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four dollars is one of the most moderate on record. Meantime the department pays all running expenses and is gradually extinguishing the water debt, which is about one-third of the gross city obligations. In comparing a long established community in the East, with the inception of an entirely new one in the West, it is obvious that the later arrival is altogether free from old barnacles to progress and time-worn prejudices, and ready to adopt up-to-date methods without hindrance to the body politic. The fire department of Halifax ranks deservedly high, as the fire record of many years of more than average immunity fairly demonstrates. The legislature provided nearly \$60,000 for additions to its equipment during the last two sessions. The police force evoked well merited encomiums for its personnel, discipline and management from members of the Canadian Municipal Union during their investigations.

In proportion to its population, Halifax has an unusually large street mileage, considerably over 100 miles. For street improvements, pavements and sewerage, no less than \$200,000 is being judiciously expended, so that the city gives promise of being a model one in this respect in a comparatively brief period.

The Halifax Board of Trade is one of the most progressive "parliaments of business" in the Dominion of Canada, with substantially furnished quarters in the heart of the commercial district.

The Halifax Electric Tram Company operates an up-to-date service by a main line closely connecting with a belt line, covering all the leading thoroughfares. The H. E. T. Co. also provides electric light and power, together with gas for the whole city. Financially the credit of Halifax may be judged from the fact that its last issue of 4 per cent. bonds resulted in an ac-