1st/19

We have informed Mr. Colpitts of this and asked for his kind attention regarding this man. Up to date we have heard nothing from him and Mr. Wilson informs us that his rate has not yet been adjusted.

We feel this man must be protected as he is a member of our Local, hence we take the liberty of writing asking you to use your good influences on his behalf in arranging this little matter for him also we feel confident that the City can afford to pay at least the prevailing rates to its employees.

Anticipating an answer at an early date.  
Thanking you in advance.

John R. Grey,  
Rec. Secretary,  
L&U 6251  
I.B.E.W.

Referred to the City Engineer and City Electrician for report.

The City Electrician is requested to report as to the number of men working on his staff, the wages paid and the appropriations from which paid.

ENGRAVING CITY BONDS.

Read letter British American Bank Note Company, as follows:-

Ottawa, Canada, Dec. 16th, 1918.

H.B. Clarke & Sons,  
Halifax, N.S.

Gentlemen:-

We are just in receipt of your favor of

*Engineer  
Electrician*

December 19th, 1918.

14th instant, enclosing new manuscript for the City of Halifax Bond, and we are commencing the changing of the head face and endorsement plates, but find it will be necessary to make new coupon face plates. The present plates have been changed so often that it is impossible to economically change them any more. We are therefore making new coupon face plates, and would like to hear before we complete them if the signatures of the Mayor and treasurer will be the same as on the last issue. Kindly let us have this information by return mail and oblige.

For the changing of the head face, endorsement plate and the making of three new coupon plates, or charge will be \$230.00 and owing to the increased cost of all materials, printer's wages, etc., the bonds will cost \$250.00 or a total of \$530.00 for the job.

James Lewis,  
Sales Manager.

The offer is accepted and the City Treasurer instructed to have the work done.

POLICE MOTOR PATROL WAGGON.

Read letter W.L.Kane, as follows:-

Dec. 13, 1918.

The Board of Control,  
Halifax.

Gentlemen:-

While we have not had a reply to our letter re Police Patrol, the Chief called us up on the 'phone, and through that conversation would say that we are prepared to stand any expense incurred in connection with taking off rear fenders and moving them up so as to get the required clearance.

As regards Springs - It is thought desirable, we will endeavor to secure through Spring Manufacturers (with whom we do business) a pair of rear springs made of 3/8 inch stock throughout and with more bend or arch so as to set the body higher and give less flexibility.

These springs we would charge to the City at the regular price and allow for those taken off in a like manner, or if it is preferred, the old ones can be retained for use on the Engineer's car, which they will fit.

Under ordinary circumstances we would make this change ourselves free of charge, even although our contract has already been carried out, inasmuch as we agreed to furnish a model 85/6 cylinder "Overland" chassis with body, such as used in Toronto and Hamilton, and that is what has been delivered to the City.



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However, when we tell you that this transaction (owing to the increased cost of materials after our tender was put in, and unforeseen expenditures which afterwards became necessary) we will not have a profit of even 2 1/2 % on the transaction, it is obvious that we cannot afford to pay out any more of our good money.

Trusting our suggestions will meet with your approval and be the means of clearing up this matter.

THE HALIFAX AUTOMOBILE COMPANY,  
Limited,

W.L.Kane,  
Manager.

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Clerk is instructed to notify Mr. Kane that when he makes the car acceptable to the City Engineer and Chief of Police in compliance with his contract the City will be prepared to take it over.

EXPLOSION -CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board as follows:-

Halifax, December 19th, 1918.

His Worship Mayor Hawkins,  
And Members Board of Control.  
Gentlemen:-

Accounts, totalling about \$3,000, which had been charged against the explosion account at the suggestion of the Board of Control and the City Council, are, and have been held up for sometime. The City Auditor states that there is no money to pay the bills which are for supplies received as far back as last May. The Relief Commission has notified us that they will not recognize any liability for payment of board and nursing attendance for any of their reconstruction men in the small-pox Hospital. I would like to know if it is not possible to arrange with the relief to advance sufficient money to meet these accounts pending a final adjustment of the City's claim.

John A.Watters.  
Secretary C.H.B.

Referred to the Advisory Committee to take up with the Relief Commission.

*W.L. Kane ✓  
City Engineer ✓  
Chief of Police ✓*

*Mayor ✓  
City Clerk ✓*

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ISLESVILLE STREET WATER EXTENSION.

*Engineer*

On motion of Controller Murphy the City Engineer is instructed to extend the City Water service to Mr. Fisher's house on Islesville Street.

RIOT MAY 25th.- ACCOUNT FOR PLATE GLASS BROKEN.

*Murray, MacKinnon & Daley.*

Read opinion City Solicitor on application Murray, MacKinnon and Daley, for payment of cost of a plate glass window at the corner of Argyle and Duke Streets destroyed in the riot of May 25th, as follows:-

Dec. 17th, 1918.

Secretary Board of Control.

Re Estate of Pallister.

Dear Sir:-

In respect to the above claim, all I have to say is that the City is not liable for damages occasioned by riots.

F.H.Bell,  
City Solicitor.

A copy of the opinion is ordered to be forwarded to Messrs. Murray MacKinnon, & Daley .

BRUNSWICK STREET EXTENSION TO QUEEN STREET-  
ROBINSON'S LIMITED PROPERTY.

*Robinson's Ltd  
Auditor  
Chas W. ...*

On motion of Controller Murphy it is decided to pay Robinsons Limited the balance \$398.85 remaining in street widening fund on account of purchase of property for the extension of Brunswick Street to Queen Street and to request them to wait up for the balance of the purchase price \$1000.00 until after January 1st, 1919.

BUILDING ACT VIOLATION BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Read report City Engineer as follows:-

December 19th, 1918.

Dec. 19, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to forward you a report made by the Assistant City Engineer showing that the Public Works Department are again proposing to erect a building in violation of the City regulations. Evidently they are making no effort to respect the promises given in this matter.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Referred to the City Engineer and the City Solicitor to make suitable representations to the proper Department at Ottawa.

INFLUENZA HOSPITAL - LOWNDS ACCOUNT.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the City Auditor be requested to return the Lownds account for work at the Influenza Hospital to this Board for action. Motion passed Controller Finlay dissenting.

CITY HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

The following named accounts are passed for payment.-

A.W. Redden & Son, Shoes	\$6.00
J.J. Scriven & Sons, bread	40.59
Fraser Bros & Co., taxi service	1.00
London Rubber Stamp Co. Stamps	2.75
H. Hemming, work at Hospital	76.38
P.T. Shea, butter & Eggs, Influenza Hosp.	197.30
P.T. Shea, butter & eggs ( Isolation Hosp)	69.60
Baldwin & Co., crockeryware	143.22
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	\$ 536.82

The Board adjourned.

*L. J. ...*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR.

*Engineer  
Solicitor*

*Auditor*

*Council*

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

December 24th, 1918.

The Board of Control met this morning at 10.30 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and controllers Hines Murphy and Finlay.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Policeman Guy Mauger -Resignation.  
Policeman John H.Reid.  
Loans From City Sinking Funds.  
Water meters.  
Explosion - Account \$1042.00 Repairs Heating Apparatus Market Building.  
Influenza Hospital -Account \$2711.29 for Plumbing Etc.  
Heber Hartlen Account for Removal of Snow Robie Street.  
Explosion -Accounts of Appraisers -Damages to Schools.  
Riot -Stipendiary Magistrate's Chair.  
Influenza Hospital -Lownds Account -City Health Board.

POLICEMAN GUY MAUGER - RESIGNATION .

Read resignation Policeman Guy Mauger.

Accepted.

POLICEMAN JOHN H. REID.

Read charge of drunkenness by Deputy Chief of Police Palmer against Policeman John H.Reid.

The Chief of Police verbally reports that Policeman Reid had resigned from the force since the charge was made against him. On recommendation of the Chief of Police the resignation is accepted.

LOANS FROM CITY SINKING FUNDS.

Read report City Treasurer, as follows:-

*Chief of Police ✓*

*Chief of Police ✓*

December 24th, 1918.

Halifax, N.S. Dec. 18th, /18

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

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Sinking Funds held this day it was decided to reconsider the terms of loans offered in accordance with those obtained by the sale of debentures to the Eastern Securities Co. Ltd.

I am instructed therewith to offer to loan the City of Halifax under the term Short loans the following amounts required under these conditions.

Motor Sprinkler	\$3023.60
" Street Cleaner	\$100.00

The rate of interest to be 6% per annum, purchase price 100.77 date of Bond Jan 1st, 1919 and to be repaid in five equal annual installments.

I am also instructed to offer to loan the City of Halifax the following sums for the purposes specified -

City Prison Wall	\$3000.
Oxford St. School 2 Room addition	13000.
City Home Fire Escapes	1340.
New Richmond School Land	6500.

The rate of interest to be 6% per annum, purchase price 100.77 date of Bond Jan 1st, 1919 and to be repaid July 1st, 1940. All these amounts are loaned under the guarantee of Premier Murray in letters under dates Oct. 2nd, 17th, Nov. 21st, and Dec. 13th 1918.

James J. Hopewell,  
City Treasurer.

Moved by Controller Finlay seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted.  
Motion passed.

The following resolution prepared by the City Treasurer is submitted -

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Funds have agreed to loan the City of Halifax an amount sufficient to produce the sum of \$3023.60 required to pay the balance due on the purchase money of the Motor Sprinkler authorized under Cap. 84 Acts 1917, and \$8100. required for the purchase of a Motor Street Cleaner under guarantee

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of Premier Murray to have legislation passed legalizing same; in letter Oct. 2nd, 17th, Nov. 21st to Dec. 13/18.

THEREFORE be it Resolved that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds a short term Debenture of the City of Halifax for the sum of \$11038.62 to be repayable in five (5) equal annual installments with interest at the rate of 6% per annum, purchase price 100.77 of par and dated January 1st, 1919.

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

The following resolution prepared by the City Treasurer is submitted -

WHEREAS the Trustees of the Sinking Fund have agreed to loan the City of Halifax an amount sufficient to produce the sum of \$23840.00 required for the following purposes

City Prison Wall	\$3000.
Oxford St. School (2 room addition)	13000.
City Home Fire Escapes	1340.
Land New Richmond School	6500.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds a stock certificate of the Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905 for 237 shares thereof, dated Jan. 1st, 1919 rate of interest to be 6% per annum purchase price 100.77 of par and to be repayable July 1st, 1940 The above loan in under the guarantee of Premier Murray, see letters Oct. 2nd, 17th, Nov. 21st, and Dec 13th, 1918.

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

WATER METERS.

The City Engineer verbally reports that the Water Department is urgently in need of water meters to meet the necessities of the Department and to conserve the water supply and that the Board of Control has refused to supply them, the effect of which will be felt in reduced pressure during the approaching cold weather.

Treasurer ✓  
Auditor ✓  
Solicitor ✓  
Council

December 24th, 1918.

In answer to questions the City Engineer stated that the Relief Commission had been charged for water consumed in the construction of buildings in the North end. It had been advised that the charge be made on a meter rate basis but he had no meter of suitable size to install. He cited a number of cases in which it was necessary to place meters if he had them in order to avoid waste of water and to maintain the pressure for domestic consumption when the frost comes.

Engineer ✓

EXPLOSION - ACCOUNT \$1042.00 REPAIRS  
HEATING APPARATUS MARKET BUILDING.

Read account Longard's Limited \$1042.00 for repairs to heating apparatus City Market Building.

Council

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the account be paid. Motion passed, Controller Finlay dissenting.

INFLUENZA HOSPITAL - ACCOUNT \$2711.29  
FOR PLUMBING & ETC.

Read account Longard Bros. against the City Health Board \$2711.29 for plumbing & etc, at the Influenza Hospital on Almon Street.

Council

On motion of Controller Murphy the account is ordered to be paid. Controller Finlay votes against the motion.

HEBER HARTLEN ACCOUNT FOR REMOVAL OF  
SNOW ROBIE STREET.

Read report Assistant City Engineer as follows:-

December 24th, 1918.

December 20, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

On Nov. 21st, I reported on a bill of forty dollars, claimed by Mr. Heber Hartlen to be due him for removing snow last winter from Robie Street north of Lady Hammond Road.

Mr. Hartlen claimed that he had been authorized to do this work by the then Mayor. The City Engineer wrote Mr. Martin and I attach copy of his reply. As may be seen, he makes no mention whatever of having authorized Mr. Hartlen to do the work, and in effect his letter bears out the facts as reported to you in my report in November, that complaints came to this office about the condition of the road in question, and owing to the necessity for concentrating all the labor and funds available on the streets more generally used by the public, this portion of Robie Street could not be attended to until conditions were better and these streets cleared.

I can only repeat that in this report, that the recognition of this claim would establish a precedent that might mean a serious condition of affairs for the City, as if it were adopted as a principle that citizens could do any work that they considered necessary and get paid for it by the City, there would be absolutely no check over the expenditure or quality of the work, and appropriations would soon be exhausted and overdrawn without any benefit having been obtained for the expenditure by the public generally.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Consideration of the report is deferred pending a further report from the Assistant City Engineer as to whether the City had spent any money in February and March 1918 for the removal of snow from streets in the neighborhood for which Mr. Hartlen sends his account and if so the amount and rate of cost.

EXPLOSION - ACCOUNTS OF APPRAISERS - DAMAGES TO SCHOOLS .

Read report Assistant City Engineer as follows :-

*Handwritten notes on the left margin:*  
C. G. P. ...  
W. J. ...  
Asst. City Engineer ✓



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Dec. 20, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control that I am attaching hereto the architects bills for appraising damages to the schools. At a meeting of the Board of Control held last January, I was instructed to employ appraisers to value the damage to City property. I obtained the services of Messrs. Gates, Busch and Horton to appraise the schools, I have certified the bills of Messrs Gates and Horton, the former for fifty dollars and the latter for seventy dollars. Mr. Busch's bill for the same number of schools as Mr. Hortons, is \$334.00 I am unable to certify this, as I consider the amount too large, and should be reduced to the same as the other two.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

The report is approved, the accounts of H.E. Gates and W.T. Horton passed for payment and it is ordered that W. J. Busch be notified that his account should be reduced to the same proportion as those of Messrs. Gates and Horton.

RIOT - STIPENDIARY MAGISTRATES CHAIR.

On motion of Controller Hines the Stipendiary Magistrate is authorized to purchase a chair to replace his chair destroyed in the riot of May 25th last.

INFLUENZA HOSPITAL - LOWNDS ACCOUNT -  
CITY HEALTH BOARD.

Under resolution of the Board passed 19th inst. the City Auditor submits a copy of the account \$3929.32 of E.B. Lownds for work at the Influenza Hospital Almon Street.

The Auditor being called before the Board submits for inspection the original ~~report~~ account.

Secretary  
School Board ✓  
H & Gates ✓  
W & Horton ✓  
W J Busch ✓  
Engineer ✓  
Auditor ✓

Stipendiary  
Magistrate ✓

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The reports of the City Auditor as to this account dated respectively November 25th and November 26th are read.

His Worship the Mayor asks the Auditor for an explanation of the following statement in his report of November 26th-

"The bill was passed by the Health Board	\$3,846.83
"To which later was added	82.50
"And passed by the Board of Control	<u>\$3,929.33"</u>

His Worship thought the Auditor's report implied that the Board of Control added the \$82.50 after the Health Board had passed the bill at \$3846.83 and asked the Auditor if that was what he meant in his report

The Auditor replied, Oh no I mean exactly what I said in my report.

His Worship asks the Auditor to report in writing that he did not intend to say that the Board of Control added the \$82.50

The Auditor replied that the proposition of His Worship is reasonable but that he meant what he said in his report.

His Worship requests the Auditor to submit a written report stating that he did not mean to say the \$82.50 was added by the Board of Control and to further inform this Board who did add it, if he knows.

The Board adjourned.

*Auditor*  
MAYOR.

*L. Fred Munnaghan*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

December 26th, 1918.

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

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Water Bill #348 Gottingen Street -W.S.Craig -  
Victorian Order of Nurses.  
Water Bill #1 Maynard Street J.D.Lannigan.  
Water Bill # 23 Cunard Street- John Connolly.  
Explosion - Rental of Market Building by  
Relief Commission.  
Explosion - Interest on Loans from Relief  
Commission.  
City Prison -Accounts for Maintenance of Military  
Prisoners.  
City Home Annual Report.  
Public Schools Playgrounds.  
Motor Hack License.  
Street Lighting.  
Abattoir.  
Tobin and Pleasant Streets, Dangerous Pole.  
Cogswell and Gottingen Street Dangerous Pole.  
Explosion - Relief Commission Temporary Houses.

WATER BILL # 348 GOTTINGEN STREET -W.S.CRAIG-  
VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES.

Read report Assistant City Engineer as follows:-

Dec 24, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the  
Board of Control covering letter from the Victorian  
Order of Nurses, complaining of excessive rates for  
water at the property #348 Gottingen Street. The  
amount of the bill is \$13.39 This is for one year.  
The meter has been out of order and the amount was  
arrived at by taking the previous year's consumption.

I find in the records that the bills for the  
past four years were \$10.16, \$12.27, \$17.21 and \$13.39  
The domestic rates for this property if no meter  
had been installed, would amount to \$13.50. The  
property was occupied for a certain time during last  
winter, by the Reconstruction Department of the Relief  
Commission, and used as a boarding house, and it is  
extremely likely that more water was used than in  
the previous year half year.

Under these circumstances I can recommend no  
reduction in the bill.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

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A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to the Victorian Order of Nurses with the suggestion that as the property was occupied by the Reconstruction Department of the Relief Commission, the Relief Commission would likely give the account some consideration.

*Council*  
*Victorian Order of Nurses*  
*Engineer*  
*Collector*  
*Club of work.*

WATER BILL # 1 MAYNARD STREET - J.D. LANNIGAN.

Read report Assistant City Engineer, as follows:-

Dec. 24, 1918.

His Worship the Myr,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached bill for meter rates at #1 Maynard Street, that the meter was out of order and the bill was made up on the consumption for the same period of the previous year, which amounted to \$6.72 Going back over the records I find that the amounts previously paid on this property were \$8.94, \$9.95, \$9.09 As the bill was made up on the lowest amount for the past four years, I do not see any reason why a reduction should be made.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER BILL # 23 CUNARD STREET - JOHN CONNOLLY.

Read report Assistant City Engineer, as follows:-

Dec. 21, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached meter bill for water supplied to the premises #23 Cunard Street.

The bill covers a period from Dec. 27th to 1917 to Sep. 11, 1918. and the consumption amounts to 1,006,500 gallons.

A reference to the records shows that from Dec 27th to April 30th the consumption was 937,900 gallons. In common with a great many other properties, this one was damaged by the explosion and the water was let run to avoid freezing, but in this case a very much larger quantity was wasted than there was any necessity for, and I do not think that that the whole amount should be rebated.

I would recommend that the bill be made up on a consumption for the first four months of the year

*Club of work*  
*Engineer*  
*Collector*  
*Council*

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of one quarter the amount registered, namely 235,200 gallons, and for the balance of the year on the amount actually registered, which amounts to 67,800 gallons - or a total consumption of 303,000 gallons.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved.

EXPLOSION - INTEREST ON LOANS FROM RELIEF COMMISSION.

The report of the City Treasurer re interest on loans from the Relief Commission submitted at meeting December 17th is again read.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the secretary endeavor to arrange a conference between the Relief Commission and this Board on the matter for Monday morning 30th inst. Motion passed.

EXPLOSION - RENTAL OF MARKET BUILDING BY RELIEF COMMISSION.

Read report Clerk of Works as follows:-

December 23, 1918.

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

I wrote you on the 5th instant in reference to an account against the Halifax Relief Commission for Hire of City Market, amounting to one thousand (\$ 1000.00 ) dollars.

I now beg to advise you that said account has since been paid.

A.F. Messervey.  
Clerk of Works.

Filed.

CITY PRISON-ACCOUNTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF MILITARY PRISONERS.

Read report Governor of City Prison giving the name, offence, date of commitment, period of imprison-

Engineer ✓  
Collector ✓  
Clerk of Works ✓  
Council

Mr Bell ✓  
Members B/C ✓  
Treasurer ✓

Council

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ment, date of discharge and amount due at date  
of discharge of Military prisoners Committed to the  
City Prison from June 28th, 1916 to December 19th,  
1918 as follows-

STATEMENT OF MILITARY PRISONERS AT ROCK-  
HEAD PRISON SHOWING AMOUNT DUE AT DATE OF DIS-  
CHARGE \$2,957.60

Halifax, N.S. December 19th/18

Amt. due at date  
of discharge.

Oakley, Cyril, Soldier, absent without leave, Committed 28th June, 1916 5 Months, date of discharge Nov. 27th. 1916.....	\$120.00
Fenton, Ernest, Soldier, absent without leave, committed Sept. 7th, 1916 113 days, date of discharge Dec. 29th. 1916.....	90.40
Nicholson, E. Ernest, Soldier, absent without leave, Committed Sept. 11th, 1916 109 days, date of discharge Dec. 29th, 1916.....	87.20
Boutilier, James, Soldier, Absent without leave, committed Sept. 19th, 1916 101 days, date of discharge Dec. 29th. 1916.....	80.80
Smith, Harry, Soldier, Absent without leave, committed Sept. 29th, 1916 3 months, date of discharge Dec. 28th, 1916.....	72.00
Grant, Edward, Soldier, Absent without leave, committed Oct. 17th, 1916 3 months, date of discharge Jan. 16th. 1917 .....	72.00
Davis, F. James, Soldier, Safe custody, committed March 6th, 1917, date of discharge Mar. 20th 1917.....	12.00x
Pulley, Valentine, Soldier, absent from his corps, committed March 15th, 1917, date of discharge Sept. 14th, 1917 6 months.....	144.00

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Trehan, Wilfred, Soldier, Absent from his corps, Committed March 15th, 1917, 6 months, date of discharge Sept. 14th, 1917.....	144.00
Sloan, William, Soldier, Stealing Money (court martial) Committed March 23rd, 1917, 91 days, date of discharge June 21st, 1917.....	72.80
McDonald, W. Arthur, Soldier, Absent from his corps, Committed Sept., 17th, 1917, 98 days date of discharge Dec. 23, 1917.....	78.40
Bonar, Arthur, Soldier, absent from his corps, committed Oct. 11th. 1917, 3 months, date of discharge Jan 10th, 1918.....	72.00
Berry, James, Soldier, absent from his corps, committed Oct. 24th 1917, 3 months, date of discharge, Jan. 23rd, 1918.....	72.00
Connors, Charles, Soldier, absent from <del>Nov. 9th, 1917</del> his corps, committed Nov. 9th 1917, 66 days, date of discharge Jan. 15th, 1918.....	52.80
Dolliver, Charles, Soldier, absent from his corps, committed Feb. 11th, 1918 2 months date of discharge Apr. 10th 1918.....	48.00
Crowell, Asaph, Soldier, absent from his corps, committed March 4th, 1918, 9 months, date of discharge, Dec. 3rd, 1918.....	216.00
Bishop, Harry, Soldier, Absent from his corps, committed Apr. 6th, 1918, 9 months, date of discharge Jan. 5th, 1919.....	216.00
Punch, Vernon James, Soldier, Absent from his corps, committed June 24th 1918, 1 year, date of discharge June 23rd 1919.....	292.00
Smith, Marshall Douglas, Soldier stealing public goods (court martial) committed July 5th 1918, 158 days, date of discharge, Dec. 10th, 1918.....	126.40

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Holland, Hugh, Soldier, Absent from his corps, committed Aug. 10th 1918, 2 months, Oct, 10th 1918 date of discharge..... 48.00

Watkins, John, Soldier, Absent from his corps, Committed, Aug. 10th 1918, 6 months, date of discharge Feb. 9th, 1919..... 144.00

O'Neil, Harry, Soldier, absent from his corps, Committed Sept. 18th, 1918, 9 months, date of discharge June 17th, 1919..... 216.00

Truswell, Harry, Soldier, Absent from his corps, committed Sept. 18th 1918, 91 days, date of discharge Dec. 17th, 1918..... 72.80

Fielding, Smith, Soldier, Absent from his corps, committed Oct. 28th, 1918, 6 months, date of discharge Apr. 27th, 1919..... 144.00

Woleman, C. John, Soldier, absent from his corps, committed Dec. 5th 1918, 4 months, date of discharge Apr. 4th, 1919..... 96.00

Coleman, Beresford, Soldier, absent from his corps, committed Dec. 5th, 1918, 4 months, date of discharge Apr. 4th, 1919..... 96.00

McEachren, Archibald, Soldier, absent from his corps, committed Dec. 6th, 1918, 3 months, date of discharge... March 5th, 1919..... 72.00

\$ 2,957.60

George Grant,  
Governor of City Prison.

The Governor is instructed to send to the Military Authorities accounts due for Maintenance of Military Prisoners up to December 31st 1918 and thereafter monthly accounts as may be mutually agreed upon between him and the Military Authorities and report to this board.

*Auditor ✓  
Governor City ✓  
Prison ✓*



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CITY HOME ANNUAL REPORT.

Read Annual Report City Home for 1917-18.

Ordered to be printed in the Annual City Report.

*Auditor ✓*

PUBLIC SCHOOLS PLAYGROUNDS.

Read letter Deputy Provincial Secretary as follows:-

Halifax, 20th December 1918.

The City Clerk,  
Halifax.

Dear Sir;

I am directed by the Provincial Secretary to acknowledge your letters of the 17th of December relative to the proposed purchase of lots of land for playground, etc. in connection with Oxford St. St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Girl's High Schools.

I am directed to say that at a meeting of the Governor in Council in this matter will not be held until after the New Year and until the information called for is supplied. Notification of any hearing will in due course be given.

Arthur S. Barnstead,  
Deputy Provincial Secretary.

Filed.

*Council  
School Board ✓*

MOTOR HACK LICENSE.

Read application Roy Christian, 6 Rottenburg Street for a motor hack license. Referred to the Chief of Police for report.

*Chief of Police ✓*

STREET LIGHTING.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Finlay that the City Clerk endeavor to arrange a conference for 11 o'clock tomorrow morning between this Board and H.R. Mallison, and W.S. Soper, of the Tramway Company together with the City Engineer and City Electrician in an effort to improve the street lighting service. Motion passed.

*H.R. Mallison ✓  
Engineer &  
Electrician ✓*

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ABATTOIR.

Controller Murphy asked as to progress being made with the completion of the City Abattoir.

The City Engineer read a letter received by him from Falconer and McDonald the Contractors who had promised to complete the building by December 20th. stating that they had been delayed in receiving materials and asking for a short extension of time to finish the contract. The Engineer also referred to a difference which had arisen in respect to the window sashes, verbally reported that it had now been decided to build the chimney inside the building instead of outside - a matter which had been left undertermined - and that the boiler equipment had not yet been tendered for.

The City Engineer is requested to report on these matters in writing at Tuesday's meeting (December 31st) including probable date of completion of the building with recommendations as to installation of heating, downspouts, drainage & etc.

TOBIN AND PLEASANT STREETS; DANGEROUS POLE.

Controller Murphy reports a dangerous electric wire pole at the corner of Tobin and Pleasant Streets. Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

COGSWELL AND GOTTINGEN STREETS DANGEROUS POLE.

Controller Hines again calls attention to an overstrained and dangerous electric wire pole at the corner of Cogswell and Gottingen Street.

The City Engineer informs the Board that on the previous complaint of Controller Hines he

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thought the reference was to Cogswell and Creighton Streets and so reported to the City Electrician.

Referred to the City Engineer for attention.

EXPLOSION-RELIEF COMMISSION TEMPORARY HOUSES.

Controller Hines informed the Board that a short time ago of the temporary dwellings erected for the Explosion sufferers by the Relief Commission one of them on the Western side of the Citadel had been practically burned down and this morning one on the Common had been destroyed by fire. He recommended that for safety to life and property the Relief Commission detail an official to regularly and frequently inspect every building and every apartment under the control of the Commission for the purpose of ascertaining risk of fire and to advise the occupants against the accumulation of rubbish of combustible character the dangerous depositing of hot ashes & etc., smoking, throwing of matches and cigarette butts. The Controller said he brought the matter up at the present time because of the danger which might arise on a stormy night when a sudden heavy snow fall might delay and impede the Fire Department.

Controller Hines and the Chief of the Fire Department are requested to interview the Relief Commission on the matter.

The board adjourned.

*L. Fred McLaughlin*  
CITY CLERK.

MAYOR?

*Engineer  
Electrician*

*R. P. Bell  
Cont. Hines  
Chief Fire Dept*

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

December 27th, 1918.

A special meeting of the Board of Control and the directors of the Nova Scotia Tramways and Power Company was held this morning at 11.20 o'clock, Present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Hines, Finlay and Murphy, H.R. Mallison, Managing Director, O.E. Smith Director, W.S. Soper, Line Superintendent, H.G. Bauld, M.P.P.; *The City Engineer, The City Electrician and City Clerk.*

Mayor - This meeting gentlemen was called to discuss the street lighting problem and to try and better same. In looking over the Police Book kept for the purpose of recording outages, I find that 200 lights are reported out of order out of a total of 440 lights, about three quarters of the lot, and those are only in the districts that are policed there are probably more outside that are not reported. It seems to me that since the order for dimming the lights came into effect the Company allowed the whole system to run down. And lately I have been told that when complaints are made to the Company they are referred to the Board of Control, that may be all right for them to shift the responsibility, but I think the matter is entirely up to the Tram Company.

Mr. Mallison - Your Worship I quite agree with you that a number of the lights are out and that the whole service is unsatisfactory and it is very unsatisfactory from the Company's standpoint and from the Citizens, however I will ask Mr. Soper, to explain the situation.

Mr. Soper - Some time ago orders were given for outer globes for street lamps, but the Company could not the lamps. The day after the Armistice was signed a number of the lamps were broken in the outlying district and we have not been able to replace them. These have to be especially manufactured.

Mayor - But it seems to me that the lights that are burning don't give as much light as they should, of course it may be that my eyesight is getting bad, how do you account for it?

Mr. Soper - That shouldn't be so, as the lights that were burning even up to a night or two ago were giving more light than ever, using  $9\frac{1}{2}$  amperes instead of  $7\frac{1}{2}$  the regular power.

Mr. Mallison - The entire fault lies in the lack of globes, and we have done everything in our power to obtain these, in October we ordered 6 gross outer globes and 6 gross inner globes and in November we duplicated the order and received word that they had been shipped, but have been unable to locate them, On December 11th we ordered one gross of inner and one gross of outer globes

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and we have not even got them. We buy these through the Canadian General Electric, and I asked Mr. Wright to help trace them and to enable us to get out of this difficulty, and he has done everything that it has been possible for him to do to aid us in tracing the globes, but even he seems to be able to get very slight information about them, and I cannot get any information at all,

Controller Murphy - Where do they come from ?

Mr. Mallison - From Pittsburg I think.

Controller Murphy - Surely you should know where you have been tracing them from, just a minute I'll try and get some information from Mr. Hutton. Mr. Hutton informs me that they were shipped from Manaca.

City Electrician - Mr. Mallison dont you think that the poor light is due to the fact that the globes are still obscured ?

Mr. Mallison - Well, yeas that would make a difference but in order to have those globes properly cleansed they would have to be brought to the shop, and other ones put in their places and we have no globes to fill their places.

City Engineer - I do not think the City should pay for lamps that are not giving proper light.

Mr. Mallison - We heard that Moncton used the same style lamp as we needed and we sent Mr. Soper there hoping to get some of the parts but they had nothing that we could use

Controller Murphy - Hasnt the Eastern Supply Company and globes ?

Mr. Soper - No, at least they told us they had none.

Mayor - What about putting in arc or incandescent lights ?

Mr. Mallison - Yes, we could do that we have some on hand, one or two I think, but it would mean additional expense

City Electrician - Couldnt they be strung from the poles that are there now ? It shouldnt cost very much to install them.

Mr. Mallison - There are lots of things we could do if we could only get down to it.

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Mayor - Well they way things are going now there is no money in it .

Mr. Mallison - There is no money in it anyway, but as far as the service is concerned, it is just like this we expect them any day, and when they dont come today , well we think they may arrive tomorrow, and the Canadian General Electric say that they may be here, but we send a man up nearly every day to look for them and up to date they havent arrived.

Mayor- Well I would like to see something done, and in the meantime while waiting for them to turn up why not put up incandescent lights ?

Mr. Mallison - Yes, but if these shipments turned up in a few days we would be just as far ahead and we are hoping that it is here and is somewhere in the conglomeration of freight, and if we could find it we would be very much further ahead as we could put two or three men to work at them and get them into proper shape.

Mayor- I think that it is so uncertain about the lamps that it would be better to use whatever incandescents you have to try and get it into a little better condition.

Controller Hines - The lighting conditions in the North End of the town are in an awful condition .

Controller Murphy - It is just as bad in the South End of the City.

Mr. Mallison- Yes, the condition is really deplorable but you have my assurance that we have exercised all in our power to give better service. What length of time do you think it would take Soper to place some indandescents ?

Mr. Soper - It would take considerable time to place the globes.

Mr. Mallison - Mr. Colpitt suggests that we string some incandescents to the poles already in use.

Mr. Soper - Yes, we could do that.

Controller Murphy - I would think that the suggestion of Mr. Colpitts a very good one, and there are certain sections of the City that it is dangerous and something must be done.

Controller Murphy- I think it would be a good idea if Mr. Soper and the City Electrician made a tour and inspected the situation tonight.

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Controller Hines - What is the cause of a light that is burning alright tonight being out tomorrow night?

Mr. Soper- There are a great many causes a lot of it is due to breakage of the inner globe. There have been some cases where we have taken some lights from the out-lying districts and put them into the town.

Controller Hines - It would have been better to have left them in the outlying districts and let the City take care of itself.

Mr. Mallison - I think there is more danger on the Tram line, than anywhere else, that is to foot passengers, and people getting on and off of cars.

Mayor- I think the officials of the Company and the City ought to get together and do something to mitigate the difficulty, I believe lately that when Mr. Smith is attacked he refers the people to the Board of Control, I know that he never goes into the Club but he gets a jolly about the Lighting Service, but as far as the Board of Control is concerned it is prepared to do everything in its ~~power~~ power, but this is up to the Company.

Mr. Soper - It is almost impossible to give good results with the system now used.

Mayor - During the time the lights were glimmered the system was allowed to run down, and now we can't get it.

Mr. Bauld - Your Worship, and gentlemen, I haven't come to speak directly on the subject before you, but I do wish to speak of the insufficient lighting of Hallis Street between Morris Street and the new Railway Depot. And also that the lights on the corner of Pleasant and Morris and Pleasant and South have been out for the last four or five nights and it seems to me to be a disgrace to the City especially that end of the town, strangers coming here for the first time, their trains getting in at a late hour find the City in darkness, and another point I would like to bring to your attention Gentlemen, is the condition of the street in that part of the City, the mud is ankle deep in places and the road is torn up in deep ruts very dangerous for vehicles driving in that vicinity, and then there is another point, when the trains, or at least the late trains get in in the night there are no conveyances of any kind to meet them, especially if they are a few minutes late, and people coming here have to either depend upon the Tram or walk to their destinations, now it should be

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made clear to them when they are given a license that they must arrange among themselves to always have conveyances to meet the train, and failing to do this their licenses should be taken from them.

Mr. Mallison- Your Worship with regard to the lighting conditions that Mr. Bauld complained of, we have instock at the present time, complete, two extra Maylite Arcs, and if it was agreed upon, we could install these two lamps, one at the corner of Morris and one at Hollis and it would make a remarkable change in the lighting condition, or we could put one at the Corner of Morris and Barrington Street and Corner of Morris and Hollis Streets.

Mayor- Does'nt the Railway property do its own lighting ?

Mr. Mallison - Yes, and it is well lighted.

City Engineer - I would like to say that last night about six o'clock one of the whiteway lights at the corner of George Street was out.

Mr. Mallison - They It was not out all night.

City Engineer - It was out at six o'clock because I noticed it when I came out of the Parade.

Mr. Mallison - They have been out of commission so long and we are tuning them up, and ~~they~~ they were working at them last night at 6 o'clock, and I think withing a short time we will have those lights in good condition

Mayor - All I can say is let there be light.

Mr. Bauld - About the condition of Hollis Street, lower end, something should be done to remedy the terrible conditions existing immediately. What about putting two hundred loads of gravel in it?

Mayor - We will tell Mr. Doane to attend to that.

Controller Murphy - I suggest that Mr. Soper and Mr. Colpitt take a copy of the lights reported out from the Police Book when they make their inspection and it would help them a lot and then they could make immediate arrangements to make improvements in the system. Now ~~the lights~~ at the corner of North Kline and Oxford Street there is no light.

Mr. Mallison - I would like to say Mr. Controller that it seems almost impossible for us to keep a lamp at that corner, the boys in that neigh-



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borhood make a practice of breaking the globes.

Controller Hines - It would be a good idea to arrest some of them, give them a scare.

Controller Finlay - Such lawlessness should not exist, they Chief of Police should attend to that.

City Clerk, - He doesn't know anything about it, he hasn't been given any instructions.

Controller Finlay - He shouldn't have to be instructed.

Mr. Mallison - This is just one case of damage done by boys throwing stones, some time ago a Mrs. Duncan was sitting in the car when a stone came in through the window and it was just by the grace of God that it escaped putting out her eye, and it was at the corner of Chebucto Road, it is one of the worst sections we have.

Mayor - The beautiful lamps on the new bridge have been broken.

Mr. Mallison - Soper how long would it take to put the lights on the bridges into proper shape?

Mr. Soper - We would have to buy transformers.

Mr. Mallison - Can we get them quickly? When you and Mr. Colpitt are going over the lights in that district perhaps you can examine them and see just what is needed and we can get at them tomorrow.

Controller Murphy - Mr. Colpitt, have you made any progress in regard to the specifications for the new system of street lighting?

Mr. Colpitt - Yes, very little, I have been waiting for reports from the manufacturers.

Controller Murphy - I see why we should have to wait for that information.

City Engineer - Mr. Colpitt is acting under instructions from you Mr. Murphy you suggested getting the reports from the manufacturers.

Mayor - Well, I would like to see it already within a month to give the contract for a modern system.

City Engineer - It won't take long to draw up the specification once we get the information.

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Mayor - Do you know I have been told that you took some lights from the outlying districts and placed them in town.

Mr. Mallison - Yes, we did, we shifted them from one place to another, but if we have not acted wisely we will take them back again. Some three months ago I complained to the Board about the danger from boys throwing stones at the corner of Almon and Agricola Streets, the Chief of Police was instructed to keep watch there and within a few days nine boys were arrested, all under sixteen and brought up before the Juvenile Court, and the breakage stopped for some time, now I think the same methods could be applied to the Oxford Street Corner and we could keep the light burning at that corner.

Controller Finlay - The Police should get after them.

Mr. Mallison - Yes, I think if an example was made of them once or twice such vandalism would stop.

Controller Murphy - How did car #52 get along yesterday, I met it on its way to the station, and I wondered if it ever reached there.

Mr. Mallison - Yes it reached there alright, it was only something wrong with the fender the car was in good order.

City Engineer - Are the new cars going to have the same kind of fenders?

Mr. Mallison - No - they will be made with the H.B. Life Guard, it is more satisfactory than the ones in use, they are in use in the United States and give good service and are generally adopted.

Controller Hines - How long will it be before we get these new cars?

Mr. Mallison - Probably about six months., but in the meantime the Public Utilities Board have ordered us to get some second hand cars to run as extras, personally I do not like the idea of second hand equipment.

Mayor - Where are they coming from?

Mr. Mallison - Montreal.

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Mayor - I dont think you should buy any second hand cars.

Mr. Mallison - Personally I dont like the idea, I sent a man up there and had the m thoroughly inspected at the time, but I would much ~~prefer~~ not using second hand cars.

Controller Murphy - I dont suppose it is necessary to re mind Mr. Soper of the dangerous pole on Tobin Street.

Mr. Mallison - We received a memo of that today.

Contmoller Hines - What about the dangerous pole on the Corner of Gogswell and Gottingen Streets, it is leaning right over , I think it should either be taken down or extra guides put on it.

Mr. Soper - That is the natural shape of the pole, but we have put extra guides on it.

Controller Hines - How long do you think it will be before we have the cars running across the commons?

Mr. Mallison - about the latter part of January we expect to have the rolling stock, and we received word yesterday ~~and~~ that we could have 1000 tons of rails, that have been held up on account of the war.

The meeting adjourned.

RELIEF HEADQUARTERS,

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A Special meeting of the Board of Control and the Relief Commission was held this morning at 11 o'clock, present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Finlay, Murphy, City Treasurer, and City Clerk, T.S. Rogers, Chairman, J.S. Wallace, F.L. Fowke, R.P. Bell, Secretary.

Mayor - The question this morning Gentlemen, that we wish to take up with you is in regard to interest on our bonds that we had to hypothecate to your Commission for the loan the proposition that we wish to make is, that the interest should be waived either permanently or temporarily, it is the Citizens that will have to pay the interest on this money, and the interest will be due about January 1st, and we want to hear your views in the matter we think the interest should be paid out of the portion of the fund subscribed for the sufferers of the explosion, and the City of Halifax is as much a sufferer as any individual, and that the ~~the~~ interest be paid through the money which was subscribed by public subscription. We understand that three million dollars were subscribed in this way and five million dollars by the Imperial Government. If you intend that we pay the interest on this money you will be simply be adding to the burdens again of the persons who suffered so in the explosion in asking them to pay interest on this money that we have taken from you as a loan, you are making them pay it two or three times over, because the money comes out of the taxpayers pockets, which in the face of everything seems unfair.

Mr. Rogers - Mr. Mayor the three million you speak of as being available for paying this debt of interest has been used in emergency repairs, medical relief, and temporary housing.

Mayor - Has all the money been used?

Mr. Rogers - Yes.

Mayor - Have you a complete Auditor's report of the expenditures?

Mr. Rogers - Yes, our auditor sends in a statement at the close of each day. - We had eight millions of dollars, three and a half millions was required for relieving immediate distress, then there had to be pensions for those disabled in the explosion which amount trenched on the other five millions, which fund was given by the Imperial Government we intend to use this fund to meet personal losses before meeting public ones, we would be glad to pay the City of Halifax out of funds placed in our

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hands. However we will discuss the matter on its merits Mr. Mayor it seems a matter for fair discussion, can you give the ~~the~~ difference in the assessments between this year and last ?

City Treasurer - The Assessors have not yet completed the assessing of Ward 6, but last years assessment completed before the explosion showed about Six Million Dollars.

Mr. Rogers - What did you say Ward 6 was assessed for last year ?

City Treasurer - The net amount of loss on land etc., would entail a loss to the City of about Four Million Dollars.

Mr. Rogers - I remember you made that statement to the Board of Control and we were very much surprised, I would very much like to have the figures in detail., and I venture to say that within very few months we will have a better class of property in Ward 6 and will raise the Assessment value. Are you including properties partly destroyed in that four million ?

Controller Murphy - Only when we find them in such a condition as to be beyond repair.

Mr. Rogers - Very few of them are beyond repair. When will the Assessors complete their work in Ward 6 ?

Controller Finlay - Oh, they wont be ready for a month yet.

Mr. Rogers - Well we could let the matter of paying the interest wait, you dont strike your rate until March.

Controller Finlay - We want to know what you are going to do before we make up our estimates.

Mr. Rogers - Can you tell me the assessed value of Ware 6, not including Ward 5 ?

Controller Murphy - Six Million Dollars , I know when I saw the report I was very much surprised.

Mr. Rogers - Is that the amount that was fixed ?

City Treasurer - Of course in that amount there is a lot of property that brings us very little revenue the Sugar Refinery, Halifax Graving Dock and Railway..

Mr. Rogers - I believe there will be no personal assessment this year ?

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Controller Finlay - No, but the Household Tax takes the place of the personal property tax.

Mr. Rogers - Do you know just how the tax was divided last year ?

Controller Murphy - The land was valued at One Million and a half, Improvements One Million eight hundred thousand and for personal property Six hundred Thousand.

R.P. Bell, - We paid Improvements in Ward Six up to One Million and a Half.

City Treasurer - What remuneration are you giving for Ward 5 ?

Mr. Rogers - I think that when the assessment plan for Ward Five is completed you will find you have more to assess this year than you had last.

City Treasurer - Nearly every year our assessors show an increase of from one to two Million.

Controller Murphy - Have you done any thing further with regard to the interest coming due, As I see the situation in about ten days the City Treasurer will be required to embody this interest in this years estimates and we would like to find out if it is possible to waive it for this year or not ?

Mr. Rogers - You have my assurance that we will do everything we can to help out. You ask us to defer interest from this year until next year ?

Controller Murphy - I think the better course would be to defer the paying of the interest until a more opportune time., personally I think the whole business should be carried on in the lines of a regular business proposition.

Mr. Rogers - Mr. Controller, we are willing to defer payment of the interest, and as far as it has been possible I think we have conducted the business between the City and the Commission on business lines. In the meantime Mr. Hopewell I would like to have a copy of the Assessors Report in Wards five and six so that we can look into it, I believe the Assessor has prepared such a report.

City Treasurer - Yes we have a report from the Assessor, and I should like to have it settled so I can make up my interest account.

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Controller Murphy - There will be a very small increase in the assessable property, as 90% of our loss comprises schools from which we derive ~~with~~ no revenue, so that is a dead loss

Mr. Rogers - During our administration we have tried to carry out all our agreements with the City of Halifax and have always tried to better conditions, and it has been suggested, or rather we have been criticized for spending so much money in repairing properties in Wards Five and Six, and I venture to say that some of the houses have increased in value due to the extensive repairs we have made.

Mayor - But a great many of the houses completed are the property of the Relief Commission, where do ~~we~~ fit in on that?

Mr. Rogers - When the time comes for that adjustment Mr. Mayor we will be pleased to go over our business with your Mr. McManus and give him the necessary information that we have on hand

Mayor - I think we should press our claim against the Imperial Government the damage done by the explosion is properly chargeable to War, now in France when any of the Allied Nations take a part of land to be used as a trench they remunerate the owners and I think that we should press our claim by all means.

Mr. Rogers - I think that the American Government are more responsible for the damage done by the Explosion than the Imperial Government, because of the ship being improperly loaded with T.N.T.

Mayor - Well why don't you press that claim?

Mr. Rogers, - My dear Mr. Mayor, we are not here to press claims, but to adjust as far as we can the losses occasioned by the explosion, the matter of pressing the claim lies with yourself.

Mayor - I believe that the Board of Trade were going to send a delegation to Ottawa to make representation of the losses.

Mr. Rogers - No, they send a delegation to us.

Mr. Wallace, - Nothing has been forwarded to Ottawa, that conference was held here with the Commission.

Mr. Rogers - Have you ever had any resolutions from outside communities regarding representations being made on behalf of the City to Ottawa?

City Clerk - Yes, a great many from the towns <sup>throughout</sup> ~~out~~ side of Nova Scotia.

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Mr. Rogers - Have you kept a scrap book of them ?  
City Clerk, - I have them on file in my office.

Mr. Rogers - Mr. Bell have we any record of  
appeals from outside Towns for full reparation?

Mr. Bell - No Sir.

( Mr. Bell read extract from Meeting of Board  
of Trade, from newspaper, taken from Mr. Winfield's  
address at the Board of Trade on the settlement  
of losses by the Commission )

Mr. Rogers - Just a minute Mr. Bell, - Mr. Winfield  
come up here shortly this was published and  
apologized for the statement he made about the  
people being dissatisfied with the treatment they  
received-

Mayor - I know of one woman, a widow who wasn't  
satisfied with the treatment she received.

Mr. Rogers - Who was she ?

Mayor - A Mrs. Squires, who kept a small grocery  
store on Gottingen Street.

Mr. Wallace - That woman afterwards expressed her-  
self as being perfectly satisfied with the adjust-  
ment we made her, and I do not think Mr. Mayor that  
there are any cases in the North End where people  
wished to take up their business again that we  
did not do all we could to assist them.

City Clerk - There are some accounts here of the  
Health Board that the Auditor doesn't feel like  
paying out of the last funds we borrowed from you  
the \$50,000.00, they are for the maintenance of  
patients in the Small-Pox Hospital.

Mr. Rogers - I don't see how the Commission ~~Act~~  
in any way connected with this account., I  
don't understand how you can expect us to pay it.

Controller Murphy - The outbreak of Small-Pox was  
supposed to be due to the coming of your men into  
the City .

Mr. Wallace - I don't see how you can expect us to  
assume the liability.

Mr. Rogers - It seems to be that any bill that  
people don't want to pay they send to the Commission.

Mayor - I don't remember this bill coming up before  
the Board of Control.

City Clerk - It was brought up at the meeting  
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Mayor - Unless there was some arrangement with the Commission to pay this I don't think it should have been brought up before this Board.

Mr. Rogers - We had no arrangement of any nature about the caring for our employees in Hospital, but I think we did very well, we have an Hospital of our own on the Deaf and Dumb Grounds.

Mayor - Well why didn't they send the Small pox patients there and relieve the City of having to pay for them.

Mr. Rogers - That hospital was for to relieve your hospitals of our accidents not a segregation Hospital.

City Clerk- About the Fire risk in the houses on the Common, the Chief of the Fire Department asked to have it brought to the attention of this Commission, to have some one inspect these apartments regularly and issue orders about the accumulation of rubbish and inflammable material, dumping of hot ashes around the sides of the buildings.

Mr. Rogers - We have those houses inspected every couple of days by one of our men and the people are warned against putting the hot ashes near the houses.

Mayor - Is the City supposed to put in fire plugs and hydrants to these Relief Houses, or does the Commission look after it ?

Mr. Rogers - You know Mr. Mayor that the City authorities are the only ones having the power to make the connections with the City Water line and by all means the City should maintain proper fire protection, aren't those people Citizens of Halifax shouldn't they be protected as such ?

Mayor - Do you expect the City to look after those tinder boxes, why all is needed to start a fire is a match, if there aren't hydrants enough the Commission should provide more.

Mr. Rogers, - We <sup>had</sup> ~~have~~ nothing to do with these houses they were built before we were in charge, and by kindly disposed people, and are only temporary houses just put there to give shelter. And as for inspecting them, Mr. Bell, those houses are inspected frequently, are they not ?

Mr. Bell- They are not only inspected Sir, but we have a night watchman as well.

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Mayor - I should like to see the correspondence between the City and the Commission in regard to the Hydrants and fire Plugs and Water supply.

Mr. Rogers - Mr. Johnston was in full charge of the installation, the City bid the work and we paid for it.

Mayor - Then Churchills criticism is against the City Officials not the Relief Commission?

Mr. Rogers - The supplying of the water to those houses was before my time, but you know as well as I do that no one but a City official could do the work of making connections from your line of water mains.

Mayor - I will see about this, I intend that those people shall have proper protection.

Mr. Rogers - Yes, and you should see to it immediately. And as to the throwing of rubbish around they are under strict instructions not to throw rubbish around, you will find that the staff look after this.

Controller Finlay - You should instruct them not to resent the City officials going through their houses .

Mr. Rogers - That feeling of resentment must be stopped, they are Citizens of Halifax and must be made to understand that they owe allegiance to the City of Halifax, I shall instruct Mr. Hall that whenever a City Official wishes to inspect any of the houses, he will conduct them personally and explain to the people that ~~that~~ they must respect the City Officials.

The Board adjourned.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

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The Board of Control met this morning at 11.15 o'clock; present His Worship the Mayor and Controllers Hines, Finlay and Murphy.

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Heating City Engineer's Drafting Room.  
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Water Bill # 93 Charles Street -Francis Moore.  
Water Bill #42 Summer Street - G.A.Wooten.  
Water Bill #136 Grafton St. and #46 Duke Street- Charles R. Carr.  
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Gratuity -Mrs. P.J.Broderick.  
Exhibition Stables Rent and Water Rates.  
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Plumbing in City Hall Basement.  
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Water Bill Old Ladies Home #222-8 Gottingen Street.  
Charles and Clifton Streets Catchpits.  
Water Bill #137 Cunard Street Mrs. Jane Murphy.  
School Commissioner.  
Health Board Accounts.

HEATING CITY ENGINEER'S DRAFTING ROOM.

Read reports Assistant City Engineer and City Engineer, as follows:-

Halifax, Dec. 24, 1918

F.W.W.Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Sir,

I beg to report that the heating in the drafting room is absolutely inadequate. There is

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only one radiator in the room and last week during the cold weather it was impossible to work there, the thermometer being below 50.

I would suggest that authority be obtained to increase the heating surface so as to make the room fit to work in.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

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Board of Control.

It is not safe for Mr. DeWolfe to work in this room in cold weather.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

Referred to the City Engineer to make necessary arrangements for improving the heating conditions.

UNION PROTECTION COMPANY FINANCES.

Read letter Union Protection Company covering financial statement show a deficit of \$1426.88

as follows :-

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

The Board of Control.,  
City.

Dear Sirs:-

I am in receipt of a letter dated December 24th from the office of the City Clerk in regard to our delegation from the Union Protection Company calling on your Board and presenting you with a resolution from the above Company in regard to ceasing to exist as a salvage company on the first day of May 1919 etc., etc., and also asking the company to place before the board a financial statement showing their indebtedness, which I now enclose, showing a deficit up to the first day of May 1919 amounting to \$1426.88.

Union Protection Company 1768,  
H.F. Burton, - Captain.

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*Engineer*

*Accountant*

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Bills to pay to Nov. 25th-1918	\$797.50	
Cash on hand Nov. 25th-	593.12	\$204.38

This included our full grant to May 1919.

Bills passed Nov. 25th	77.50	
Wages to May 1st.	322.00	
Spare Driver (3 wks) wages @3.50	73.00	
Spare Driver Wages to May 1st	35.00	
Forage	210.00	
Coal (about )	300.00	
Electric Light	50.00	
Telephone	15.00	
Repairing Stables	40.00	
Other Bills (about)	100.00	
	\$	<u>1426.88</u>

Deferred for consideration with the yearly estimates.

YEARLY ESTIMATES.

On motion of Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines the City Auditor is requested to submit detailed schedules showing the amount of appropriations for the various departments and the expenditure s against same up to December 31st.

SHERWOOD AND PATRICIA STREETS , WATER PIPE TRENCHING.

Read report Assistant City Engineer recommending progress payment for water pipe trenching, as follows :-

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His W rship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to recommend payment to the Alcorn Construction Company of the sum of five hundred and nineteen dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$519.59) on account of their contract for excavating a trench for water pipe on Sherwood and Patricia Streets -

*Estimates ✓*  
*Auditor ✓*

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Estimated value of work done	\$936.28
15% retained	140.44
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	795.84
Paid on certificate #1	276.25
Balance recommended	\$ 519.59

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

WILLOW STREET SEWER.

Read report Assistant City Engineer ~~As~~ recommending progress payment on account of Willow Street Sewer trenching, as follows :-

Dec. 31, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor.

Sir,

I beg to recommend payment to Peter Mancuso of the sum of One thousand eight hundred and thirty two dollars and sixty cents (\$1832.60) on account on his contract for excavating a sewer trench in Willow Street -

Estimated value of work done	\$2156.00
15% retained	323.40
Bal. recommended	\$ 1832.60

H. W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

The account is passed for payment.

ELECTRIC WIRING INSPECTOR'S PAY.

Read report City Engineer as follows :-

Dec. 31, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,

Sir,

I beg to report on the communication from the Secretary of the Electrical Workers' Union respecting the wages paid Charles Wilson, wiring inspector under the City Electrician.

The Union asks that Mr. Wilson's pay be rated at 55¢ an hour, and suggests that the City can afford to pay at least the union rate to its em-

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ployees. I do not know whether the Union are possessed of all the facts or not; if they are, their suggestion does not do the City justice. The facts are that Mr. Wilson was employed since the first of May at \$24 a week and is required to work a maximum of 44 hours a week. No deduction is made for holidays. The rate paid him, works out at about 54¢ an hour, while the union rate up to the first of December was only 50¢ an hour. Consequently Mr. Wilson has been paid at the rate of 4¢ an hour more than the Union rate, up to the first of December.

At the first of December, as stated in the letter the union rate was raised to 55¢. Mr. Wilson, like all other employees who are paid by the week, would have his wages adjusted once a year only, as the estimates are made up once a year and there is no means of obtaining money to increase an estimate once it is finally voted. The course urged upon the City by the Union, is therefore practically impossible to follow where the employee is paid from permanent appropriations. We endeavor to pay our skilled tradesmen approximately what other employers pay them at least although we are not in competition with them, and in Mr. Wilson's case he will have at the end of the year just about the same total income for his work as he would have received if he had been employed elsewhere. As all our employees must be treated on the same basis, it is impossible to adjust wages exactly at the time that trades made a new agreement. In this case, I repeat, that no injustice has been done, on the contrary, I think the City has been generous. Mr. Wilson does not lose every hour that he is sick or absent, as I understand ordinary members of the Union do.

F.W.W. Doane,  
City Engineer.

*Engineer*  
The report is approved and the City Engineer is instructed to forward a copy of same to J. R. Gray, Recording Secretary of the Electrical Workers Union.

ABATTOIR.

Read report Assistant City Engineer and Assistant Building Inspector re public abattoir, as follows +

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His, Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control that the contractors for the abattoir promised to have the building finished by Dec. 20th, On the 19th a letter was sent them, drawing their attention to the slowness of the progress being made. A reply was received on the 21st asking for a short extension of time to complete the work and also advising that the plumber declined to do his work until heating had been provided in the building.

A letter was sent in reply, stating that the contract for the whole work was made with Falconer & McDonald Limited, and the City did not recognize any sub-contractor, so that the providing of anything required by the sub-contractor was a matter for the contractor, with which the City had nothing to do.

The chimney has not yet been advertised for as it was found that it might be cheaper and better to instal electrical driven motors for some of the equipment, and therefore until this was decided, the size of the chimney could not be determined. As this will be an inside chimney, it can be built in a very short time.

A specification has been prepared for the boiler, but for the same reason as mentioned above, until the power to be used for the equipment is decided, the size of this<sup>1</sup> subject to alteration. A plan of the runway has been made and the plan of the proposed drainage to the basin is just about finished.

For some weeks correspondence has been carried on with three firms who make a specialty of equipping abattoirs, and plans were sent them asking for suggested layouts, and detailed prices. This morning replies have been received from two of these firms, giving prices, and additional proposals for the refrigerating apparatus have also been received. With this information at hand, it should be possible to make a complete report within a few days.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

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F.W.W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Sir,

I beg to report as follows -  
The metal sashes to replace destroyed ones, are on the building and partly placed in position,

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but have yet to be leaded in. The glazing is about half completed.

The doors are on the job but not yet hinged or locked; the door frames to be covered with metal. the stairways are not yet erected; a few parts are on the job.

There is no plumbing done yet with the exception of a few pipes in the basement. The heating has not been started.

The terra cotta partitions have to be plastered.

The manure shaft is not yet erected.

There are no flashings for the roofs.

The interior has to be cleaned down and brush coated. The insulation felt is on the job but not yet installed.

The inspector's office is not yet erected.

At the present rate at which the contractors are working, it is impossible to tell when the work will be finished.

There is some plastering to be done on the outside of the building, such as the covering of the stairways and patching to be done to the walls, which work will have to be left until the Spring, as plastering cannot be done with satisfaction in winter time.

W.P. Fegan,  
Asst. Building Inspector.  
Per.D.

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ISOLATION HOSPITAL MORRIS STREET.

Read letter from Robert F. Yoeman, Soliditor  
Halifax Relief Commission re Isolation Hospital,  
Morris Street, with report from the City Engineer  
as follows :-

Halifax, Dec. 23, 1918.

H.W. Johnson, Esq.,  
Asst. City Engineer,  
City.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise you that The Halifax Relief Commission has given notice in due form to the Maritime Construction and Engineering Company Limited, through its liquidator, The Royal Trust Company, calling upon it to complete the contract for the building of the above hospital, and

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stating that in the event of failure to comply with the said notice within the time therein limited, the Commission intended to complete the contract and charge all expenses in connection with the same against the contractor.

Notice has also been given to the National Surety Company, who are sureties for the due performance of the contract by the contractor.

The time limited in said notices has expired, and I am advised the contractor has failed to comply with the same.

The Commission considers that it is immaterial in the result whether the City or the Commission completes the work of the contract, as if the work should be done by the Commission, the cost of the same would be chargeable against the City, as having been done on the City's account.

The Commission, however, considers that it would be more satisfactory for the City to complete the work itself and desires if any formal request from the Commission be deemed necessary, that this letter be treated as such request.

Robert F. Yeoman,  
Solicitor, Halifax Relief  
Commission.

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His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I am attaching copy of letter from the Soliditor of the Halifax Relief Commission in connection with the completion of the work at the Isolation Hospital on Morris Street.

As you are aware, the contractor for this hospital went into liquidation and the contract was not completed, the windows installed being single sashes which could not be opened, instead of double sashes as shown on the plan.

Some months ago the contracting company and its liquidator were notified to complete the work in accordance with their contract and on failure to do so the Reconstruction Department of the Relief Commission were asked to do the work. Owing to legal technicalities this was not done at the time, and shortly afterwards the epidemic of influenza broke out and it was impossible to have the work done while the hospital was full of patients. The Soliditor of the Commission in his letter states that all legal notices have now been given and that there is nothing to prevent the work being finished.

The Commission considers that it will be more satisfactory for the City to complete the work itself. The contract, however, is between the contractor and the Relief Commission and while in

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the end the City under its agreement with the Commission will have to pay the cost of the building less the \$10,000 granted by the Commission towards the construction, it would appear to be advisable that the work should be done by the party to the contract rather than by the City, so as to avoid the introduction of an outside element into the settlement, which will have to be made with the liquidator or the bonding company under the contract.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Copies of the reports are ordered to be forwarded to T.S. Rogers, Chairman of the Relief Commission with the request that he give the matter immediate attention.

CONTROLLER FINLAY.

Controller Finlay has permission to retire from the meeting to attend to School Board matters.

C.F. HOLLAND CLAIM.

Read opinion City Solicitor as follows :-

Halifax, Dec, 27, 1918.

Secretary Board of Control.

Dear Sir:-

The facts in respect to the above, as far as I have been able to ascertain are as follows :-

When the claimant's car was going west on Quinpool Road it came in contact with the bough of a tree on the north side of the road and it was damaged. The bough had not broken completely off; but had sagged or cracked so that it was projecting across the road. Since the date of the accident the bough has I understand broken entirely off. I visited the spot together with Mr. Doane and a representative of the claimant who was driving the car at the ~~same~~ time of the accident.

To render the City liable for an accident happening on a public street there must be something in the nature of negligence on the part of the City and after having given the matter the most careful consideration and looked at the authorities, I am unable to see any grounds upon which negligence could be predicted. There was cer-

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tainly no negligence in allowing the tree to stand by the side of the road or even to have boughs projecting across the road at a proper height, because shade trees are a universal custom in all cities. If the tree had been so manifestly rotten as to be in evident danger of falling that might possibly be some evidence of negligence; but I understand that anything of the sort is the case. Also if the bough, after sagging or cracking, had been left in that position for an unreasonable length of time, and had come to the knowledge of the City's officials, that again might afford some evidence of negligence; but I do not understand that there is any suggestion of this being the case. So far as I can ascertain the cracking or sagging of the bough was occasioned by one of other of the heavy sleet storms which did so much damage in the late part of the autumn, and consequently I can see no ground for holding the City liable. I may refer to the recent case of Bruce vs Caulfield 34 T.L.R. 204, in which the facts were very similar to the present case and the line of reasoning identical to that which I have endeavored to express.

I may add that even if there were any evidence of negligence on the part of the City, there is also considerable reasons for believing that contributory negligence could be established against the claimant, as his car was on the wrong side of the road, and the obstruction could apparently have been seen if the proper lookout had been kept.

F.H. Bell,  
City Solicitor.

A copy of the report is ordered to be forwarded to Mr. Holland.

WATER BILL #133 SPRING GARDEN ROAD -  
DR. H.K. McDONALD.

Read report Assistant City Engineer, as follows:-

Dec. 27, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control covering letter from Dr. H.K. McDonald complaining of excessive charges for water used during the half year ending March 1918, that a referende to the records shows that the large consumption was during the month of December. The meter was not read during this month after the explosion, and the consumption from November to January was, 109,000 gallons and was due to a closet wasting, which was claimed to have been dam-

Engineer ✓  
Clerk & works ✓  
Collector ✓  
Council

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aged by the explosion. The fixture was repaired immediately on notice being received in January, and the consumption for the subsequent months was 11,000 and 10,000 gallons.

I would recommend that the consumption for the months of December and January be taken at 12,000 gallons, and the bill for the half year made up on a consumption of 59,200 gallons.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER BILL # 23 CHARLES STREET FRANCIS MOORE.

Read report Assistant City Engineer as follows :-

Halifax, Dec. 27, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached meter bills for the premises #23 Charles Street, one of the bills being for the period between Dec. 28/16 and Sep. 11/17 amounting to \$14.06 and the other being from Nov/17 to Sep/18 amounting to \$8.75

With regard to the first, I reported on this matter on the 22nd of April this year, and beg to quote as from that report as follows- "On looking over the records I find that the consumption at this property before and after the period complained of, averaged from 300 to 600 gallons per month. In Dec. 1916 the consumption was over 15,000 gallons, and a note in the meter readers' books states that the taps were left running. From November to March the consumption was very large and it would appear that water was allowed to waste during that winter. I have had the meter tested and find that it registers properly, and I have no doubt that the large consumption is due to the waste reported. Under these circumstances I cannot recommend any reduction in the bill."

No action was taken on this report. Subsequently the City Engineer requested to submit a special report on the conditions surrounding the metering of these premises. The premises are supplied through a 5/8 inch meter which is installed in a meter box on the street. Owing to this, there are occasions when the monthly readings cannot be obtained, more especially in the winter when there is a deep covering of snow and ice on top of the meter box. With regard to the bill under discussion, I can add nothing further to the report of April 22nd, and for the reasons given in it, I must repeat the recommendations that no reduction be made.

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Engineer ✓  
Chas. V. Woods ✓  
Collector ✓  
Council ✓

With regard to the second bill complained of, I have examined the records and find that the large consumption was from August 13th to Sep. 11th, the consumption for this month amounting to 60,500 gallons. This meter was tested during the month and found to be registering correctly. The Foreman of the Water Department reports that considerable plastering was done in this house, and this may possibly account for the large consumption. As this is the second time this year that the meter had been tested and found correct there can be no doubt ~~th~~ but that the water charged for, passed through the meter and was either used or wasted. I can see no reason that would justify a reduction being made in this bill.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER BILL #42 SUMMER STREET - G.A. WOOTEN.

Read report Assistant City Engineer as follows :-

Dec, 30, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the attached letter from G.A. Wooten complaining of the amount charged for water rates at the Garden Crest Apartments #42 Summer Street. The premises are supplied with water through a 3-inch meter set in a meter pit near the street line, the meter controlling the whole service pipe, which is for some distance outside the building.

The bill shows a consumption of 988,300 gallons for the period from Jan/18 to Sep/18. In 1917 the consumption for this period was 595,000 gallons and in 1916, 524,900 gallons. The meter was read in January, and the reading shows that the consumption for the month after the explosion was slightly below normal. Owing to the conditions obtaining the meter could not be read during February and March. The April reading showed the consumption to be 344,000 for the previous three months, an average of approximately 115,000 gallons per month. The readings of June and July show approximately the same consumption as this and the September readings shows that there had been an increased consumption during August and September. The meter was tested on the 29th of this month and found to be registering correctly. The meter foreman reports that while testing the meter there was a continual draft on the pipe which would show that there is either waste of water going through the fixtures or through a leak in the service pipe. In my opinion the water

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charged for has been either used or wasted on the premises inside the meter, and the large consumption has gone on regularly throughout the seven months without apparently any effort being made to control it. I can find no justification for recommending any reduction in this bill.

Mr. Wooten asks to have "the building put on a flat rate basis if possible, or to have a tested meter put inside the basement of the building." With regard to the latter request, the practice is to put the meter as close to the street line as possible so as to control the whole ~~length~~ of the service pipe. In cases where there is a long length of service pipe between the street line and building, the meter is put in a meter pit and there is no reason for changing this practice in this instance. With regard to the first request, fifteen families occupy this apartment and necessarily the aggregate consumption of water is large and it is the type of property which should be among those first metered.

With regard to Mr. Wooten's query as to whether it would not be well to cut out meters, the bill under discussion is as good a justification for their use as is required. Without a meter on these premises, the large wastes, leakage or consumption as the case may be, would not have been discovered and as is almost invariably the case, would have kept increasing to such an extent that eventually the pressure on the main in the surrounding districts would have been lowered considerably, and with several of these cases occurring at the same time, it can easily be seen that no water system could stand the drain.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the report be approved. Motion passed.

WATER BILL #136 GRAFTON STREET AND #36  
DUKE STREET - CHARLES R. CARR.

Read report Assistant City Engineer, as follows:-

Dec. 28, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control covering meter bills from Charles R. Carr for premises #136 Grafton Street and #36 Duke Street, which he claims to be ex-

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cessive.

The bill complained of for the Grafton Street property has already been reported on. On further investigation I can find no justification for altering the previous report, and I would recommend that the decision of the Board that the bill should not be reduced, stand.

With regard to the Duke Street property, I find an error has been made in changing cubic feet into gallons. I have instructed the Clerk of Works to forward a corrected bill.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved.

WATER BILL #27 BILBY STREET-R.C MURPHY .

Read report Assistant City Engineer as follows:

Dec. 28, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Sir,

I beg to report on the accompanying Minute of the Board of Control covering letter from R.C. Murphy complaining of excessive consumption at the premises #27 Bilby Street now owned by Wm. Downs. The bill rendered is from Nov/17 to Sep/18 I have investigated the statements contained in the letter and find them correct. An examination of the records shows that the half-yearly bills for this property for the past few years run from \$1.00 to \$1.30 showing that the occupants have been always careful of the use of water.

Under the circumstances I would recommend that the bill for the period mentioned be reduced to the same amount as the previous year.

H.W. Johnston,  
Asst. City Engineer.

Approved.

GRATUITY TO MRS. P.J. BRODERICK.

Read letter of thanks from Widow of Patrick J. Broderick, Chief of the Fire Department, as follows:-

152 Queen Street,  
Dec. 27.18

His Worship the Mayor and  
Board of Control.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of cheque from City of Halifax for \$1,000 received on Dec. 23/18.

Please accept my sincere thanks,  
Elizabeth E. Broderick.

Filed.

Engineer ✓  
Clerk of Works ✓  
Collector ✓  
Council ✓

Engineer ✓  
Clerk of Works ✓  
Collector ✓  
Council ✓

Engineer ✓  
Clerk of Works ✓  
Collector ✓  
Council ✓



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EXHIBITION STABLES RENT AND WATER RATES.

The City Engineer is requested to submit a written report in regard to rental of stables on the Exhibition Grounds to Reconstruction Contractors and others and charge for water supply to the stables with suggestions.

*Engineer* ✓

JUVENILE COURT COAL.

Read account Hugh D. McKenzie Coal Company for \$54.00 for three tons of coal supplied to the Juvenile Court. The account is passed for payment.

*City works* ✓  
*Auditor* ✓

ANNUAL REPORT TENDERS FOR PRINTING.

In response to advertisement in newspapers only one tender is received for printing the City Annual/Report 1917/18 namely T.C. Allen & Co- \$3.00 per page.

*Auditor* ✓

Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller Hines that the printing of the Annual City Report be dispensed with this year. Motion passed.

PLUMBING IN CITY HALL BASEMENT.

Read report City Health Board as follows:-

December 31st, 1918.

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

At the request of Mayor Hawkins we made an inspection of the condition of the plumbing in the police cells and in the basement of the City Hall. In the basement there is an old Richmond Closet, not working properly and not vented. It is located in a dark corner and is enclosed in wood,

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the surroundings not being very clean. The Inspector recommends that this closet be replaced by a modern one properly vented and that the enclosure be kept lighted at all times.

The inspector also recommends that the basement be thoroughly cleaned.

The closets in three of the police cells are of an old type and should be replaced. The sanitary conveniences are extremely bad. Mr. Morrissey, the plumbing inspector, stated that he had inspected the prisoner's cell leading off from the police office and that tenders would be called for installing sanitary conveniences properly trapped and vented and that branches would be run to allow for the installation of sanitary conveniences in the other cells in the future.

*Engineer* ✓

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

Referred to the City Engineer to remedy

the conditions complained of.

STREET LIGHTING ACCOUNT.

Read letter Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company re their account for Street Lighting, as follows:-

December 30th, 1918.

To His Worship,  
the Mayor,  
Halifax, N.S.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to again call attention to the fact that the outstanding amount in connection with our Street Lighting Account since March 1st, has not yet been settled. We are extremely anxious to have this matter cleaned up before the closing of our books for the Fiscal Year ending December 31st, instant. Will you not, therefore, please instruct that the amounts retained from our account be paid us immediately.

*Engineer* ✓

Assuring you of our appreciation of a prompt settlement and with best wishes for a most Happy New Year, I have the Honor to be,

H.R. Mallison,  
Managing Director.

Referred to the City Engineer for report!

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WHITEWAY LIGHTING

Read letter Nova Scotia Tramways & Power Company as follows:-

December 30th, 1918.

F.W.W. Doane, Esq.,  
City Engineer.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 24th instant relative to "Whiteway Lighting" and note that it is the desire of the City to submit the question of the price to be charged for this service to the Nova Scotia Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities.

This Company has no objection to having the matter submitted to the Board for decision provided that same is placed before them without delay and that the costs that this Company will be put to in connection with this hearing are paid for by the City, as the price quoted by the City in our communication of December 17th, contained no provision for any costs such as will be incurred by a hearing before the Commission.

H. R. Mallison,  
Managing Director.

Referred to the City Engineer to inform the Tramway Company that in the opinion of this Board it is the duty of the Board of Public Utilities to adjudicate upon and proportion the amount of costs to be paid by either the Tramway Company or the City or both.

WATER BILL - OLD LADIES HOME #222-8  
GOTTINGEN STREET.

Read letter A. M. Hart Treasurer Old Ladies Home Gottingen Street covering water bill claimed to be excessive. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

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CHARLES AND CLIFTON STREETS CATCH PIT.

Engineer ✓

Read letter E.L. Ward asking for the installation of a catchpit at the South-east corner of Charles and Clifton Streets. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

WATER BILL #137 CUNARD STREET MRS JANE MURPHY.

Engineer ✓

Read Water Meter Bill against Mrs. Jane Murphy #137 Cunard Street claimed to be excessive. Referred to the City Engineer for report.

SCHOOL COMMISSIONER.

Cant Taylor ✓  
Ald. Parker ✓  
Suly School ✓  
Board ✓  
Hon Geo H ✓  
Murray ✓  
Council ✓

Moved by Controller Hines seconded by Controller Murphy that on account of the absence of Controller Taylor that Alderman Parker be ~~substituted~~ substituted for Controller Taylor as a member of the Board of and School Commissioners/that the Honorable the Provincial Secretary be requested to pledge the good offices of the Government to ratify the appointment at the next session of the legislature. Motion passed.

HEALTH BOARD ACCOUNTS.

Read report City Health Board covering accounts as follows:-

December 28th, 1918.

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

The City Health Board beg to recommend the payment of the attached accounts of J. Lycon \$448.50 and S.O. Innes \$177.00 which were passed by this Board at a meeting held on Monday Dec. 23rd, 1918.

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

The report is adopted and the accounts ordered to be paid.

*L. Geo. Murray*  
CITY CLERK.

