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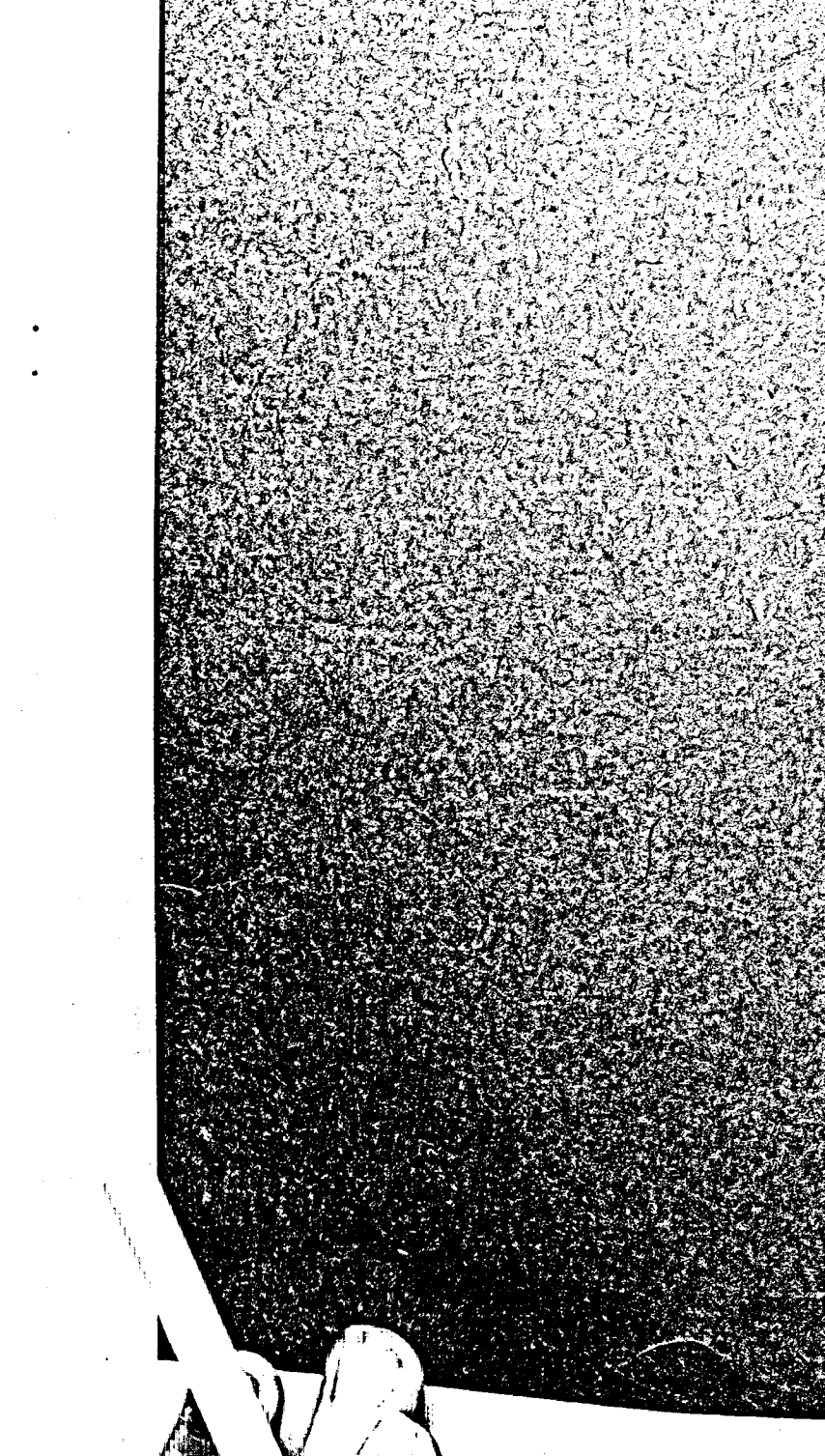
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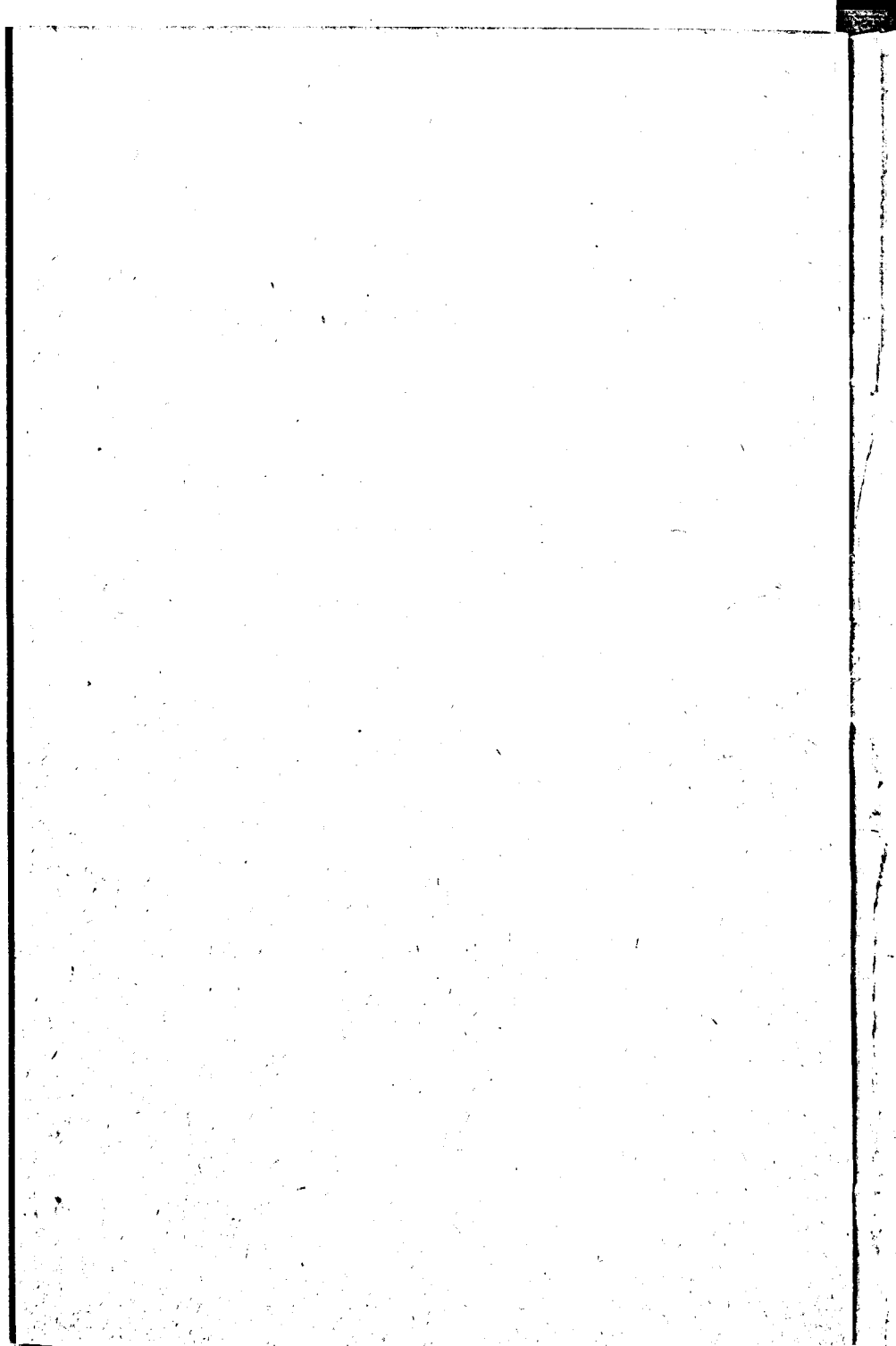
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MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

Warden — W. J. Dowell.

Municipal Clerk and Treasurer — Martin Archibald.

Municipal Collector — Martin Archibald.

Municipal Solicitor — R. M. Fielding, K.C., M.L.A.

Clerk of Licenses — R. G. Hattie.

Inspector of Licenses — Lester E. Umlah.

Auditors — F. E. Smith, C.A., and W. A. Stech, C.A.

Jail Physician and Health Officer — Dr. Hugh MacKinnon.

Chief County Constable — Lester E. Umlah.

Board of Revision and Appeal — A. D. Burris, Upper Musquodoboit; George L. Monk, Ship Harbour and Charles Fraser-Timberlea.

Visiting Committee, County Home — Rev. G. S. Tanton, Tangier; Rev. J. A. Willett, Eastern Passage; Rev. Father Hooper, Mrs. A. C. Pettipas, Dartmouth and Mrs. Frank Settle, Cole Harbour.

County Home Medical Officer — Dr. Charles Lamont.

Municipal Building Board — Mr. W. J. Ward, Armdale; Mr. R. E. Archibald, Bedford and Abraham McArthur, Woodside.

Municipal School Board — Councillor George D. Burris, Councillor Mary T. King Councillor M. H. Naugle, appointed by Council; B. J. Doyle, Sheet Harbour (1951), Gerald Spears, Ketch Harbour (1949), W. L. Harper, Armdale, (1950), appointed by the Governor-in-Council; Martin Archibald, Municipal Clerk and Secretary, appointed by Statute.

STANDING COMMITTEES

- FINANCE COMMITTEE** — Councillors Gates, Naugle, Lomas, Myers and Ferguson.
- TENDERS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY** — Warden Dowell, Councillors Naugle, Cruikshank, Gates and Evans.
- LICENSES** — Councillors Ferguson, Fraser, Chisholm, King and Spracklin.
- ROADS AND BRIDGES** — Councillors King, Anderson, Isenor, Slaunwhite and Turner.
- ASSESSMENT** — Councillors Naugle, Anderson, Evans, Dauphinee and Archibald.
- INSANE** — Councillors Cruikshank, Chisholm, Webber, Fraser and Slaunwhite.
- LAW AMENDMENTS** — Councillors Burris, Settle, Spracklin, Bonn and Webber.
- Jury Lists** — Councillors Webber, Isenor and Turner.
- POOR** — Councillors King, Turner, Bonn, Dauphinee and Archibald.
- ARBITRATION** — Councillors Naugle, Burris, Gates, Evans and Cruikshank.
- JAIL** — Councillors Myers, Lomas and Settle.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- BY-LAWS** — Councillors Cruikshank, Ferguson, Spracklin, Dauphinee and Archibald.
- CITY MARKET** — Councillors Settle, Gates, Evans, Naugle and Bonn.
- COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH** — Councillors Archibald, Lomas, Spracklin, Chisholm and Fraser.
- COUNTY CONSTABLES** — Councillors Gates, Myers, Spracklin, Dauphinee and Settle.
- HOSPITALS' ACTS** — Councillor Cruikshank, King, Settle, Spracklin and Chisholm.
- METROPOLITAN AREA** — Warden Dowell, Councillors Gates, Myers, Settle, Spracklin, King and Chisholm.
- MUNICIPAL HEALTH** — Councillors Cruikshank, Spracklin, Ferguson, Burris and King.
- PUBLIC SERVICES** — Councillors Gates, Naugle, Burris, Myers, Settle, Chisholm and Dauphinee.
- REPORTING AND PRINTING** — Warden and Clerk.
- TOWN PLANNING BOARD** — Councillors Gates, Settle and Chisholm, Mr. R. S. Allen, Head St. Margaret's Bay; R. F. Tolson, Bedford; William P. Anderson, Herring Cove.
- TRANSPORTATION** — Councillors Dauphinee, Fraser, King and Gates.
- VETERINARY ACT** — Councillors Settle, Burris, Archibald, Cruikshank, Isenor and King.
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- COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE** — Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle.
- UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES** — Warden Dowell, Councillors Gates, Naugle, Settle, Fraser, Turner, Myers, Dauphinee, King, Solicitor and Clerk. (The first four are voting Delegates).
- POUND COMMITTEES** — **District No. 18, Oyster Pond Section:**
Mr. Merlin Myers, Head Jeddore; Mr. Ben Day, Head Jeddore and Mr. Burton Myers, Head Jeddore.
- Ship Harbour, Debaie Cove and Clam Harbour Section:**
Mr. Thomas Stoddard, Oyster Pond; Mr. Edward Webber, Lake Charlotte and Mr. Odous Webber, Upper Lakeville.
- District No. 11, Ketch Harbour:**
Mr. Morton Pelham, Herring Cove; Mr. Edward Burke, Portuguese Cove and Mr. Edward Gallagher, Chebucto Head.

Second Annual Meeting of the Twenty-Ninth Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax

FIRST DAY — MORNING

Wednesday, February 25, 1948

The second annual meeting of the Twenty-ninth Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax opened in the Council Chambers, Law Courts, Halifax, at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. J. D. Archibald, Armdale, opened the meeting with prayer, asking divine blessing on the deliberations and decisions of the Council.

The roll was called by the Clerk, Mr. Martin Archibald. All Councillors reported present.

The Warden of the Municipality, W. J. Dowell, read his annual report which follows:

To the Members of Council
of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Members and Friends:

Again is given to me the privilege of welcoming you to our meeting, this being the Second Meeting of the 29th Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

We meet today at a time when there is a definite difference from past meetings. Under the agreement between Federal and Provincial Governments our Province is at last receiving a share of the National Revenues for a period of years, at least. Remembering this, and realizing that our Provincial Government is ready and anxious to expend this additional revenue to the best advantage of all concerned, we, receiving a share of this revenue, must endeavour to do our part in expending it so that our taxpayers will be assured of a better standard of living.

My feeling is that any additional monies accruing to this Municipality should not be considered as a means of cutting down our present tax rate but rather that it be expended in giving to our people much improved, needed or new services so long overdue. Our aim should be to endeavour to inaugurate, wherever possible, self-liquidating projects so that the earning power of each taxpayer may be so increased that the payment of the necessary taxes will become less important than they have been in the past.

One fact must be made plain to all and that is that without expenditures there cannot be earnings. In making this remark I am not suggesting that we should spend our way into prosperity, but I do suggest that the proper expenditures can guarantee returns that will be of much more benefit than would be the lowering of taxes and at the same time lowering the possibilities of earning which naturally would tend to lower our standard of living.

At the present time the subject of modern transportation between the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth is very much to the fore. Through the good offices of our Premier, the Hon. Angus L. MacDonald, we have been favoured with a survey of this project by Dr. Pratley, the foremost Bridge Engineer in Canada and who is recognized as an expert in this particular field, but as his report has not yet been received there is nothing we can do except wait. But, while waiting, we must all remember that this matter is of vital interest to us inasmuch as any method of transportation that connects the City and Town also connects the Western and Eastern parts of our County and nothing could be of much more importance today than modern transportation as on this depends practically all local developments.

Many of you will remember that some twenty years ago the possibility of a bridge across the Harbour was considered and at that time the method of financing the project was dealt with and the four directly interested parties, namely, the Provincial Government, the Halifax City Council, the Town of Dartmouth and our own Municipality, each guaranteed their proportions of the necessary capital expenditure. The Federal Government which we all felt would also lend a strong helping hand did not see fit to do so and the project was, of necessity, abandoned. If we are to progress as a Province, matters of this kind must not be allowed to be pigeon-holed and we, both as individuals and as members of a Council, must use our utmost efforts to assist in bringing them to a successful conclusion.

We see the Press almost daily calling attention to the fact that we must have more Industry. With this we all agree, but, after making a survey of the Harbour and Basin we wonder where heavy Industry which requires both water and railway facilities could locate as there is practically no available waterfront either in the Harbour or the Basin. The Western side of the Basin is owned by the Canadian National Railway while the Eastern side is owned by the Federal Government, being used by the Naval Department. This may be necessary from a Federal point of view but it is certain that no direct income accrues to the Municipality from these areas. There probably is an opportunity for work for our people in these areas which, in turn, does give our Municipality some degree of income but the future of the Municipality within a large part of the Metropolitan area does not give very much promise for future revenue. We must, then of necessity, fight hard for local development, and in speaking of local development I refer to small industries not requiring any particular setting or outside financing. For these matters we are well supplied with all necessary transportation systems as our Railroad Services and roads are being placed in good shape as fast as possible, and in this County the Dartmouth Bridge, when completed, should give us an almost complete service.

We are today faced with a heavy unemployment situation.

We cannot get the necessary steel to carry on the contracts for shipbuilding that the local Shipyards have on hand. Our Waterfront men are almost without work. This has been described by someone as mostly "seasonal", and truly it is seasonal, but it is a season when our Port should be at its best so that when it is described as "seasonal" it is, to say the least, ironical, but, as our long-distance supervisors feel that Canada should build Portland in preference to any of our Eastern Canadian Ports, I assume we are to accept it as a part of Canadian policy and be satisfied with being privileged to be permitted to call ourselves Canadians.

In connection with our troubles brought about through the non-use of our Harbour, which, by the way is described in our school books as the third best Harbour in the world, we all remember that during emergencies we have been mentioned as "Canada's Eastern Port" and the "Gateway to the Overseas Markets of the World". To emphasize this we need only to point to its continuous use through two Great Wars which a great number of people remember most tragically. With this thought in mind it might be well to recall the remarks of our Harbour being one of Canada's most important Eastern Ports as a theory and as it only receives

its full use in times of emergency possibly we should change the name to "Canada's Emergency Port".

At the present time the Harbour is very placid, being disturbed in the main only by an occasional windstorm and the passing to and fro of the Dartmouth Ferry; verily, a Harbour known as one of Canada's most important ports now attacked with a chronic case of "Isolationism".

We realize that we cannot continue to carry on our work as we did a few years ago, the changes and increase in our population during the past few years calls for great changes. What were just straggling settlements then have become thickly populated villages and as such require services among which the necessity for pure drinking water is perhaps the most important. We have had a Committee to deal with Public Services wherever it may be possible to provide them. This Committee has endeavoured to accomplish results with unfortunately very little success.

Among the services required is the possibility of supplying water to Woodside. We have had this District surveyed by a competent Consulting Engineer who suggested that we contact Dartmouth and endeavour to secure water, and two meetings have been held with the Town authorities.

Up to the present time nothing definite has been accomplished. The question of water is closely allied to that of Health and I am delighted to advise you that through the efforts of our good friend the Hon. Dr. F. R. Davis, Minister of Public Health and Department of Municipal Affairs, and who is well aware of the urgent necessity of an improvement in all health matters, we are to be favoured with a visit from Dr. MacIntosh of the Health Department of the Rockefeller Foundation on or about the 4th of March, and the whole question of health, particularly in the congested areas, will be fully dealt with. Through the Public Utilities Board or some other avenue some method must of necessity be found to force the issue and make possible without unnecessary delay the opportunity to receive pure water, the most important public utility where required and where physically and financially possible.

The Committee appointed to deal with Assessments has been working steadily during the year and their report will show good progress.

You will remember that I am your only representative on the Vocational School Board. This Board has held monthly meetings all of which were well attended, but the delays for various reasons have been many so that a definite result is only now in view. As Mr. Ford, the Director of the Division of Vocational Education, will address this Council on this matter on or about the 1st of March I shall not try to give you the details of the delays as he will give a complete report.

In conclusion it seems to me that Municipal Governments generally have not been by any means too progressive. We have been somewhat timid in the way of making expenditures. We have talked too much about the "good old days", and quite often neglected to try and do things that might be definitely progressive. In matters of this kind I feel that we should change our way of thinking and in this connection should like to quote a remark made by a great United States manufacturer "None of the Good Old Days were ever as good as the to-morrow's can be".

If what I have said in the foregoing remarks you consider of any value I would like you to deal with them to the best of your ability. If, on the other hand, you consider them to be of little value, then I know they will be forgotten.

Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd.) W. J. DOWELL,
Warden.

Applause followed the Report of the Warden and he was further complimented by Councillors W. A. Gates and Fred A. Settle. Both Councillors stated that the issues mentioned by the Warden should receive the full consideration of the Council in its present session.

Councillors M. H. Naugle and Fred Lomas nominated Mr. R. M. Fielding, K.C., M. L. A. as Solicitor for the Municipality. Councillors P. S. Ferguson and Car Turner moved that nominations cease. Carried.

The Warden instructed the Clerk to deposit a ballot for Mr. Fielding and declared him reappointed as Solicitor.

Mr. Fielding thanked the Council for its confidence, stating that he was prepared at any time to discuss municipal problems with Councillors.

A letter from the Kiwanis Club of Halifax, inviting Councillors to Luncheon on Monday, March 1st, was read. At this luncheon Dr. Bethune will speak on "The New Victoria General Hospital".

A letter from the Rotary Club of Halifax inviting Council to a rural-urban meeting and luncheon on Tuesday, March 2nd, was read. This meeting will be addressed by the Hon. Dr. F. R. Davis, Minister of Municipal Affairs and C. L. Beazley, K. C., Deputy Minister.

Councillors Gates and Isnor moved that the invitations of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs be accepted with thanks. Carried.

On behalf of himself and the Hon. Geoffrey Stevens, M. L. A., Mr. Fielding invited the Councillors to a dinner, the date to be set later. Councillors Settle and Bond moved that the invitation of Mr. Fielding and Mr. Stevens be accepted with thanks. Carried.

Warden Dowell appointed the following Councillors as members of the Nominating Committee: Councillors W. A. Gates, Norman Cruikshank, Cyril Spracklin, George D. Burris and M. H. Naugle.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Spracklin the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON

Wednesday, February 25, 1948

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

With the permission of the Warden the Nominating Committee retired to bring in its Report.

The Report of the County Health Officer and the Jail Surgeon was presented by Dr. Hugh MacKinnon. Councillor Settle suggested that the adoption of the Report of the Health Officer be delayed until the Solicitor was present due to an involved health case in his District.

Councillors engaged in a general discussion of health matters. Questions were asked the Health Officer by Councillor Lomas, and Councillor Bond suggested that copies of the Health Act be sent to the various District Boards. Councillor Fraser agreed that all officers on appointment should receive copies of the various acts pertaining to their duties. Councillor Myers questioned Dr. MacKinnon on a health case that occurred in one of his schools and Councillor Slaunwhite questioned the Clerk regarding the supply of copies of the Health Act.

Councillor Lomas suggested the appointment of District Health Nurses. He was of the opinion that a move in this direction would save a great deal of money for residents and render a fine health service for the Districts. Warden Dowell suggested that Councillor Lomas bring this matter to Council's attention when the Hon. Dr. Davis and a representative of the Rockefeller Foundation was present at a later session of the Council.

The following members of Council engaged in a general discussion of various phases of the Health Act with Dr. MacKinnon, the Warden and the Clerk, Councillors Chisholm, Ferguson, Bond, Isnor and Anderson. On the suggestion of Councillor Fraser it was agreed that pamphlets would be prepared in cooperation with the Solicitor for the following officials; fence viewers, sheep valuers, constables, surveyors of logs, pound keepers and members of the District Boards of Health.

Councillor Evans directed questions to the Health Officer on the problems of typhoid carriers. Dr. MacKinnon pointed out that carriers could not be quarantined but that the activities of carriers could be somewhat restricted. Councillor Lomas suggested that the Council petition the Provincial Government to take some action to control this important health problem.

Councillor Chisholm spoke of the problems that Councillors had in connection with the establishment of settlements of hospital patients. Councillor Myers agreed declaring that he felt that the place to determine the facts was in the hospitals themselves. It would be necessary to have the assistance and cooperation of the hospital authorities. Councillor Anderson suggested a system whereby it would be necessary for a patient to have a certificate from a District doctor before admission to hospital except in cases of emergency.

The Clerk said that a Committee had taken up this problem with the Department of Health some years ago but at that time it was said that the hospitals did not have the staff and facilities to undertake this work. Councillor Slaunwhite stated that improvements were certainly necessary in this regard.

Councillor Gates said that the Hospital Act should be reviewed because the Act in its present state is inadequate to meet present day conditions. Councillor Naugle agreed pointing out many of the problems of settlement of hospital patients, as well as the collection of hospital accounts. Councillor Myers recalled that several years ago a man was appointed by the Municipality to collect hospital accounts but results had not been achieved for one reason or another.

Councillor Settle felt that the hospitals concerned should cooperate with the Municipality on matters of information pertaining to settlements of patients. Deputy Warden Cruikshank suggested that an affidavit be taken at the hospital before the patient was discharged. This should give the Clerk the desired information.

Regarding the collection of hospital accounts, in reply to Councillor Archibald, the Clerk stated that a warrant could not be issued but that the patient could be sued in the courts.

Councillor Ferguson favored the appointment of a Special Committee to study and report on the problem. Councillors Myers and Bond disagreed.

Councillors Naugle and Spracklin moved that a Committee be appointed to study and report on the Hospital Acts. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Evans moved that the reports of the Municipal Health Officer and the Jail Surgeon be laid on the table. Carried.

Councillors Gates, Dauphinee and Myers entered a brief discussion on the duties of the Chief County Constable. Councillor Naugle suggested that the discussion was out of order at the present time and that the time to discuss the matter

was when the Report of the Constables Committee was brought before Council. The Warden agreed with Councillor Naugle.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was read. The Report follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE	Councillors Gates, Naugle, Lomas, Myers and Ferguson.
TENDERS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY	Warden Dowell, Councillors Naugle, Cruikshank, Gates and Evans.
LICENSES	Councillors Ferguson, Fraser, Chisholm, King and Spracklin.
ROADS AND BRIDGES	Councillors King, Anderson, Isenor, Slaunwhite and Turner.
ASSESSMENT	Councillors Naugle, Anderson, Evans, Dauphinee and Archibald.
INSANE	Councillors Settle, Chisholm, Webber, Fraser and Slaunwhite.
LAW AMENDMENTS	Councillors Burris, Settle, Spracklin, Bonn, and Webber.
JURY LISTS	Councillors Webber, Isenor and Turner.
POOR	Councillors King, Turner, Bonn, Dauphinee and Archibald.
ARBITRATION	Councillors Naugle, Burris, Gates, Evans and Cruikshank.
JAIL	Councillors Myers, Lomas and Settle.

W. A. GATES, Chairman
 GEORGE BURRIS
 M. H. NAUGLE
 NORMAN CRUIKSHANK
 C. R. SPRACKLIN

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that the Report of the Nominating Committee be adopted. Councillor Settle suggested that the adoption of this report be delayed until all Councillors had a copy of the Report. Councillor Settle moved an amendment that Councillors receive copies of the Report before it was adopted. Councillor Webber seconded the amendment.

Councillor Gates pointed out that the Committees recommended by the Committee were essentially the same as last year with only four slight changes. He drew Council's attention to the Committees as published in the annual report last year and noted the changes. The amendment was withdrawn.

The Warden then put the motion that the Report of the Nominating Committee be adopted and declared it carried.

On motion of Councillors Bond and Evans the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

SECOND DAY — MORNING

Thursday, February 26, 1948

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read.

The Clerk reported that there were no copies of the Health Act available at present as they were out of print.

Councillor Settle asked to have his name withdrawn as a member of the Committee on Insane. Councillor Myers said that he would withdraw from the Jail Committee unless there was a basis of remuneration similar to other working committees. Councillor Naugle questioned whether members could withdraw when the Report of the Nominating Committee had already been adopted. Councillor Settle pointed out that he had requested to be relieved of duties on the Insane Committee before the adoption of the Report.

At the request of Councillor Settle the Solicitor outlined in general the duties of the various committees as stated in the by-laws.

Councillor Gates said that he believed that the Committee on Insane had very important duties to perform particularly in the present year. Councillor Settle said that he did not wish to act on a Committee which had no real function and become a "rubber stamp". Councillor Gates said that the question of insane had a very important bearing at the present time on the financial relations between the Province and the Municipalities.

Councillor Settle recalled that a year ago he had urged that the chairman of the Committee on Insane be a member of the Tenders and Public Property Committee because of the close relationship between the problems of the insane and the administration of the County Home. Councillor Naugle disagreed with Councillor Settle on this point, declaring that in his opinion both Committees had important but separate duties to perform.

On the request of Councillor Naugle the Clerk read sections of the by-laws under which the Tenders and Public Property Committee operates. Councillor Spracklin was of the opinion that all committees had important duties to perform. Councillor Chisholm said that he would be sorry to see Councillor Settle withdraw. Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked Councillor Settle to reconsider.

Councillor Burris maintained that there was a distinct difference between the functions of the Tenders and Public Property Committee and the Committee on Insane and quoted from the by-laws, to support his opinion.

Councillor Settle again questioned the Solicitor on the duties of The Committee On Insane and then asked Council to have his name withdrawn as a member of the Committee.

Councillors Evans and Turner moved that the minutes of the previous day's session be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Naugle moved that Councillor Cruikshank be placed on the Committee on Insane as chairman, replacing Councillor Settle who has resigned from the Committee. Carried.

Warden Dowell said that it would be in order to take up the reports of Dr. MacKinnon, which had been put over until the Solicitor could be present. Councillor Settle briefly outlined the health case that had occurred in his District to the Solicitor. Councillor Burris questioned the Solicitor regarding outbreaks of infectious diseases. Mr. Fielding said that he wished to check the Act before giving a reply.

Councillors Turner and Burris moved that the Reports of the Municipal Health Officer and Jail Surgeon be received and filed. Carried.

Referring to by-laws the Warden told Council that he felt there was special work that the Committee this year could do as there were many proposed amendments.

Councillors Gates and Naugle moved the following notice of motion.

"That the by-laws be amended to provide for payment of Councillors in accordance with the following proposed by-law: Chapter 22, Payment of Councillors.

"The members of the Council including the Warden shall be paid a remuneration of Three Hundred Dollars for their actual attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Council and in the event of there being a special meeting of the Council shall be paid at the rate of Ten Dollars per day for each day's actual attendance at such special meeting.

"The members of any Committee of the Council shall be paid at the rate of Five Dollars per day for each days actual attendance at meetings of such committee.

"The Warden and Councillors shall in addition to such salary and remuneration be paid an allowance for travel at the rate of Five Cents per mile for once going to and returning from every regular or special meeting of the Council or of a Committee".

The Clerk read correspondence from C. L. Beazley, K. C., Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding a statement made by the Hon. F. R. Davis, Minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding Provincial-Municipal financial arrangements. The correspondence was referred to the Finance Committee.

Petitions were read from two areas in District 19 requesting the establishment of Pound Districts. Both petitions were referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee.

A letter from Col. S. S. Wright, Fire Marshall, regarding the inspection of school properties in the Municipality was read. The Clerk also read sections from the Act regarding the responsibilities of the Municipality respecting inspections.

The Council engaged in a general discussion of the problems of fire protection from Municipal and District viewpoints. Among Councillors who entered the discussion and told of problems in their particular districts were Councillors Chisholm, Myers, Fraser, Slaunwhite, Burris and Archibald. It was generally agreed that present fire protection services were inadequate, and that there should be an extension and improvement of present services as well as coordination between the Municipality, the Districts and the Department of Lands and Forests.

Councillor Naugle in agreement with Councillor Myers said that the Department of Lands and Forests should be petitioned to provide more fire rangers and fire equipment in the various districts. Councillor Gates outlined the present organization of fire fighting services in District 12 and said that great improvements would be made within the next year if Council gave approval to a capital borrowing of \$60,000. This would be paid from a District rate.

Councillors Lomas and Archibald told of the present set-up of fire fighting services in their Districts and agreed that more should be done. Councillor Archibald said that the district itself was best able to handle this problem. Councillor Lomas said that the Districts needed some financial assistance if a proper fire service was to be provided. Councillor Myers said that it was very important that the fire equipment be given the proper maintenance after it was provided. Councillors Gates and Myers engaged in debate on the recent fire at Fairview, the fire fighting equipment at Fairview and the building by-laws.

Councillor Chisholm agreed with Councillor Myers that equipment was useless unless it was given proper care. Councillor Dauphinee told Council of the problems of fire fighting in his District and as the District was becoming more thickly populated some action would have to be taken very soon. Funds in his District for fire protection were not available at the present time, but he was giving the matter consideration.

On motion of Councillors Evans and Fraser the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON

Thursday, February 26, 1948

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll Called.

The letter from Colonel S. S. Wright, Fire Marshal, which was read at the morning session, was referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter from the Port Wallis Men's Club, stating that the club was particularly interested in the proper development of the community was read. Councillor Settle said that the club members feel the need of proper town planning and guidance and were seeking assistance toward this end. He suggested that all information possible be made available to them. Councillor Settle agreed with the Clerk that some special time could be set aside to hear these problems and discuss them. Councillor Gates outlined briefly the necessary procedure for a District making a capital borrowing to obtain some necessary improvement.

On the advice of Councillors Ferguson and Naugle it was decided that the Clerk write the people interested and invite them to meet with the Town Planning Board and the Public Service Committee on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

A report from Colonel Wright showing the losses of life and property in the Province in the past year was read and filed.

A letter from the Canadian Red Cross Society appealing for funds was referred to the Finance Committee.

A request and a petition from the Conrad Settlement in District 17 to have a road extended and listed was referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee.

A letter from the Halifax County Exhibition officials asking Council for an increased grant was referred to the Finance Committee.

Letters from several County residents applying for a refund of taxes were referred to the Assessment Committee.

A letter from the Halifax North Civic Improvement Association, asking Council to give full support to the establishment of the Vocational School, was read. It was decided that the letter would be laid on the table as the whole matter would be fully discussed later in the session when Mr. E. K. Ford would address the Council.

A letter from the Bedford Branch of the Canadian Legion asking that Council approve a resolution regarding the Bedford Powder Magazine was read. The Warden, Councillors Naugle, Gates and Chisholm spoke in favor of the resolution submitted, stating that the magazine had been a menace to life in the past and that there was possible danger in the future. The advisability of the Council passing a separate resolution of its own was also discussed and it was decided to refer the

whole matter and the Legion's resolution to a committee composed of the following: Warden Dowell, Councillors Settle, Chisholm, Gates, Myers and King.

A letter re assessment notices from W. O. Mason, Tufts Cove, was referred to the Assessment Committee.

A letter from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind was referred to the Finance Committee.

A Petition against the establishment of a closed section at Ship Harbour and a letter signed by Mr. Ross Keating were referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee.

A letter from the Chief Engineer of the Department of Highways was read. The letter listed roads which had been taken over by the Department for maintenance. Councillors Cruikshank, Naugle and Bonn entered the discussion and Councillor King said that she would confer with the Department in connection with the decision not to take over one of the roads in her District. The letter was filed.

A letter from the Spryfield Ratepayer and Community Association asking that the Council give consideration to some by-law that would restrict the hours of children on the streets and public places late at night, was read.

Councillor Gates said that he was opposed to the establishment of any curfew law. Councillor Spracklin told the Council that he believed the Association's intention was to take some steps to curb "rowdiness" and juvenile delinquency. The Solicitor expressed doubt whether a by-law could be passed for one particular community and not apply to the County as a whole. Councillor Burris pointed out the difficulties of enforcing such a regulation. The letter was referred to the Law Amendments Committee.

A resolution passed last June by the Town of New Waterford regarding Dominion-Provincial agreements and affecting Municipalities was filed.

A letter from the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Committee signed by Mr. C. P. Bethune and a telegram sent by Mayor J. E. Ahearn of Halifax to the Hon. C. D. Howe were read by the Clerk. The Warden pointed out that the survey had already been started and the letter and the telegram were filed.

Councillor Naugle asked if the Council intended taking some definite stand on the bridge question. The Warden suggested that a letter of commendation should be sent the Premier of Nova Scotia for making possible the recent bridge survey. On the suggestion of Councillor Settle the matter was referred to the Public Service Committee to prepare an appropriate resolution.

A letter from the Nova Scotia Federation of Home and School Associations re increased grants was read and referred to the School Board and the Finance Committee.

A letter from the Municipality of the County of Lunenburg was read along with an accompanying resolution. This was referred to the Committee on Insane.

Councillors Gates and Turner moved the following notice of motion:

"That the Warden and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to arrange with the Royal Bank of Canada, Spring Garden Road Branch, for an overdraft at such Bank for a sum not exceeding forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) and the Treasurer is authorized to use such overdraft to defray ordinary expenditures of the Municipality during the present year".

Councillors Anderson and Myers moved the following notice of motion:

"That the Warden and Treasurer of the Municipality be authorized to borrow, on behalf of the Municipality, a sum not to exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of paying to the Provincial Treasurer, the taxes payable to him under the provisions of the Highway Act, Chapter 75, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, for the year 1948, and to do such acts as are necessary to effect such a loan".

Councillors Ferguson and King moved the following notice of motion:

"That until the next annual meeting of the Council, the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay all accounts rendered to him or to the Clerk which the Warden and Clerk deem properly payable by the Municipality and do so certify".

The Report of the Jailor was read. Councillors Evans and Turner moved that the Report of the Jailor be filed. Carried.

A resolution re Springvale Avenue in District 12 was read and referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Evans the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

THIRD DAY — MORNING

Friday, February 27, 1948.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

Warden Dowell announced with regret the death of a former Warden of the Municipality, W. W. Peverill. The Warden noted that the late Warden Peverill had rendered 30 years of service to the County of Halifax as a member of the Council. The Council stood for two minutes in silence in respect to the late Warden Peverill.

Councillors Gates and Settle moved that a letter of sympathy and condolence be sent Mrs. W. W. Peverill upon the passing of the late Warden W. W. Peverill. Carried.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Anderson.

A Petition for the establishment of a Pound District in the village of Ketch Harbor was read, and referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee.

The Report of the Board of Appeal was read.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that the Report of the Board of Appeal be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Naugle suggested that the question of remuneration to the members of the Board of Appeal be reviewed and referred to the Finance Committee. Councillor Cruikshank and Councillor Fraser questioned Councillor Naugle on the matter of increased remuneration at the present time, but Councillor Naugle pointed out that he was only asking that the matter be reviewed by the Finance Committee. Councillors Burris and Chisholm also entered the discussion, and in answer to questions the Clerk said that there was a living allowance and travel expenses allowed the Appeal Board while in session.

Councillors Naugle and Ferguson moved that the question of remuneration for the Board of Appeal be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration. Carried.

The Warden appointed the following as members of the Special Committee to study and report on the Hospitals Acts, Councillors Cruikshank, King, Settle, Spracklin and Chisholm.

On motion of Councillors Gates and Isenor the Council adjourned to go into Committee work.

THIRD DAY — AFTERNOON

Friday, February 27, 1948

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The Warden outlined part of the agenda for next week.

Councillor Dauphinee asked that Council give consideration to the problem of transporting school children at lower cost than what children in his District were paying for transportation to Halifax at the present time. He claimed that children were required to purchase more tickets than they were able to use in a month. He felt that some change should be made, and that he had taken the matter up with one of the bus companies. Councillor Dauphinee read correspondence which he had with one of the companies and told of taking the matter up with the Board of Public Utilities. He said that he had not succeeded in obtaining any benefits or reduced rates and felt that this was a matter that should receive Council's attention.

The Warden suggested that it might be advisable to forward some resolution from the Council to the Board of Public Utilities. Councillor Gates said that some improvement should be made in the interest of education and suggested a round table conference of representatives of Council with the bus companies, the Board of Public Utilities and the Department of Education.

In reply to a question, Councillor Lomas said that there were reduced fares for school children travelling on the railways. Councillor Dauphinee, reading a newspaper report, said that school children of Dartmouth travelled free on the ferries when attending higher grades than were available in the town.

Councillor Spracklin felt that the problem of reduced rates for school children was one that would occupy Council's attention in the future and that the matter should be gone into at this session.

Councillor Naugle suggested that before the round table conference was held a Committee of Council should interview the bus company officials.

Councillors Spracklin and Evans moved that a Committee be appointed to meet with the Bus Companies and the Board of Public Utilities and the Department of Education if necessary with reference to rates for school children. Carried.

The Warden appointed the following as members of the Special Committee: Councillors Dauphinee, Fraser and King.

Councillor Gates suggested that as there were several matters of importance to be dealt with by the Constables' Committee and the Finance Committee that Council adjourn for Committee work.

On motion of Councillors Gates and Dauphinee the Council adjourned to go into Committee Work until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

FOURTH DAY — MORNING

Saturday, February 28, 1948

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The Rev. J. D. N. MacDonald of Woodlawn and Mr. J. H. McKichan, president of the Canadian Atlantic Salt Fish Exporters, addressed the Council in the interest of the Canadian Appeal for Children. Mr. MacDonald said that the objective for the rural areas of Halifax County was \$9,300. Mr. McKichan said that there was a general desire on the part of people to contribute to this worthy cause and he hoped that Councillors would do all in their power to assist.

Councillors Chisholm, Gates and Slaunwhite spoke strongly in favor of the Appeal.

Councillor Naugle suggested that Councillors contribute a day's pay to the cause. The Warden thanked both speakers for their addresses and assured them that their appeal would not go unheeded.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved on motion of Councillors Anderson and Gates.

Councillors Gates and Turner moved:

"That the Warden and the Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to arrange with the Royal Bank of Canada, Spring Garden Road Branch, for an overdraft at such Bank for a sum not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) and the Treasurer is authorized to use such overdraft to defray ordinary expenditures of the Municipality during the present year". Carried.

Councillors Anderson and Myers moved:

"That the Warden and Treasurer of the Municipality be authorized to borrow, on behalf of the Municipality, a sum not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for the purpose of paying to the Provincial Treasurer, the taxes payable to him under the provisions of the Highway Act, Chapter 75, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, for the year 1948, and to do such acts as are necessary to effect such a loan". Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and King moved:

"That until the next annual meeting of the Council, the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay all accounts rendered to him or to the Clerk which the Warden and Clerk deem properly payable by the Municipality and do so certify". Carried.

A letter on assessment was referred to the Assessment Committee.

An affidavit, certifying the destroying by fire of retired debentures totaling \$13,500, being an issue of 1934 which matured in 1944, and signed by the Warden, W. J. Dowell, the Deputy Warden, Norman Cruikshank, and the Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. Martin Archibald was read. The affidavit was filed.

Councillor Settle suggested that a printed form for building inspectors which would apply to all building districts in the Municipality be printed and distributed. The Clerk advised Councillor Settle that such forms were now available.

Councillor Fraser spoke of the serious snow problems of the past winter and suggested that Council inquire into future plans of the Department of Highways on policy of snow removal. He referred to the recent storms as the worst in many years and told of the many difficulties in opening up the by-roads in his

District. Councillor Gates complimented the Department of Highways for the splendid service given his District and inquired whether it was possible to utilize District funds for snow removal purposes in case of necessity or emergency.

Councillor Naugle said that the work of the Department of Highways in clearing snow the present winter had been a great improvement over previous years. Councillor Naugle thought it would be unwise to encourage the use of District funds for snow removal purposes.

Councillor Slaunwhite was in favor of "scrapping" the old statute labor act that forced men to shovel snow without remuneration. Councillor Dauphinee said that the Department of Highways had a very difficult season, particularly in the Christmas snow storm but had done an excellent job.

Councillor Ferguson agreed with Councillor Slaunwhite that the old act was out of date, and said that the Department of Highways had made a good start in their new policy of snow removal and hoped that an even better job would be done in the future.

Councillor Myers favored the spending of District money for snow removal in the case of necessity.

Mr. Fielding outlined the history of snow removal in the Municipality over a period of years. He said that the recent storm during the Christmas season had been the most serious in 30 years and paid a tribute to the men in Councillors Fraser Spracklin and Slaunwhite's Districts, who had done so much to open the roads.

Councillor Evans told of the problems of snow removal in his District, stating that several by-roads were closed for 12 days because of the snow. He felt that the road foremen and not the Councillor should have the responsibility of snow removal in the District. The Solicitor stated that under the Act it was a responsibility of the Councillor.

Councillor Gates said that in the case of future emergency he would not hesitate to use District funds for snow removal on some roads where it was necessary to get people to hospital or conduct funerals.

Councillor Fraser thanked Mr. Fielding for the fine cooperation and assistance that he had rendered during the snow crisis at Christmas. Councillor Spracklin was of the opinion that the Department of Highways had done a fine job.

Councillor Gates moved that the Council commend the Department of Highways for its excellent snow removal work. Councillor Dauphinee seconded the motion. The Warden, Councillors Naugle, Evans, Fraser and Ferguson felt that it would not be wise to pass a resolution at the present time. Councillor Settle agreed with Councillor Gates motion.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee then withdrew the motion, Councillor Gates stating that he would commend the Minister of Highways and his staff in a letter of his own.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Spracklin the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday.

FIFTH DAY — MORNING

Monday, March 1, 1948.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillor Chisholm asked Council to consider and approve a borrowing by District 28 of \$5,000 to provide for garbage collection or other improvements necessary in his District. Councillor Anderson was of the opinion that when an amount

of this size was needed a petition signed by a majority of District ratepayers was necessary.

As Councillor Chisholm stated that he had consulted with the Solicitor on the matter the Warden suggested that the advice of Mr. Fielding be secured. Councillor Gates said that the matter could be taken up with the Finance Committee.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read. Councillors Turner and Evans moved that the minutes be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Naugle moved:

"That the By-laws be amended to provide for payment of Councillors in accordance with the following proposed By-laws:

Chapter 22

PAYMENT OF COUNCILLORS

"The members of the Council including the Warden shall be paid a remuneration of Three Hundred Dollars for their actual attendance at the Annual Meeting of the Council and in the event of there being a special meeting of the Council shall be paid at the rate of Ten Dollars per day for each day's actual attendance at such special meeting".

"The members of any Committee of the Council shall be paid at the rate of Five Dollars per day for each days actual attendance at meetings of such committees.

"The Warden and Councillors shall in addition to such salary and remuneration be paid an allowance for travel at the rate of Five Cents per mile for once going to and returning from every regular or special meeting of the Council or of a Committee" Carried.

Mr. E. K. Ford, Director of the Division of Vocational Education, was introduced by the Warden and gave a general review of steps that had been taken since May 2, 1947 up to the present time regarding the establishment of a Vocational School in the County of Halifax. Mr. Ford said that the final establishment of the school was now in sight, and paid a tribute to the work of Dr. F. H. Sexton, Mr. Harry MacDonald, and Mr. W. B. Moriarty for their untiring efforts and their magnificent contribution to the cause of vocational schools.

Mr Ford stated that the cost of building had risen from a total of \$850,000 to \$1,500,000 and the Government had agreed along with the City of Halifax to bear their pro-rata share of the increase. The Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax were also being asked to bear their share of this increase. The County's share would increase from \$6,000.00 to \$9,000.00.

Warden Dowell stated that he was opposed to any suggestion that the size and facilities of the school be cut down to conform to the first estimate.

Councillor Naugle said that he agreed with the Warden and added that it would be unwise to postpone the erection of the school and wait for lower costs of labor and materials.

In reply to a question by Councillor Naugle, Mr. Ford said that the building would be reinforced concrete.

Councillor Lomas asked if there was any guarantee regarding the number of County students who would receive vocational benefits at the school. Mr. Ford

pointed out that he felt this point was assured as the County would have three representatives on the Board. He outlined the administrative setup of the Vocational School, pointing out that there would be accommodation for 900 students.

Councillor Settle asked if there was a shortage of space after the new school was built would men being trained for industrial purposes from the city and town be given preference.

Mr. Ford said that although the school was being erected for 900 there were 1200 "student stations" which could be used in this event. He also pointed out the case of the St. John, N. B. School, and felt that the present estimate was adequate for some years.

Councillor Spracklin praised the vocational training movement and said that he was a resident of St. John at the time of the school building there. He was 100 percent in favor of the school, stating that Halifax City and County was 20-30 years behind the times. He said that Nova Scotia has always been foremost among the provinces in the "export of brains" and felt that a vocational school would tend to discourage such emigration.

Questioned by Warden Dowell, Mr. Ford said that there were 33 vocational schools in the Province of Quebec and 62 in Ontario.

Councillor Ferguson said that there was great need of this type of training in Halifax County and was opposed to waiting another three to five years for lower costs. Councillor Burreis was in favor of the school and questioned Mr. Ford on the area that the new school would serve. Mr. Ford replied that the school would serve the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax.

Questioned by Councillor Cruikshank regarding transportation of students and living allowances, Mr. Ford said the approximate distance would be 25 miles and that students outside this area would receive a cost of living allowance.

Further questioned by Councillor Cruikshank, Mr. Ford said that the building of a vocational school prior to 1939 had been stopped by two factors, the depression and the withdrawal of government grants.

Councillor Archibald asked if the school was not filled to capacity whether the Board would accept students from other counties. Mr. Ford said that he was unable to answer the question at the present time. The Vocational Education Board would have to decide on policy.

Councillor Cruikshank advised that the Council proceed with caution, pointing out that prominent bankers were advising Municipalities to "go slow" on matters of expenditures. He said that he had supported the vocational school last year, but ratepayers of his District would be paying more taxes to support the new High School and Hospital as well as the proposed veterinary assistance. He was opposed to increasing the grant.

Councillor Chisholm pointed out the need of industrial development in the County. He said that skilled workers were essential to industry and that the vocational school could provide such skill and encourage industry to locate here.

Councillor Naugle referred to the building of the County Home. He felt that Council was "too timid", pointing out that the building of the County Home had resulted in benefits which the County could not do without today.

Councillor Burreis said that many people in his District had taken advantage of the shop-mobile service and felt that the erection of a vocational school was an extension of this service.

Questioned by Councillor Burris, Mr. Ford said that the \$9,000 which the Council was asked to provide was an annual grant.

Councillor Settle said that he looked upon the new school as a place to manufacture talent upon which industries depend. He pointed out that the County's contribution was small in comparison to the total cost. He was of the opinion that the Council would be foolish to oppose the \$9,000 grant and "shut ourselves out" of future benefits. Councillor Settle was sure that the school would proceed even if the County failed in its support.

Councillor Slaunwhite said that a new High School in his District and the new Vocational School would mean more taxes and an added burden for his ratepayers

Councillor Fraser predicted great improvements in roads and bus services. He said that he couldn't understand government policy of the past in failing to provide benefits of the type of vocational schools instead of the dole to the unemployed. Such projects could have created necessary employment and the dole would have been unnecessary he said.

Councillor Ferguson said that Council should be greatly concerned with the building of this school and was surprised that Council was not unanimous.

Councillors King and Gates moved:

"That the Warden and Municipal Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the County an Amendment to the Agreement previously executed by the County, dated the twenty-fourth day of February, 1947, covering the proposed Vocational High School for the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax, having the effect of limiting the annual amount which the Province, the City, the Town and the Municipality shall be obliged to contribute toward the annual maintenance, interest and amortization upon the capital cost amounting to a sum not exceeding \$225,000 instead of \$150,000 as in the said Agreement." Carried.

Councillor Dauphinee asked Council to add the name of Councillor Gates to the Special Committee that was working on reduced transportation fares for school children. Council consented and the Warden added Councillor Gates to the Committee.

Councillor Gates said that he intended to move an amendment to the By-laws at a later date regarding blasting in the Municipality. He said that lack of regulations at the present time was causing a serious situation.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Turner the Council adjourned until 2:30 o'clock.

FIFTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Monday, March 1, 1948.

The Council met at 2:30 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillors Evans and Dauphinee moved that the thanks of the Council be extended to the Kiwanis Club of Halifax for its hospitality today. Carried.

The Solicitor Mr. R. M. Fielding advised Council that the date for the annual dinner tendered by himself and the Hon. Geoffrey Stevens, M. L. A. would be on Thursday Evening at 6 o'clock.

Dr. F. R. Davis, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Mr. U. J. Harrington, Com-

missioner, met with the Council for discussion of municipal problems. On motion of Councillors Gates and Turner the Council adjourned to go into Committee of the Whole.

Council reconvened. On motion of Councillors Anderson and Myers the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

SIXTH DAY — MORNING

Tuesday, March 2, 1948.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Fraser.

Councillors Dauphinee and Gates moved that this Council bring to the notice of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities the question of a shorter space of time between the election and swearing in of Municipal Councillors. The suggested time being ten days after the Municipal election. Carried.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank took the chair.

Mr. W. L. Harper, Chairman of the Municipal School Board, gave his annual report.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that the Report of Mr. Harper be received and filed.

Councillor Spracklin inquired regarding the cost of a survey of school section boundaries. Mr. Harper replied that he had no estimate at the present time.

Councillor Burris, a member of the School Board, said that sectional disputes and problems relating to boundaries had occupied a great deal of the time of the Board in the past year. One suggestion was that the problem could be solved by amalgamation of a number of school sections into one. He felt that such a move would mean a great improvement in the field of education.

Councillor Spracklin referred to a problem in his own District where one area was left out of any school section. He pointed out that ratepayers who built in this area were not legally responsible for school taxes.

Mr. Harper said that there were several approaches to a solution of the school section problem in the Municipality. One suggestion was the grouping together of school sections which comprised a new High School area. The ultimate would be one school section for the entire County. But, Mr. Harper emphasized that this problem required a great deal of study and consideration because of the present financial obligations of certain school sections.

Councillor Naugle agreed that the problem was a serious one and one that involved considerable study. He declared that it would be an expensive job to survey all school sections. Councillor Naugle favored "District" school sections and pointed out that at present there was considerable property not assessed in any school section. This resulted in a loss of revenue for school purposes.

Councillor Archibald told of some of the difficulties of defining school sections in his District and felt that some steps should be taken to improve the present situation.

Councillor Dauphinee told of the building of a new school at Boutillier's Point and was critical of the plans and specifications as provided by the Department of

Education. He said that errors and omissions had resulted in an extra cost to the ratepayers of \$2000.00

Councillor Naugle suggested that part of the trouble might be inadequate supervision.

Councillor Myers referred to a serious problem that was confronting the ratepayers of Eastern Passage. Councillor Myers said that the development of the Clark Ruse Aircraft Plant and the influx of Air Force families necessitated the increase of school accommodation. Recent press reports indicated that several hundred new families would locate there in government owned homes. These people would pay only personal property taxes, but would have as much say in regard to capital expenditures as the permanent resident who was a real estate owner. Councillor Myers said his ratepayers might be forced to build a new five room school because of this influx of people.

In reply to a question of Councillor Lomas regarding the number of school inspectors necessary in the County, Inspector Silver said that two curriculum supervisor's were necessary.

Councillor Chisholm agreed with Councillor Myers and asked if the small personal property taxpayer had the same influence on capital expenditures as the heavy real estate taxpayer.

Councillor Myers said that real estate owners could be out-voted and this would mean that the School Section would be put in an awkward position financially

Mr. Silver interpreted the Act to mean that people assessed for personal property had equal status with persons assessed on real estate. He said that the Board had contacted the Central Mortgage Corporation regarding the situation in Eastern Passage, referred to by Councillor Myers.

The Deputy Warden then put the motion that the Report of Mr. Harper be received and filed. Carried.

Mr. B. C. Silver then delivered his Report to the Council as Inspector of Schools for Halifax County.

Warden Dowell complimented Mr. Silver for his Report.

Councillors Settle and Ferguson moved that the Report of Mr. Silver be adopted and thanks be extended him for his excellent presentation. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and King moved that the thanks of the Council be extended Mr. Harper for his splendid Report. Carried.

Councillors Evans and Fraser moved that the Council adjourn until 2.30 o'clock. Carried.

SIXTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 2, 1948

The Council met at 2.30 o'clock. Roll called.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank presided.

The Clerk quoted from Mr. Harper's report his remarks on (1) the descriptions of School Sections, (2) the grant to the Municipal School Board and (3) the inspection of schools for possible fire hazards.

Councillor Gates stated that he was strongly in favor of the establishment of the whole Municipality as one school section and felt that the accomplishment of

this objective was far from impossible. He quoted from the brief of the Municipality of the County of Halifax on Provincial and Municipal relations. He said that he saw some objections, but that a broad attitude would have to be adopted and adjustments made for the great benefit of education in the whole Municipality. He predicted that the day would come when the whole Municipality would comprise one section for all municipal and education purposes.

Councillor Naugle recalled that in connection with Provincial-Municipal relations that the Government was asked to bear 50% of the cost of new school buildings. So far this suggestion has not been acted upon. Councillor Naugle said that the amalgamation of school sections was a great question which required study. He said that he was not prepared to vote on the matter at the present session, or to undertake a survey of all school section boundaries in the Municipality. Councillor Naugle felt that changes would have to come if every child was to receive an equal opportunity for education. He said that he would be favorable to the plan advocated by Councillor Gates if the government would bear 50% of the building costs.

Councillor Gates then quoted from the Provincial brief in connection with Provincial-Municipal relations to support his argument for one school section. He said that the great outcry today from ratepayers was the high capital costs of education and the resulting tax rate.

Councillor Fraser recalled that last session two former councillors opposed the High School plan for the St. Margaret's Bay area.

Warden Dowell noted that Inspector Weir would attend a later session of the Council and speak on the Rural High Schools. He said that favorable opinion in support of the "one section plan" was growing stronger and it did seem ridiculous that there should be 150 school sections in the Municipality existing today. The Warden thought that the whole question should be studied and talked over for a year at least before definite action was taken. He pointed out that there were matters which of necessity must be centralized.

Councillor Gates said that it was not his intention when he introduced the matter to call for a vote at the present time. But the matter should be considered and not forgotten.

Councillor Lomas said that in his opinion all School Sections in each District could become one School Section.

Councillor Myers pointed to the advantages that came with the establishment of the larger school unit some years ago and favored an amalgamation of school sections. He said that the capital expenditures made in various school sections in the past constituted a problem.

Councillor Evans said that if the plan was adopted without careful consideration and adjustment that it would handicap and penalize some sections which had made capital expenditures, built schools and paid their debts. Councillor Evans said that he would have to give the matter further consideration before he would vote on the matter.

Councillor Dauphinee expressed a fear of centralization and questioned whether this centralization would do more harm than good to the school system.

Councillor Burriss said that he was heartily in accord with the principle of a larger section and the benefits that would be achieved. He felt that the new Rural High School plan would bring great benefits and that the enlarging of present school sections would simplify administration. He pointed out that in the next

ten years there might be six or seven rural High Schools and that there was a possibility that these six or seven areas could become single school sections for all purposes.

Councillor Naugle felt that too much was involved to settle the matter at the present time. Even the setting up of one school section per district involved many problems, he said. The whole question of capital expenditures must be fully considered.

Councillor Ferguson felt that the great trouble in accomplishing many things for the general good was selfishness of individuals and communities. He believed that the establishment of one school section for the whole County instead of 150 would be a forward step in education and to the future benefit of the children of the Municipality.

Councillor Burris told the Council that a meeting was held in District 23 last Saturday night and the general consensus of opinion at the meeting was favourable to the amalgamation of school sections in his District.

Councillor Evans said that he had always deplored selfishness and at the same time urged self-reliance in communities as well as individuals. He felt that the strong should help the weak in all matters including the field of education.

Councillor Gates pointed to the education system in Halifax City Schools to support his ideas on school section amalgamation. He felt that if city schools were built in each ward and paid for by the ratepayers of each ward that there would be very inferior schools in some sections of the city. There would be poor schools for some wards and fine schools for others. The same applied to the matter of street paving.

Councillor Gates felt that if the matter of school section amalgamation was brought to the attention of the Provincial Government and the Council definitely favors a solution to the problem, steps might be taken to bring the solution much quicker than we expect. At least the Municipality of the County of Halifax would be leading the way to solve a very grave problem.

Councillor Settle said that he agreed with Councillor Gates. He felt that adjustments would have to be made between all sections which had made capital expenditures as well as those which had not. But he saw no unsurmountable difficulties and was confident that the necessary adjustments could be made. Councillor Settle believed that if the matter was placed before the ratepayers they would support the move. But he cautioned against snap judgments and advocated sound judgment after careful consideration.

Councillor Chisholm said that he was in favor of one section, but agreed with Councillor Settle that adjustments were necessary.

At the request of Councillor Naugle the Clerk told of the Provincial Government's plan in New Brunswick to aid in the improvement of schools and education facilities.

Councillor Spracklin said that the one school section proposal has much to commend itself because of the great administrative improvements which would result as well as a greatly improved educational system.

Councillor Gates pointed to the improvement that would be made by having one rate for the whole county whereas now there were different rates for all sections and a complicated system of billing and collection of taxes in the Municipal Office.

On motion of Councillors Myers and Evans the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SEVENTH DAY — MORNING

Wednesday, March 3, 1948.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved on motion of Councillors Anderson and Turner.

Councillors Dauphinee and Lomas moved that the thanks of Councillors be tendered the Rotary Club for its generous hospitality yesterday at luncheon. Carried.

A letter from the McKenzie Bus Company, suggesting that a time be set for a meeting of bus officials and County representatives regarding lower transportation rates for school children, was read. The letter was referred to the Special Committee.

Warden Dowell told Council that representatives of the Port of Halifax Club would be present at this afternoon's session.

A petition of residents of Tufts Cove requesting various services was referred to the Public Service Committee.

Councillor Settle brought up the matter of the City Market and stated that accommodation in the building was at present inadequate. He called for a free expression of Council opinion on the market problem, which was confronting the City of Halifax as well as the Municipality. He told of recent meetings with city officials as well as previous conferences with the Department of Agriculture. Councillor Settle said that the city was at least morally bound to provide "adequate" accommodation. The difficulty at present was that the County had no part in the administration of the market. He said that the Market Committee had been endeavouring to get a satisfactory working agreement with the City but this had been found impossible. Councillor Settle declared that market facilities were important to the people of the County and its importance to the citizens of Halifax was being underestimated.

Councillor Settle said that the constant inquiry of the city seemed to be "What is the County prepared to do financially" to support an improved market. The city officials had suggested a joint meeting of County and City representatives along with the Provincial Government.

Councillor Gates gave a brief review of the history of the City Market and felt that there had been a tendency on the part of the city to try and escape from their obligations in this regard. Councillor Gates stressed that any facilities provided at the market should be for County residents only. He believed the suggestion that had been thrown out by Councillor Settle that the Council consider financial assistance had considerable merit. Councillor Gates said it was the apparent intention of the City Council to let the present market fall down as it had made no provision for repairs to the building in the 1948 estimates.

Councillor Naugle told Council of the meetings of the Market Committee with City representatives and the Department of Agriculture. He held little hope at the present time that the government would assist financially. Councillor Naugle felt that Councillor Settle was premature in introducing the matter as it should be dealt with by Council after the Committee had reported.

Councillor Settle as Chairman of the Committee said that his only purpose in introducing the matter was to get an expression of opinion from as many councillors as possible. As it was useless to negotiate with the City unless the

support of the Council was assured and the Committee knew how far it could go in these negotiations.

Councillor Myers declared that the City had a definite obligation and he believed that the obligation was more than "moral" because the city could not dispose of the present building unless another was provided.

Councillor Settle agreed with Councillor Myers on this point, stating that the legislation requires the city to provide adequate accommodation. Councillor Settle reviewed the history of the market from the time it was established on the site of the present Post Office building.

Councillor Evans said that he was heartily in accord with Councillor Settle on the matter and as a member of the Committee would appreciate an expression of opinion so that the Committee could be guided in its future negotiations with the city and Provincial Governments.

In reply to a question of Councillor Lomas, Councillor Settle stated that accommodation for primary producers in the City Market was definitely inadequate.

Referring to a question by the Warden, Councillor Gates told of other cities and towns which provided the farmers and other primary producers with market facilities. These towns considered it "good business" to provide facilities that brought the county people to the city, provided produce for the city householders and business for the city merchants.

Councillor Naugle said that the city complained that the present arrangement was unfair to the city and the city was seeking some plan of financial assistance from the Municipality. He again suggested that the discussion be put off until the Committee had completed its work and brought in a report.

Councillor Fraser said that he was strongly in favor of improved market facilities for the country people and suggested that their business could be greatly expanded and improved by proper display of their wares.

The Warden suggested that the matter be put over until the Committee reported, but Councillor Settle said that the discussion would give some guidance to the work of the Committee.

Councillor Settle moved that the question of the City Market and improved facilities be referred to the Public Service Committee. Councillor Spracklin disagreed with the motion stating that there was no need of two committees working on the same project. He suggested tackling the matter in a business like way. There was no seconder to Councillor Settle's motion.

Councillor Settle then suggested that the Warden add other Councillors to the present Market Committee and Councillor Naugle agreed with the suggestion.

Councillor Ferguson said that several members of Council were out of order and had spoken on the same question several times. He suggested that the Committee complete its work and make its recommendations to Council.

Councillor Gates, referring to the matter of Provincial-Municipal relations said that the Government was granting money to the Municipal Treasury and was asking what the Council was doing to provide additional and necessary services for the people. Councillor Gates suggested that the marketing of country produce was a very important service, which the Council should seriously consider.

In reply to a question by Councillor Archibald the Solicitor reviewed the history of the City Market, and stated that, speaking as a member of the Legislature, that the best course for Council was to take before the government a definite plan on what should be done to improve the market.

Councillor Gates agreed with Mr. Fielding, and suggested that the Market Committee and the City again meet and try to arrive at some working arrangement that would be agreeable to both parties.

Warden Dowell added the names of Councillors Gates and Myers to the Market Committee to act with Councillors Settle, Naugle and Evans.

On motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Lomas the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

SEVENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 3, 1948.

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The Warden introduced Capt. G. P. Elliott, Mr. P. R. DeWolf, and Mr. Arnold Whitworth, representing the Port of Halifax Club.

Captain Elliott, the president, told Council that the Port of Halifax Club had begun an ambitious project to improve the Port of Halifax and build up its business. He said that for many years various citizens and organizations had endeavoured to improve port facilities and conditions by requests to their government representatives. What the Port of Halifax Club proposed was that Halifax take definite action by the appointment of a capable port freight solicitor.

Captain Elliott said that citizens and organizations in general were strongly in favor of such a move including the mayor of Halifax, the Department of Industry, and business firms of the city. To date the move had been financially supported and \$49,500 was assured. The objective \$150,000 which would assure the appointment of a first class man for this plan would enable the project to be carried on for a period of five years. If success was achieved the plan would undoubtedly be carried forward beyond this period.

Captain Elliott said that any support the County Council gave this undertaking would be appreciated.

Mr. DeWolf, the secretary of the club, stated that the Port of Halifax Club would contribute at least \$1,000 annually. Mr. Whitworth spoke in favor of Council backing the plan financially as the Municipality as a whole stood to benefit by the expansion of port business.

Councillor Chisholm endorsed the remarks of the speakers and said that the success of the undertaking would mean great benefit to the city, town and county as a whole.

Councillor Gates, speaking as chairman of the Finance Committee, pointed out that if it was the desire of the Council to contribute it would be necessary to secure legislation.

On motion of Councillors Gates and Naugle the Council adjourned to go into Committee work until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

EIGHTH DAY — MORNING

Thursday, March 4, 1948.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved on motion of Councillors Naugle and Spracklin.

Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that the same Committee that looked after the County Home treat last year, Councillors Spracklin and Archibald, be reappointed this year. Carried.

Councillors Myers and Naugle moved that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare legislation to be presented to the next session of the Legislature to revise the boundaries of Districts 13 and 28 by transferring to District 13 that portion of District 28 lying between the northern line of property of Imperial Oil Limited and a line eastward in extension thereof and the boundaries at present of District 13. Carried.

The Deputy Warden Cruikshank presided and introduced Dr. H. D. Smith, president of the Nova Scotia Research Foundation.

Dr. Smith spoke in brief of the history of research in the Province of Nova Scotia from 1936 when an organization was formed to study the economic problems of the province. Dr. Smith said that results were achieved, but that the organization was interrupted in its work in 1939 when personnel left for other fields to aid directly in the war effort.

Dr. Smith pointed out by illustration that tremendous things can be achieved in the field of research to aid industrial development and the putting to use many of the natural products of the province.

Dr. Smith said that the Foundation was engaged at present in projects that directly concerned forestry, fishing, mining and agriculture.

Among Councillors who praised the address of Dr. Smith and directed questions regarding development and improvement of economic conditions were Councillors Gates, Chisholm, Dauphinee, Settle, Fraser, Slaunwhite and Spracklin.

Councillors Gates and Chisholm moved that a hearty vote of thanks be extended Dr. Smith for the excellent and informative address presented to the Council. Carried.

On behalf of the Council, Deputy Warden Cruikshank expressed Council's appreciation to Dr. Smith and Councillors gave further expression to this appreciation with applause.

On motion of Councillors Myers and Bonn the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

EIGHTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 4, 1948.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The Clerk read a letter from a group of ratepayers of Spryfield and a resolution favouring the change of boundaries between Districts 11 and 12. Maps were distributed to illustrate the proposed changes.

Councillor Gates explained the resolution and described in detail the proposed changes as illustrated on the map. Councillor Gates said that he had been advised that a petition opposing this change was now being circulated in his District. He did not know at the present time the strength of the opposition but suggested that Council defer the matter until more information had been obtained or a petition presented.

In reply to Councillor Naugle, Councillor Gates said that the change concerned the District boundary line as it now exists between Districts 11 and 12.

Councillor Myers asked if this was the same resolution which had been discussed and passed at a meeting of ratepayers a few days ago and reported in the press. Councillor Gates replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Gates said that although he was not personally in favour of the change he would not oppose the revision in boundaries if the majority favored it and the change was beneficial to the District.

Councillor Spracklin told Council of the meeting held recently in Spryfield when the matter was discussed and voted on. He said that he would favor the resolution if the majority required it. In view of the opposition that had developed he also suggested that the letter and the resolution be laid on the table and dealt with at a later date. He thought that a plebiscite would be necessary to settle the matter.

Councillor Myers suggested that this matter should be settled by the Districts concerned before referring the matter to Council.

On motion of Councillors Myers and Bonn the Council adjourned to go into Committee work and to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

NINTH DAY — MORNING

Friday, March 5, 1948.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved on motion of Councillors Ferguson and Turner.

Councillors Gates and Burris moved that:

"That this Council in accordance with the request of Bedford Branch No. 95 of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League do urge upon the Dominion Government the appointment of an Independent Civilian Commission with authority to employ Civil Explosive Experts and call any witnesses and report on whether the area at or near Bedford, now occupied as a Naval Magazine, is a suitable location for such Magazine, having regard to the populated area adjacent thereto; whether adequate precautions are provided for against danger within the Magazine and whether precautionary measures are being properly carried out; whether adequate defence against either air attack or civilian airplane accident is provided for such Magazine and whether its continued use and extension is consistent with safety to the nearby communities." Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Ferguson moved that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered the Hon. Geoffrey Stevens, M. L. A. and Mr. R. M. Fielding, K. C., M. L. A. for their generous hospitality last evening. Carried.

The Hon. F. R. Davis, Minister of Health, introduced Dr. W. A. MacIntosh, representative in Canada of the Rockefeller Foundation, who had completed a survey in the interest of public health in various parts of Nova Scotia.

Present in the Council Chamber were representatives of the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth, Mayor J. E. Ahearn, Mayor A. C. Pettipas, Councillors Albert Nichols and A. L. Mattatall.

Dr. MacIntosh told Council of the survey that had been conducted in the city, town and county and stressed the need for improved organization of health services to take care of the needs of all three units of municipal government. He said that the purpose of the survey had been to obtain information on which to base plans to meet the health needs of the metropolitan area. Dr. MacIntosh said that the problems confronting the fringe areas of the city and town were particularly urgent.

Dr. MacIntosh outlined several plans that had been considered in the survey and told of the basic considerations necessary for the achievement of proper results in any plan. He outlined briefly the present health organization that existed in the Municipality today and termed it "unsatisfactory."

Dr. MacIntosh said that the two plans which would serve most satisfactory to improve health service would be (1) the establishment of a Metropolitan Board of Health with jurisdiction in the city, town and fringe areas or a further extension of this to include the whole of the County of Halifax, (2) a Plan that would cover the whole of the Province.

He recommended that the City, Town and County be combined for purposes of public health and that a joint board be created with adequate authority and that the financial resources of the three be pooled to provide a more adequate and economical service.

In reply to a question by Councillor Gates, Dr. MacIntosh said that he believed either the Provincial Plan or the City, Town and County Plan would be satisfactory.

Councillor Chisholm inquired if there was any assurance that the Department of Health of the Province would aid in either of the plans.

On the request of the Warden, Mayor Ahearn explained that he had come to listen and to seek information. He was interested in what the cost would be to the taxpayers of the city and that a decision would be made at a later date. He felt that if anything was to be achieved it would come through cooperation of Halifax Dartmouth and the County. Mayor Ahearn said that he favored a Metropolitan Health Board and that the chairman of such a board should be a representative of the people.

Mayor Pettipas of Dartmouth said that the town was vitally concerned in the matter of public health and that the financial considerations were very important. He agreed that all three municipal governments along with the Provincial Government must work together. He hoped that the Province would contribute generously to the Plan as it is to the benefit of all and the Department of Health is directly and vitally concerned with the health of all Nova Scotians. He expressed himself as favourable to the Metropolitan Plan.

Dr. F. R. Davis said that it was not the intention of his Department to "railroad" the municipal governments into any plan and pointed out that the survey is not a "directive" to municipal governments but advice. He said that all parties were agreed that there was a great need of improvement in public health and sanitary facilities and stressed the need for immediate action.

Dr. Davis said that the Steering Committee as mentioned in the Survey Report should be representative of the City, Town and County and not appointed by the Governor in Council. He suggested that some definite authority should be delegated Council's representatives on the Committee. In reply to Councillor Chisholm Dr. Davis declared that the Government would cooperate.

Councillor Gates moved that two members of Council be appointed by the Warden with direction from the Council to serve on a Steering Committee, composed of representatives of the City, Town and County. The motion was not seconded.

Councillor Cruikshank said that the City and Town may not agree with the number of representatives as mentioned by Councillor Gates. Councillor Naugle said that the matter should be given further study by the Council and that although he was not in favor of delaying the matter unnecessarily he felt that the matter required considerable study.

Councillor Gates said that he was agreeable to full consideration, but stressed the importance of urgency in the matter of public health.

Councillor Settle said that the establishment of any service to improve health service in the Municipality was a big step and agreed with Councillor Naugle that the matter should receive further study.

Councillors Settle and Naugle moved that the matter of any change in the administration and improvement in Public Health in the Municipality be referred to the Committee of the Whole. Carried.

Mr. Fielding questioned by the Warden, said that he believed two steps were necessary, (1) Council should decide whether it wanted any cooperative scheme and (2) decide whether the plan should include the metropolitan area only or the whole County. He suggested that the next step might be for a Committee, representatives of all three Councils and the Provincial Government meet and formulate some plan and make some definite recommendation to their respective Councils. Because of the urgency of the health question and because the Council would adjourn shortly it would be necessary to hold a special session if any Plan was to be put in operation this year.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Fraser the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

NINTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Friday, March 5, 1948.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillors Fraser and Spracklin moved that Council adjourn to go into Committee of the Whole. Carried.

The Council reconvened. Roll called.

Councillors King and Dauphinee moved that this Council place itself on record as favouring some proposition that will improve health conditions in this Municipality, provided this can be accomplished within our financial means; and that a Committee be appointed to meet with similar committees from the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth and the Provincial Health Department to discuss the matter, outline a plan of action and prepare an estimate of the probable cost, to be submitted to this Council at a special or adjourned session. Carried.

Warden Dowell said that he would appoint this Committee when he had given the matter consideration.

On motion of Councillors Settle and Evans the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

TENTH DAY — MORNING

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved on motion of Councillors Anderson and Lomas.

The Financial Statement was taken up and the Clerk explained various items of the Statement and answered questions of Councillors, pertaining to municipal finance.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Evans the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday.

ELEVENTH DAY — MORNING

Monday, March 8, 1948.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Bonn and Ferguson.

Referring to the adoption of a resolution that the boundary between Districts 13 and 28 be changed, Councillor Chisholm felt that this was not the proper procedure. He was of the opinion that the people of the Districts concerned should be consulted by a plebiscite. Councillor Chisholm said that he was doubtful that members of Council would support him but he would seek redress at a later date.

Councillor Chisholm moved that the resolution regarding the boundary between District 13 and 28 be rescinded. There was no seconder to the motion.

Warden Dowell declared that he did not agree with Councillor Chisholm when he said that the change in District lines in Spryfield and Woodside were similar. The Warden said that in the case of Woodside a serious loss of revenue to the Municipality was involved. This was not the case in Spryfield. Warden Dowell said that the loss of a section of District 28 would be a severe financial blow to the Municipality and a benefit to a very small portion of the Municipality as a whole.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Lomas the Council adjourned to go into Committee work and visit the County Home until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

TWELFTH DAY — MORNING

Tuesday, March 9, 1948

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Spracklin and Isenor.

Invitations to the opening of the Nova Scotia Legislature, forwarded to Council by the Hon. Geoffrey Stevens, M. L. A., were distributed to Councillors.

Councillor Slaunwhite strongly protested a report, published in a Halifax newspaper, which he declared reflected on the County Constables. Councillor Slaunwhite stated that the article implied that the constables were going out "armed with clubs" to collect taxes.

The Report of the Tenders and Public Property Committee was read. The Deputy Warden presided.

Councillors Evans and Dauphinee moved that the Report of the Committee on Tenders and Public Property be adopted.

Councillor Naugle pointed out that the Report suggested that an extension to the present accommodation of the County Home be considered by the Council. Councillor Naugle said that it was the opinion of the Committee that present accommodation be enlarged by raising the wings of the Home to three storeys. The estimated cost would be \$175,000.

Councillor Naugle said that such a proposed expansion would give necessary accommodation for the staff, further segregation of patients, and additional accommodation for all types of patients.

Questioned by Councillor Turner as to the cost of the extension Councillor Naugle said that the estimate was \$175,000. This figure was obtained about three months ago from an architect.

In reply to a question by Councillor Lomas, Councillor Naugle said that the enlarged Home would improve the "segregation" problem which was confronting the Committee, officials and staff.

Councillor Anderson asked if the present County Home structure would carry the additional storey. Councillors Naugle and Gates replied in the affirmative.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said that the Committee had been unable to obtain a definite estimate, but the \$175,000 estimate was based on a cost plus contract.

Councillor Gates stated that if segregation of patients was improved at the Home to meet the requirements of the Department of Health that the board for old age pensioners would be increased to \$30 a month. Councillor Gates said that the present County Home is a great credit to the Municipality and one of the finest in all Canada. But Councillor Gates said that the institution was "bulging at the seams" and the proposed expansion was essential.

Councillor Settle questioned whether to conform with segregation requirements it was necessary to erect a separate building. He also inquired about rates of interest if money was borrowed at the present time.

Councillor Gates in reply to Councillor Settle stated that expansion of the present building would meet these requirements and that it was a very favourable time to borrow money for such a capital expenditure.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank informed Council that at the present time the Home was receiving \$16 per month as board for old age pensioners. Councillor Slaunwhite questioned as to the number of these patients at present in the County Home. He doubted whether there were sufficient to make any great difference in the revenue.

Councillor Naugle stated that he expected to see legislation introduced at the coming session of the Legislature, which would provide pensions for mentally deficient old age people. Deputy Warden Cruikshank said that he believed that between 40 and 45 patients at the Home were receiving the pension at the present time.

Councillor Spracklin spoke in favor of the extension of present accommodation at the Home to care for the staff and patients. In reply to a question regarding materials, Councillor Gates said that he believed that the necessary materials would be available this summer.

Councillor Gates said that if at a later date the Provincial Government decided to aid financially in the construction of adequate Homes for the Municipalities of the Province he would expect the Government to reimburse the County of Halifax in some way for the large expenditures it had made to care for its people.

Councillor Dauphinee said that he was in favor of the proposed extension and agreed with the Committee that the County Home was self liquidating.

Councillors Myers questioned how many patients at the County Home were "boarders" from other Municipalities. He asked whether it was good business to spend \$175,000 for expansion rather than tell other Municipalities that Halifax County was unable to care for their people. Councillor Gates and Councillor Naugle said that the outside patients have fully paid their way and that the Committee considered that it was "good business" and that the County Home was being improved.

Councillor Spracklin was of the opinion that accommodation should be improved for the staff as well as the patients. He pointed out the necessity of a staff having a suitable recreation room. Councillor Gates said that the Committee had difficulty in holding a staff at the institution because of the distance from entertainment and shopping centres and lack of transportation facilities. He felt that improved staff quarters and recreation facilities would aid in the solution of these problems.

Councillor Burris said that he was in favor of the expansion suggested by the Committee. He felt that it was unfair that old age people who were mentally deficient were cut off from old age pension benefits.

Councillor Slaunwhite expressed doubt that it is paying the Municipality "to keep boarders" from other Municipalities.

Councillor Evans agreed that there was a necessity to enlarge the institution. He pointed out that there were approximately 290 patients at the Home which was designed for 240. He felt that it was "good business" to add to present accommodation and believed that Council would back the Committee in its proposal.

In reply to a question, Mr. Hattie said that there were 31 patients from Antigonish and 36 from the Town of Dartmouth and others from other municipalities who were paying board at the County Home.

Warden Dowell said that he was of the opinion that the move was sound financially. Other Municipalities had not built similar institutions because they were not in a position financially to do so. Warden Dowell paid a tribute to the work of the Home's medical officer, Dr. Lamont.

Councillor Chisholm believed that it was possible that Antigonish would build a Home in the future but not the Town of Dartmouth.

Councillor Ferguson said that it was gratifying to him to note the favourable remarks of Councillors to the proposed expansion. He recalled that at the time when the building of the County Home was proposed the opinion of Council as a whole was not as favourable. Councillor Ferguson said that he was in favour of expanding and improving the Home.

Councillor Settle felt that the Warden's praise of Dr. Lamont and the improvement of the bus service at the Home should be contained in the Report. Council agreed and the necessary additions were made to the Report.

Councillor Fraser said that he was very proud that Halifax County had such a fine institution as the County Home, and felt that the time had come to make further improvements.

Councillor Lomas said Councillors understood the need of expansion and asked if another resolution was necessary. The Deputy Warden said that another resolution was necessary following the adoption of the Committee's Report.

Councillor Anderson said that he was heartily in accord with the favourable opinions expressed by Councillors regarding the expansion. Councillor Spracklin referring to the Councillors' visit to the Home yesterday, praised the Home and its staff.

The motion that the Council adopt the Report of the Tenders and Public Property Committee was then put by the Deputy Warden and declared carried.

In reply to a question by Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Councillor Naugle said that as a member of the Tenders and Public Property Committee, he would favour a straight contract, not a "cost plus contract". Warden Dowell agreed and felt that it would be possible for the Committee to get such a contract.

Councillor Gates said that few people realize the great amount of time that Councillor Naugle had devoted to both the building of the Home and its operation over the past years. He felt that a deep debt of gratitude was owing Councillor Naugle by the whole Municipality for the service he had rendered. Warden Dowell endorsed the remarks of Councillor Gates.

Councillor Evans praised the work of both Councillor Naugle and Warden Dowell as members of the Tenders and Public Property Committee.

Councillors Lomas and Dauphinee moved the following notice of Motion:

"That the Council accept as a Notice of Motion the following resolution to be proceeded with on a later day namely: **RESOLVED** that the Tenders and Public Property Committee be authorized to engage an architect to prepare plans and specifications for adding additional stories to each of the two wings of the Halifax County Home and Mental Hospital building so bringing the building to three stories throughout and to call for tenders for such work with authority to accept any tenders therefor approved by, the architect and in an amount approved by the Committee."

"**FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs to approve a capital borrowing for such purpose by this Municipality in the amount of any tender approved by the Committee."

On motion of Councillors Evans and Dauphinee the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

TWELFTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 9, 1948

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillors Turner and Gates moved:

"That whereas in 1930 the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Company Limited proposed the construction of a bridge across Halifax Harbour, and this Municipality together with the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth, each agreed to guarantee their proportionate share of the bonds of the Company, provided the Governments of Canada and Nova Scotia guaranteed their share as proposed;

"And whereas that enterprise did not proceed largely because the then Federal Administration was unwilling to participate;

"And whereas the public are demanding construction of such a bridge and public authorities are investigating the same;

"Therefore this Council doth declare its belief in the importance of the early construction of a bridge across Halifax Harbour and its willingness to do its proportionate part towards such a project, along with other interested Governmental authorities."

Councillors Cruikshank and Lomas questioned the final paragraph of the resolution, stating that they believed that the resolution was committing the Council financially when too little was known as to the extent of the obligation.

Councillor Gates replied that the building of a bridge and the passing of the resolution would not cost the taxpayers of the Municipality one cent. He declared that the bridge would be a toll bridge and would be self liquidating. The County would back the bond issue along with the Dominion and Provincial governments, the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth. Such backing would in no way reflect in the tax rate.

Councillor Burris urged caution in adopting the resolution along with Councillor Naugle, stating that the resolution may be letting the Council in for something it knows little about at the present time.

Councillor Gates, reading from the minutes of a special meeting of the Council in 1930, pointed out that the Municipal Council at that time agreed to its proportionate share as 1/20 and passed a similar resolution. He felt that with the great need of a bridge the Council today could go at least as far as the Council 18 years ago.

Councillor Cruikshank suggested a change in the final paragraph of the resolution to the effect that Council was in favor of the bridge, but was not prepared to make a commitment until some plan had been worked out.

Councillor Fraser felt that the Council should take a decisive step, pointing out that the governments of the past had been too hesitant to take steps that would result in economic benefits for the people.

Councillor Lomas said that the Quebec-Levis and the Detroit-Windsor bridges had been built and paid for wholly by the Dominion Government. He believed that the Dominion Government should make its stand known and what it would contribute financially. He said that the Dartmouth Ferry Commission was to blame for an inadequate ferry service.

Councillor Settle pointed out that anything that was worth while, cost something in either effort or money. The bridge was long overdue, he said, and the Department of Highways long ago should have initiated a move to build a bridge as an essential part of the Highways program in Nova Scotia. Councillor Settle agreed with Councillor Gates that the bridge would be self liquidating and in the final analysis would cost the ratepayers nothing. He pointed out that property values would be enhanced, a great transportation service would be provided, and a worthwhile project of work provided by the building of a bridge.

Councillor Naugle declared that there were many things to consider, and first among many things was the fact that Council should not commit itself before some definite plan was worked out.

Warden Dowell told Council that a bridge would open up many opportunities and make it possible for ratepayers to make a living and to pay their taxes. He pointed out that in three months of a depression year, \$35,000 in relief alone had been expended in the Municipality, plus what had been expended by Poor Districts the same year.

Councillor Gates felt that if the resolution was weakened by changing the final paragraph it would only mean that the Council was in favor but not in favour of really doing anything about it. Councillors Settle and Fraser agreed with Councillor Gates.

Councillor Archibald said that he was in favor of a bridge but suggested that Council proceed cautiously until the stand of the Dominion and Provincial Governments was known.

Councillor Ferguson said that when the Council in 1930 had passed a resolution a definite plan had been presented along with facts and figures. He felt that the same procedure should be adopted this time. He said that he was strongly in favour of a bridge. Councillor Burris agreed with Councillor Ferguson.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank maintained that Council had no assurance that the bridge would be self liquidating and able to pay its way without direct support. Councillor Chisholm said that the County had undertaken new obligations this year and would be called upon to support other matters financially. He urged that Council go slow.

Councillor Slaunwhite agreed with Councillor Gates that the bridge would be self liquidating as a toll bridge.

With the consent of Council the final paragraph of the resolution was changed to read as follows:

"Therefore this Council doth declare its belief in the importance of the early construction of a bridge across Halifax Harbour and its willingness to assist in so far as possible towards such a project, along with other interested Governmental authorities."

The Warden then put the motion and declared it carried.

Councillors Chisholm and Evans moved that:

"That this Council express its disappointment that the Shell Oil Company were unable to find a suitable site on Halifax Harbour for an industrial development other than one adjoining the Nova Scotia Hospital property at Woodside in this Municipality.

"FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council express its approval of the action of the Minister of Public Health and Welfare in safe-guarding the patients of such Hospital from any danger or threat of danger from the proposed development.

"FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council invite the Government of Nova Scotia to study the industrial needs of the Port of Halifax and the availability of sites on the Harbour front for likely industrial enterprises with a view to determining if it is not in the public interest to remove the Nova Scotia Hospital from its present location and make available that site for industrial purposes." Carried

On motion of Councillors Gates and Dauphinee the Council adjourned to go into Committee of the whole for the purpose of discussing certain matters re the Constables Report.

Council reconvened. Roll called.

On motion of Councillors Settle and Ferguson, Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

THIRTEENTH DAY — MORNING

Wednesday, March 10, 1948

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Anderson and Evans.

The Report of Dr. Charles Lamont, Medical Officer for the County Home was read.

Councillors Naugle and Ferguson moved that the Report of Dr. Lamont, Medical Officer for the County Home and Mental Hospital be received and filed. Carried.

The Auditors Report signed by Mr. F. E. Smith, C. A. and W. A. Stech, C.A., was read.

Councillors Naugle and Slaunwhite moved that the Report of the Auditors be adopted. Carried.

The Financial Statement was taken up. The Clerk answered various questions by Councillors pertaining to the Report.

The Report of the Committee on County Planning was read.

Councillors Gates and Spracklin moved that the Report of the County Planning Committee be adopted.

In reply to a question by Councillor Naugle, Councillor Gates said that the cost of planning was borne by the Municipality.

Councillor Slaunwhite asked what the \$2500 asked for by the Committee for next year would pay for. Councillor Gates said that this was for the operation of the board including the services of Mr. George Bates, the planning consultant. The Clerk pointed out that there was a reserve of \$2,189.42 from last year and shown in the Financial Statement.

In reply to Councillor Myers, Councillor Gates said that it would be necessary for Council each year to approve of estimates for County Planning. An approval of the estimate this year in no way bound the Council for annual expenditures.

In reply to Councillor Lomas, Warden Dowell said that each area in the County can come under the provisions of sound planning by adopting the Building Act.

Councillor Fraser predicted a building boom for District 9 and indicated that it was his intention to adopt the Building Act at this session.

Councillor Gates told Council that Dominion Bureau of Statistics showed that 85 per cent of the population of the Municipality was located within a radius of 15 miles of the City of Halifax and Town of Dartmouth.

Councillor Chisholm felt that it would be wise for any District in the County to adopt the Building Act. He said that if the Act had applied 20 years ago the same difficult problems would not exist in Woodside today.

The Warden put the motion that the Committee's Report be adopted and declared it carried.

Mr. Bates addressed the Council on phases of the Town Planning Act and illustrated with maps which he had prepared of the fringe areas.

Among the Councillors who took part in a discussion with Mr. Bates were Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Councillors Settle, Chisholm, Spracklin, Gates and Naugle.

On motion of Councillors Myers and Isenor the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

THIRTEENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 10, 1948

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

At the request of Warden Dowell, Mr. H. N. Nason, inspector at large, and Mr. Harold Weir, Chief Inspector of the Department of Education, addressed the Council.

In brief Mr. Nason reviewed the progress that had been made in the past year toward the establishment of the rural high schools in Nova Scotia. He enumerated the 16 steps necessary before it was possible to open a Rural High School.

Mr. Weir told of the steps that had been taken in the County of Halifax to improve education in the past year, and dealt in particular with the Rural High School projects in the Musquodoboit Valley and the St. Margaret's Bay area. In these areas the preliminary work had been completed, but plans and specifications had not been prepared. The whole project in the province had been delayed for several reasons the shortage of building materials, school equipment, staff and transportation difficulties. He stated that it was the intention of the Department of Education to proceed with the construction of the schools as soon as possible, but cautioned against over optimism as to the date of their opening. He felt that the schools could be in operation by the fall of 1949.

Inspector Weir spoke of the possibility of further high school service to the County, but pointed out that the Musquodoboit and St. Margaret's Bay projects must come first and that following these projects other Counties in Nova Scotia must receive consideration.

Among Councillors who entered into a general discussion on Rural High Schools with Inspector Weir were Councillors Gates, Fraser, Slaunwhite, Dauphinee, Burris, Spracklin and Naugle.

The Chief Inspector commended the Council for its progress at the present session and the progressive steps that they were considering taking in the future. He was particularly interested in the consideration that Council had given to the establishment of larger administrative units for school purposes in the Municipality. He felt that many problems could be solved by such discussion, and suggested that Council consider the establishment of a "Metropolitan School Unit" for the fringe areas of Halifax and Dartmouth.

In reply to a question by Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee regarding a proposal to, make each District a complete school unit, Inspector Weir said that he was not in a position to answer the question without a study of the problem in each particular District. But he felt that the general idea had merit.

Councillor Gates declared that such a step would only be "a half measure." He said that he looked forward to the day when the whole Municipality would become one unit for all school purposes. He felt that this could be accomplished without the elimination of local school trustees or loss of local autonomy. He pointed to the new policy of the Department of Education of assisting in the field of vocational education and the establishment of Rural High Schools. He felt that this policy should be extended to cover all grades. Councillor Gates said that he could think of no better way to spend any money received from Provincial-Dominion agreements than in the field of education, where it would be possible to give every child in the County equal opportunities to obtain an education.

Councillor Naugle declared that there were many problems involved and that the matter would require much study. He felt that a step could be made by establishment of a district or an area as one school section.

Invited by the Warden to address the Council, Mr. W. L. Harper, chairman of the Municipal School Board, said that the time was at hand when it would be necessary to make changes in the present setup of education in the County. He suggested that Council might consider the establishment of complete units for school purposes where a new Rural High School was built. Eventually when the whole County was served with high schools there would be six or seven school sections instead of approximately 150.

Councillors Gates and Fraser moved that a hearty vote of thanks be extended Messrs. Nason, Weir and Harper for addressing the Council today. Carried.

The notice of motion regarding the extension of accommodation of the County Home and Mental Hospital was brought up for discussion.

Councillors Gates and Turner moved that the notice of motion for borrowing for the Halifax County Home and Mental Hospital be amended by adding the words "not to exceed the sum of \$225,000 in any event." Carried.

The motion as amended and adopted reads as follows:

"That the Council accept as a notice of motion the following resolution to be proceeded with on a later day namely: Resolved that the Tenders and Public Property Committee be authorized to engage an architect to prepare plans and specifications for adding additional stories to each of the two wings of the Halifax County Home and Mental Hospital building so bringing the building to three stories throughout and call for Tenders for such work with authority to accept any Tenders therefore approved by the architect and in an amount approved by the Committee.

"Further resolved that this Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs to approve a capital borrowing for such purpose by this Municipality in the amount of any tender approved by the Committee, not to exceed the sum of \$225,000.00 in any event."

The Report of the Committee on Public Services was read.

Councillors Gates and Burris moved that the Report of the Committee on Public Services be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Gates asked the Warden to relieve him of his duties as chairman of the Public Service Committee because of some criticism that had been directed at him by a Councillor a few days ago. The Warden said that Councillor Gates' request would be considered.

Warden Dowell appointed the following as members of the Committee on Municipal Health; Councillors Cruikshank, Spracklin, Ferguson, Burris and King.

The Clerk asked Councillors to complete their lists of District Officers and Board of Health Reports and file them as soon as possible.

On motion of Councillors Evans and Myers the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

FOURTEENTH DAY — MORNING

Thursday, March 11, 1948.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll Called.

On the invitation of the Warden, Councillor Wasson of the Municipality of Cumberland, addressed the Council briefly.

A letter from the Halifax North Civic Improvement Association and a resolution favoring the building of a Vocational School was read. As the Council had already passed a resolution favourable to the Vocational School the letter was filed.

A letter from the Victorian Order of Nurses, Dartmouth Branch, was read, requesting a grant to support its work in the area adjacent to the Town of Dartmouth. The letter was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Clerk read a letter, signed by Judge Carroll, regarding increased remuneration to jurors and improvements to the courthouse.

The Clerk stated that improvement had been made to the courthouse in the past few months. Councillor Gates, speaking on increased remuneration to jurors

and witnesses, said that this was a matter that concerned the Provincial Government and read from the Municipal Brief, which recommended that a scale be fixed by statute and paid by the Province of Nova Scotia.

Warden Dowell felt that this matter was one which would have to wait as Provincial-Municipal financial relations were still in the negotiation stage.

Councillor Naugle was in sympathy with increased remuneration for jurors and witnesses and urged that the matter be not forgotten. The letter was referred to the Finance Committee.

The minutes of the previous days session were read. Councillors Dauphinee and Turner moved that the minutes of the previous day's session be adopted. Carried.

Referring to a newspaper which quoted Councillor Gates as saying that Woodside had not "played ball" with the Municipality by failing to present a petition, Councillor Chisholm asked which had more force a petition or negotiation by a Committee.

The Warden said that a petition signed by ratepayers had more force.

Councillor Chisholm said that he felt that the Woodside Committee had not fallen down in its effort to obtain services.

Warden Dowell declared that it had been pointed out to the Woodside Committee that it was necessary to present a petition.

Councillor Spracklin noted that Councillor Chisholm had fought hard in the interest of his District, and felt that the Council had played fair in its negotiations with the Committee.

Councillor Gates declared that the Woodside Committee had been well aware of the necessary steps, and he reviewed in brief the history of negotiations since the village of Woodside asked that it be a separate District 28 with its own Council representative. When the Committee approached Council for services the Council took necessary action and the Council's Committee re Woodside had made definite recommendations toward this end which was adopted by the Council last session. The services of a competent engineer had been obtained and paid for by the County to make a complete survey. Councillor Gates charged that the Woodside Committee had by-passed the Municipality and prepared a petition which was delivered not to the Municipality but to the Town of Dartmouth.

Councillor Chisholm stated that there were four elements in Woodside, (1) those who wish to join Dartmouth, (2) those who wish to stay within the Municipality, (3) those who wish to incorporate on their own and (4) those who wish to remain exactly as they are.

Councillor Gates read the Report of the Special Committee re Woodside, adopted by the Council March 5, 1947 and contained in last year's Report of Council Proceedings.

Councillor Myers said that it was his opinion on advice from several people in Woodside that the Woodside Committee in circulating the petition to amalgamate with Dartmouth did not go to all homes but only to those favourable to Dartmouth.

Councillor Naugle said that he wished to do what is fair and right where Woodside is concerned. He felt that Council should endeavour to find out if the people want to still do business with the Municipality. He pointed out that only ratepayers, not poll tax payers had a voice in such an issue and urged that any petitions be closely checked.

Warden Dowell said that the matter could not be brought to a definite conclusion without a petition.

Councillor Lomas felt that Woodside, not the Municipality was to blame for any breakdown in negotiations to obtain necessary services. He asked if the Council could set up necessary machinery for a plebiscite.

Councillor Gates said that the people of Woodside themselves were not to blame but the Woodside Committee which had been dominating the situation and confusing the people. Councillor Chisholm agreed with Councillor Gates.

Councillor Burris said that it would appear from the discussion that the Woodside Committee was running the whole matter to suit their own thoughts. He agreed with Councillor Lomas that some effort should be made to obtain the honest opinion of the ratepayers of Woodside.

Councillor Myers moved that a plebiscite be conducted and the whole matter placed squarely before the people of Woodside. Warden Dowell said that before a plebiscite could be held it would be necessary to have a request from a number of ratepayers....

Councillor Settle was of the opinion that the Woodside Committee did not represent a majority of the people of Woodside but represented only their own views and to date had dominated the situation in Woodside.

Councillor Naugle suggested that an independent petition be circulated. Councillor Cruikshank said that it appeared that the Council had been dealing with an unsympathetic committee. Councillor Evans said that there did not seem to be very much opposition in Woodside to amalgamating with Dartmouth.

Councillor Dauphinee noted that all members of the Woodside Committee had received a copy of the Special Committee's Report re Woodside, pointing out the necessity for a petition.

Councillor Gates said that there was considerable opposition building up to the Dartmouth-Woodside amalgamation. He quoted from a Report of the Town of Dartmouth enumerating the conditions under which the town would accept Woodside. The principal condition was that the Imperial Oil Limited property be included.

Councillor Gates also read correspondence which the Municipal Clerk and the Committee had with Mr. R. R. Orr, Secretary of the Woodside Committee.

Councillor Ferguson declared that the Council had spent considerable time and money on the matter and that the Council had done all in its power to assist the people of Woodside.

Councillor Ferguson said that it was now necessary to take every step possible to protect the interest of the whole Municipality by retaining the oil plant property and allowing Woodside to do as they wished.

Councillor Gates pointed out to Council that the County had been fair with the Imperial Oil Company and had helped to foster the industry. He predicted that the Town of Dartmouth would jump the Oil Company property to five millions assessment. A loss of an important section of the County to Dartmouth would mean that the finances of the whole Municipality would be seriously affected. He pointed out that Eastern Passage had problems as well as Woodside and was as much entitled to have the Oil Plant property in District 13 as Woodside had.

Councillor Myers said that years ago the oil plant property was a part of his School Section. He pointed out that each year the assessment of District 13 was dropping because of the purchase of so much property by the Dominion Government.

Councillor Slaunwhite asked if it would be wise to force a petition on the Woodside question. Councillor Gates said that the Council could "encourage it only."

Warden Dowell stated that Councillor Chisholm had been subjected to much undeserved criticism on the matter.

The Report of the Municipal Building Board was read.

Councillors Gates and Naugle moved that the Report of the Municipal Building Board be discussed. Carried.

Councillor Gates said that while he agreed with a large portion of the Report he was not in favor of several clauses. Councillor Gates was critical of the Report for the following reasons: (1) the 50 x 100 lot was too small (2) Building requirements should be favourable to all ratepayers, (3) Buildings should be 30 feet from the street line and (4) it was unnecessary to line chimneys with vitrified clay tiling. He said the Fire Marshal had said the clay tiling was not advisable, and that a double brick chimney was preferable.

On motion of Councillors Fraser and Evans the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

FOURTEENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 11, 1948.

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

On motion of Councillors Spracklin and Evans, the Council adjourned to go into Committee work and to meet tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Councillor Myers said that the County Jail was more of a "lock-up" than a jail and illustrated this point with cases of prisoners who were constantly passing through the jail. He said that he had found conditions in the jail good and the prisoners satisfied.

Dr. MacRitchie said that sanitary facilities were poor and the jail was badly lighted and poorly ventilated. He did not disagree with Councillors Myers and Lomas on jail conditions in general, but felt that the present jail was inadequate.

Questioned by Councillor Naugle regarding the tuberculosis situation in the Province and whether there had been any improvement noted, Dr. MacRitchie said that all institutions were filled to capacity and that there were still many people on the waiting list for beds. He said that he was unable to speak for the Government as to whether more accommodation would be provided.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that the Report of Dr. MacRitchie be received with gratification as it shows that the dreaded disease of tuberculosis is gradually being brought under control. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Chisholm moved that this Council reaffirm its decision of the past session that it is ready, willing and anxious to install water and sewerage facilities in Woodside as soon as the source of water supply is determined and the required petition is received from Woodside by a majority of the ratepayers as required by Statute, and provided it is financially feasible to the satisfaction of said ratepayers. Carried.

The Building Inspector's Report for District 12 and District 28 were read. Warden Dowell commended the Inspector of District 12 for a comprehensive report.

The District 12 Inspector was present in the Council Chamber and answered several questions asked by the Warden, Councillors Dauphinee and Spracklin.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that the Reports of the Building Inspectors for Districts 7, 8, 12, 14G and 28 be received and placed on file. Carried.

Warden Dowell and Councillor Chisholm spoke briefly of the importance of the Councillor in each District giving strong support to the work of his Building Inspector.

Councillor Slaunwhite inquired whether it was compulsory for a Councillor to appoint an Inspector under the Town Planning Act. The Warden replied that it was necessary only if the District concerned became a Building District. Councillor Slaunwhite stated that he intended to ask that Council make District 10 a Building District.

Councillor King and Cruikshank moved that the Financial Statement of the Municipality for the year 1947 including Revenue Fund Balance Sheets, Consolidated Fund Balance Sheet, Adjustment of Current and Capital Surplus, Revenue and Expenditure Statement, Revenue and Expenditure (Joint Expenditure Board) be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Dauphinee moved that the Various Exhibits of the Treasurer re Municipal Finances be filed. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Spracklin moved that the Financial Statement of the Municipal School Board be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Webber and Evans moved that the Financial Statement of the County Home for 1947 be adopted and the various Exhibits relating thereto be filed. Carried.

Councillors Spracklin and Turner moved that the Estimates of the County Jail, Commissioners of Court House and Joint Expenditures be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Gates and Turner moved that the Report of the Finance Committee re Sinking Funds be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Fraser and Dauphinee moved that Districts 7, 9, 10 and 15 be Building Districts in accordance with the provisions of the Building Act. Carried.

Councillor Dauphinee requested that when Districts came under the regulations of a Building District that this fact be advertised for the benefit of ratepayers and those who planned to build. Council concurred.

Councillor Evans and Isenor moved that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to arrange for reporting and printing the proceedings of Council for the next session. Carried.

Councillors Turner and Spracklin moved that there be no half-yearly meeting this year. Carried.

Councillors Turner and Anderson moved that the Board of Revision and Appeal do not act as a Board of Revision this year. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Ferguson moved that the annual Poll Tax of thirty cents for the support of the poor as provided by Section 3 (4) of Chapter 2 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1938, be not levied for 1948. Carried.

The Report of the Jail Committee was read.

Councillors Spracklin and Ferguson moved that the Report of the Committee on Jail be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Settle said that the people of Tufts Cove had indicated by petition, although it was not in the usual form, their desire for various services. He said that he had discussed the matter with the Solicitor regarding procedure and believed that it would be necessary to appoint a Commission for the Municipality. If this step was taken it would be possible to go direct to the Legislature rather than bring the matter back to Council. He also pointed out that residents of Tufts Cove wanted the Department of Highways to take over certain roads, particularly the New School Road.

The Clerk said that the matter of the New School Road had been taken up with the Department of Highways, who replied that nothing could be done until they obtained a title of the road property.

Warden Dowell agreed with Councillor Settle that his suggestion that the appointment of a Commission for the Municipality was sound. Councillor Gates assured Councillor Settle that steps would be taken to give full consideration to the requests of the Tufts Cove ratepayers re services and roads.

Warden Dowell, referring to a charge levelled at the Council that it was "undemocratic" by a member of the Woodside Committee and contained in today's press, asked Councillor Gates if he would read several documents concerning the Woodside-Dartmouth amalgamation question that would prove that the Municipality was democratic and fair in its dealings with Woodside.

Councillor Gates noted that he had been severely criticised by the Woodside Committee member for saying that it was possible and quite probable that the Town of Dartmouth would have the Imperial Oil Plant assessed for five millions of dollars if District 28 amalgamated with Dartmouth. Councillor Gates quoted from a copy of a document to the Woodside ratepayers by the Town of Dartmouth of March 3, 1947, pointing out the terms of amalgamation that were agreeable to the town. According to the terms of the Bonus Act the Town of Dartmouth estimated that Imperial Oil would be assessed \$1,000,000 the first year. Councillor Gates pointed out the plant had been assessed in the County for only half this amount for the past number of years. In addition it was the suggestion of the town that this \$1,000,000 assessment would be increased by not less than ten per cent of the total value of the plant annually until the property was assessed 100 per cent of its cash value. Councillor Gates said that it was quite possible that the Town of Dartmouth could have the plant assessed for 20 millions within 10 years.

Councillor Gates also read a resolution adopted by the Dartmouth Town Council providing for a public meeting and plebiscite on the question of borrowing \$300,000. Councillor Gates stressed that this amount was not to exceed this stated amount. If the cost of water and sewer and other services was found to exceed this amount the proposition could be called off. But it would be too late as Woodside would be a part of Dartmouth and the Town would have the benefit of the Oil Plant assessment.

The Municipal Clerk read sections of the Bonus Act 1945.

Councillors Cruikshank and Archibald moved that the Council adjourn until 7:30 o'clock tonight. The motion was put and declared lost.

Councillors Gates and Fraser moved that the Council adjourn to go into Committee of the Whole to reconvene tomorrow at 10 o'clock. Carried.

FIFTEENTH DAY — MORNING

Friday, March 12, 1948

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Evans and Isenor.

Councillors Fraser and Evans moved:

"That whereas by deed dated the 3rd day of December A.D., 1945 and recorded in the Registry of Deeds at Halifax in Book 922, page 145, Julia Corney did convey certain lands at Glen Haven in the County of Halifax therein described unto Granville Moser, Oliver W. Hubley and Oliver Covey, The Overseers of Poor for District No. 9 of the Municipality of Halifax County West.

"AND WHEREAS the said Overseers of the Poor of said Poor District did agree with John Corney, son of the said Julia Corney to convey said land to him if he should pay all sums for which said Overseers should become liable or should expend for the maintenance of said Julia Corney subsequent to the delivery of said deed.

"AND WHEREAS said John Corney has paid all such sums being in excess of \$150.00 and Wellesley Boutillier, Roy Boutillier and Aubrey Pulsifer are now the Overseers of said Poor District and have asked authority to sell the said lands to the said John Corney upon payment by said John Corney of the further sum of Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$7.50) to cover the cost of conveyance of same.

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax do hereby authorize said Overseers, being by Statute a body corporate under the name of Overseers of the Poor for the Poor District of District Number Nine of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, to sell and convey unto said John Corney for the sum by him paid as aforesaid and the said further sum of Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents, the said lands described as follows:

"All that certain lot piece or parcel of land situated and lying on the north side of the main road leading from Alexander Hubley's to French Village, St. Margaret's Bay and bounded as follows: Beginning at a spruce tree on the northern side of the road, thence running nine chains north sixteen degrees East to a Birch Tree marked, thence running five chains South forty-six degrees East to a spruce tree marked, thence running eleven chains south eleven degrees West to the main road, thence running along the road seven chains North thirty-nine degrees west to the place of beginning, containing $5\frac{1}{2}$ acres more or less".

In reference to the motion Councillor Fraser assured Council at Councillor Settle's request that he felt that the best interests of all concerned, including ratepayers and persons directly concerned had been best served.

The motion was then put and declared carried.

The Report of the Commissioners of the Court House was read.

Councillors Naugle and Gates moved that the Report of the Commissioners of the Court House be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Lomas and Spracklin moved:

"RESOLVED that this Council grant the request of the Commissioners of the Court House of Halifax and instruct the Municipal Solicitor to prepare and present to the 1948 Session of the Legislature a bill to authorize the Municipality of the

County of Halifax to borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be expended upon the alteration and improvement of the Court House at Halifax, provision being made in such legislation for retirement of such borrowing together with interest on the same by annual payments to the Municipal Treasurer in the same manner and proportions as sums required for the ordinary lawful joint purposes or benefit of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, the City of Halifax, and the Town of Dartmouth." Carried.

With the Solicitor, Mr. Fielding present, the Council engaged in a general discussion on the purposes of District and Poor Funds. Councillor Naugle opened the discussion and among the Councillors discussing the matter and directing questions to the Warden and Solicitor were Councillors Gates, Lomas, Slaunwhite, Fraser, Chisholm, Evans, Myers, Settle and Ferguson.

On the question of District funds the majority of Councillors speaking on the matter felt that a broad interpretation should be put on the use to which these funds could be used. All were agreed that such funds should be used for the direct benefit of the ratepayers in all Districts and wisely directed by the Councillor of the District.

Councillor Fraser spoke on the difficulties he had encountered in the snow removal problem in his District. Among the Councillors entering this discussion were Warden Dowell, Councillors Naugle, Slaunwhite, Gates, Lomas and Spracklin.

In reply to a question by Councillor Slaunwhite the Warden said that no ratepayer could force the Councillor to use District funds for snow removal.

The Report of the Municipal Building Board was brought up for discussion. Councillor Gates interpreted various sections of the Building Act and joining in a general discussion of good County planning and building regulations were Councillors Spracklin, Dauphinee, Archibald, Burris and Settle.

Councillor Chisholm brought up the matter of the distribution of assessment for poor purposes in his District. He stated that this matter should receive serious consideration as some change from the present system was necessary as he was involved in this matter with District 14. Councillor Settle said that it would be unwise to change any boundaries or disturb the present set up at the present time.

Councillors Ferguson and Evans moved that Councillors Chisholm and Settle meet with the Poor Committee who will deal with the distribution of funds now embracing Districts 14 and 28. Carried.

Councillor Gates and Slaunwhite moved that the Report of the Municipal Building Board be received and filed, and that they be referred to the Building Act and Town Planning regulations now in existence. Carried.

The Reports of the Building Inspectors for District 7, 8 and 14G were read.

On motion of Councillors Isenor and Webber the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

FIFTEENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Friday, March 12, 1948

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Dr. J. J. MacRitchie, Divisional Medical Health Officer, read his annual Report to Council.

Councillor Lomas suggested that a "District" system of nursing service similar to the V.O.N. in Halifax and Dartmouth be set up in the Municipality. Councillor Spracklin agreed and added that he was strongly in favor of making the service of doctors available to the rural parts of the County. Dr. MacRitchie said that it was

possible that something along the lines suggested would come out of the proposed Metropolitan or County Health Plans. Warden Dowell said that the Special Committee had this recommendation in mind and would later bring the matter to the attention of the Provincial Health Authorities.

Dr. MacRitchie also spoke on the Penal and Humane Institutions, and stated that the present County Jail "needs complete revamping." Councillor Lomas said that it had been suggested by the Jail Committee that it would be an improvement to have the Jail outside the city limits. On visits of inspection to the jail, Councillor Lomas said, the Committee had found conditions good. Councillor Chisholm said that he did not agree with the type of jails that are being operated and the penal system in general. He felt that such a system encouraged laziness and the prisoners come out worse than they entered.

SIXTEENTH DAY — MORNING

Saturday, March 13, 1948

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll Called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Ferguson.

Councillor Naugle asked that in the event a plebiscite was held in Woodside involving a capital expenditure whether only ratepayers could vote. Councillor Gates and the Clerk replied that their interpretation of the act was that only ratepayers could vote and ratepayers included persons assessed for real and personal property.

Councillor Gates drew Council's attention to an error in a section of this morning's press which stated that the Provincial Government contributed \$30,000 annually to the maintenance of the Court House. Councillor Gates said that the amount was only \$300.00 and felt that this error should be corrected. Council agreed and the press was contacted by telephone.

The Report of the Tenders and Public Property was read.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that the Report of the Tenders and Public Property Committee re employees of the County Home be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Burris moved that the banking arrangements in connection with Signing Officers, Safety Box and Paid Coupons and Bonds, as adopted at the 1947 session of Council, be continued during 1948. Carried.

Warden Dowell referred to the death this morning of Alderman W. E. Donovan, a former mayor of the City of Halifax. The Warden paid a tribute to his work and stated that the city had lost a fine citizen.

Councillors Dauphinee and Fraser moved that a letter be sent Mrs. W. E. Donovan extending the sympathy of Councillors in her sudden bereavement. Carried.

Councillors decided to contribute individually for a wreath and named Councillor Fraser to make the necessary arrangements.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank presided.

On motion of Councillors Gates and Dauphinee the Council adjourned to go into Committee of the Whole until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

SEVENTEENTH DAY — MORNING

Monday, March 15, 1948.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Anderson and Burris.

The Report of the Committee on Jury Lists was read.

Councillors Isenor and Turner moved that the Report of the Committee on Jury Lists be adopted. Carried.

The Report of the Committee on Insane was read.

Councillors Cruikshank and Spracklin moved that the Report of the Committee on Insane be adopted. Carried.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Myers the Council adjourned to go into Committee work until 2 o'clock.

SEVENTEENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Monday, March 15, 1948.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The Municipal Clerk laid the Assessment Roll for 1948 before the Council in accordance with the Act, and gave comparisons of all District assessments to the assessments for 1947. The Clerk reported a net increase of \$439,297.00.

On motion of Councillors Turner and Isenor the Council adjourned to go into Committee work until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

EIGHTEENTH DAY — MORNING

Tuesday, March 16, 1948.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Turner and Fraser.

Councillor Dauphinee, speaking on Hospital bills, felt that there were some of these bills which had been charged to Districts for which Districts were not responsible. Councillors Settle, Spracklin and the Clerk spoke on the difficulties of billing and collecting hospital accounts.

The Report of the Committee on Licenses was read. Councillors Ferguson and King moved that the Report of the Committee on Licenses be adopted.

Councillor Gates expressed himself as being strongly in favor of the licensing and control of taxis in the Municipality. Councillor Fraser and the Warden stated that there was no By-law at present to implement such a suggestion. Councillor Gates then favored a law to control and license if such acts at present did not exist. Councillor Naugle was in favor of control and licensing of peddlers who were using

large mobile trucks to dispose of merchandise in the County in competition with County merchants who were paying a large share of taxes. He felt that such competition under present conditions was unfair. Councillor Gates agreed with Councillor Naugle and stated that he was going to take the matter up with the Chief County Constable. Councillor Slaunwhite said that he was not aware of any unlicensed peddlers doing business in his District. Councillor Gates felt that all peddlers should be licensed.

Councillor Settle moved that the Report be referred back to the Committee. There was no seconder. Councillor Ferguson urged that the present By-law respecting peddlers be amended. The motion to adopt the Report of the Licensing Committee was then put by the Warden and declared carried.

Councillors Gates and Naugle moved:

THAT the boundaries of Municipal Districts No. 13, 14 and 28 be revised and the said Districts be bounded and described as follows:-

DISTRICT NUMBER THIRTEEN

Beginning on the western shore of Cole Harbour at the mouth of a small stream which empties into the said Harbour just southward from Cole Harbour Station;

Thence westwardly following the several courses of the said small stream unto the southern boundary line of the Canadian National Railway Right of Way;

Thence following the said southern boundary line of the Canadian National Railway in direction generally southwestwardly unto a stream known as "Still-water" flowing out of Morris Lake;

Thence following the several courses of the said stream in direction generally northwestwardly unto the southern end of the said Morris Lake;

Thence northwestward by a straight line through the said Lake unto that point at which the western shore of the said Lake is intersected by the northern boundary line of the Imperial Oil Company property;

Thence by the several courses of the said northern boundary line of the Imperial Oil Company property in direction generally westwardly unto the eastern shore of Halifax Harbour;

Thence by a line through Halifax Harbour westwardly, southwardly, eastwardly and northwardly so as to include McNab's Island, Devil's Island, Lawlor's Island and Thrum Cap, and passing into Cole Harbour over the Beach at the Bridge on the Public Road unto the Canadian National Railway Bridge over the western channel of Cole Harbour;

Thence westwardly along the southern side of the said Canadian National Railway unto the shore of Cole Harbour;

Thence following the said shore of Cole Harbour in direction generally westwardly unto the place of beginning.

DISTRICT NUMBER FOURTEEN

Beginning on the eastern shore of the Narrows in Halifax Harbour at that point at which the said shore is intersected by the northern boundary line of the Town of Dartmouth;

Thence to run by a line northwardly through the Narrows unto that point on the eastern shore of Bedford Basin at which the said Shore line is intersected by the southern boundary line of District Number 27, the said last named point being

distant 70.00 chains, more or less, on a bearing south 85 degrees west from a culvert by which the Dartmouth Branch of the Canadian National Railway crosses the United Streams flowing out of Anderson Lake and Enchanted Lake into Bedford Basin;

Thence to run eastwardly by that portion of the said southern boundary of District Number 27, 70 chains, more or less, unto a culvert through which the United Streams flowing out of Anderson Lake and Enchanted Lake pass under the Tracks of the Dartmouth Branch of the Canadian National Railways;

Thence following the said Railway northwardly to and thence by the western shore line of Lake Williams unto a south eastern angle of District Number 27.

Thence north eastwardly by a straight line crossing Lake Williams, unto that point on the eastern shore of Lake Williams at which the said shore is intersected by the southern boundary line of lands formerly granted by the Crown to Messrs King and Whittaker and now or recently owned by one Skerry;

Thence eastwardly by the said last named boundary line and the eastwardly prolongation thereof, unto the southern end of Three Mile Lake;

Thence southwardly by Three Mile Lake and the outlet thereof, and following the western boundary line of District No. 16, passing through Long Duck Lake, East Lake and the outlet thereof, into and through Lake Major unto the outlet of Little Salmon River and down the said River into Cole Harbour, and by a straight line through the said Harbour unto the Canadian National Railway Bridge over the western channel of Cole Harbour;

Thence westwardly along the southern side of the said Canadian National Railway unto the shore of Cole Harbour;

Thence following the said shore of Cole Harbour in direction generally westwardly unto the mouth of a small stream which empties into Cole Harbour just southward from Cole Station;

Thence westwardly following the several courses of the said small stream unto the southern boundary line of the Canadian National Railway Right of Way;

Thence following the said southern boundary line of the Canadian National Railway in direction generally southwestwardly unto a stream known as "Stillwater" flowing out of Morris Lake;

Thence following the several courses of the said stream in direction generally northwestwardly unto the southern end of the said Morris Lake;

Thence northwestwardly by a straight line through the said Lake unto that point at which the western shore of the said Lake is intersected by the northern boundary line of the Imperial Oil Company property;

Thence northwardly along the said western shore of the Lake unto a stake just north of the Acadia Sugar Refinery Pump House;

Thence northwestwardly by a straight line unto a monument marking the most southeastern angle of the boundary lines of the Town of Dartmouth;

Thence northeastwardly, northwestwardly and southwestwardly by the boundary lines of the Town of Dartmouth unto the place of beginning.

DISTRICT NUMBER TWENTY-EIGHT

Beginning on the eastern shore of Halifax Harbour at the point of intersection therewith of the northern boundary line of The Imperial Oil Company property;

Thence northwardly along the said shore to a point where a line in extension of the northern side of Boundary Street would intersect the said shore;

Thence northeastwardly along the said northern side of Boundary Street and the prolongation thereof unto the northeastern side of Pleasant Street;

Thence southwardly along the northeastern side of Pleasant Street unto the northern side of Johnston Avenue;

Thence northeastwardly along the northern side of Johnson Avenue unto the intersection therewith of Essen Road;

Thence northeastwardly along the northern side of Essen Road unto a Monument marking an angle in the boundary line of the Town of Dartmouth;

Thence eastwardly along a portion of the southern boundary line of the Town of Dartmouth unto the most southeastern angle thereof;

Thence southeastwardly by a straight line unto a stake on the western shore of MacDonald (or Morris) Lake just north of the Acadia Sugar Refinery Pump House;

Thence southwardly along the western shore of the said Lake to the said northern boundary line of the Imperial Oil Company property;

Thence by the several courses of the said northern boundary line of the Imperial Oil Company property, in direction generally westwardly, unto the place of beginning.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Solicitor be instructed to prepare and present a bill to the 1948 Session of the Legislature, providing for necessary statutory amendment.

The motion was put by the Warden and carried with Councillor Chisholm voting against.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved:

"THAT the Municipality of the County of Halifax, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow on the credit of the Municipality the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of providing protection from fire in Municipal District No. 12 and for that purpose a Committee, consisting of the Warden, the Municipal Clerk and the Councillor for said District, be authorized to acquire not more than four parcels of land, situate at suitable points in said District; to erect on each such parcel of land a suitable Fire Station and to purchase apparatus for the respective Stations.

"FURTHER RESOLVED that the cost of such borrowing, the payment of interest thereon, not exceeding $3\frac{1}{2}$ per centum per annum, and the sum required for retiring such loan by equal annual payments over a period not exceeding fifteen years (making due allowance for the abatement, losses and expenses which may occur in the collection and for amounts which may not be collected or collectable, as may be determined by said Committee) be rated by the Council and collected by a rate of so much on the dollar on the assessed value of the property assessed in respect of the ratepayers on the rolls of said District Number 12; and the same shall be collected from the ratepayers of said District in the same way in all respects as general Municipal Rate is collected." Carried.

The Report of the Committee on Poor was read.

Councillors King and Dauphinee moved that the Report of the Committee on Poor re Districts 14 and 28 be adopted. Carried.

The Report of the Committee on Assessment was read and taken up clause by clause. Councillor Spracklin disagreed with the Committee's recommendation regarding the case of Mr. T. A. Boyle on the grounds that the Council had the right under legislation to remedy a grave injustice in assessment.

Councillor Dauphinee and Councillor Gates pointed to a large number of similar cases that occurred in Lakeside of District 12. Councillor Naugle stated that Mr. Boyle had failed to take advantage of the Act by appealing at the proper time to the Appeal Board. The Clerk read a section of the Act as amended in 1947 respecting such appeals. Councillor Burriss was of the opinion that Mr. Boyle had failed to take advantage of the Act. In reply to a question by Councillor Naugle the Clerk said that Mr. Boyle's case had not been verified by affidavit as required by the Act.

In reply to Councillors Spracklin and Settle the Warden said that he believed that ratepayers in circumstances mentioned by them could file an affidavit at a later date and could be considered.

Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee moved that the Report of the Assessment Committee be adopted. Carried.

A Report of Mr. H. S. MacGlashen, Assessment Survey Officer, to the Assessment Committee and attached to the Committee's Report was read.

Councillors Spracklin and Dauphinee moved that Mr. MacGlashen's able and comprehensive Report be received and filed. Carried.

Mr. MacGlashen was present and at the suggestion of the Warden spoke briefly on the assessment work of the past year and plans for the future, and answered questions of various Councillors in regard to the work. Councillor Lomas spoke of the splendid work of Mr. MacGlashen in his District.

A Report of the Councillor for District 14 was read and referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee.

A Report of the Committee re the City Market was read.

Councillors Settle and Evans moved that the Report of the Committee re the City Market be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Gates suggested that when the Warden was appointing the new City Market Committee that his name be replaced by that of Councillor Bonn whose District was more concerned than his in the market problem. Councillor Settle said that he would like to have Councillor Gates remain on the Committee as he was chairman of the Public Service Committee. Councillor Evans agreed with Councillor Settle and Councillor Myers said that he would withdraw and be replaced by Councillor Bonn if it was the wish of Council.

The Report of the Law Amendments Committee was read.

Councillors Naugle and Bonn moved that the Report of the Law Amendments Committee be adopted. Carried.

The Report of the Committee on Constables was read.

Councillors Spracklin and Chisholm moved that the Report of the Committee on Constables be adopted.

Councillor Archibald said that he objected to the recommendation of the Committee re mileage at 10 cents per mile for all miles. He felt that there should be a restriction on this clause to provide only mileage necessary to carry out the duties of the Chief County Constable. He also felt that the 10 cent rate was excessive. Councillors Lomas and Spracklin did not feel that the rate was excessive considering the roads in the County.

The motion that the Council adopt the Report of the Constables Committee was then put by the Warden and declared carried.

On motion of Councillors Evans and Fraser the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

EIGHTEENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 16, 1948.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillor Evans, speaking in reference to a report contained in this morning's press, felt that the impression would go abroad that the assessment in his District was gradually decreasing. Councillor Evans said that this was not the case and stated emphatically that assessment was "not on the decrease but rather on the increase" and quoted assessment figures to prove his point.

The Report of the Committee re Hospital Acts was read.

Councillors Cruikshank and King moved that the Report of the Committee on Hospitals' Acts be adopted. Carried.

The Report of the Roads and Bridges Committee was read and taken up clause by clause.

Councillors King and Spracklin moved that the Report of the Roads and Bridges Committee be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Spracklin and Naugle moved that all that part of Spryfield School Section No. 27 lying within the boundaries of District No. 11 including that part known as "no man's land" be declared a building district to come under the provisions of the Building Act. Carried.

Councillors Spracklin and Naugle moved that the Harrietsfield School Section 26 in District No. 11 be declared a building district to come under the provision of the Building Act. Carried.

Councillors Lomas and Gates moved that that part of District No. 18 along the main highway be declared a building district to come under the provisions of the Building Act. Carried.

Councillors Archibald and Fraser nominated Mr. A. D. Burris of Upper Musquodoboit as a member of the Board of Appeal for Halifax Centre.

Councillors Turner and Webber nominated Mr. G. L. Monk of Ship Harbor as a member of the Board of Appeal for Halifax East.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee nominated Mr. Charles Fraser of Timberlea as a member of the Board of Appeal for Halifax West.

Councillors Bonn and Evans moved that nominations for the Board of Appeal cease. Carried. Warden Dowell declared Mr. A. D. Burris (Centre), Mr. G. L. Monk (East), and Mr. Charles Fraser (West) elected to the Board of Appeal after instructing the Clerk to deposit a ballot in their favor.

By unanimous consent of Council the election of officers by ballot was dispensed with and officers were elected by resolutions as follows:

Councillors Naugle and Turner moved that Mr. F. E. Smith, C.A. and Mr. W. A. Stech, C.A. be appointed Auditors at the same salary as last year. Carried.

Councillors Spracklin and Naugle moved that Dr. Hugh MacKinnon be appointed Jail Physician and Health Officer at the same salary as last year. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that Mr. Lester E. Umlah be reappointed Chief County Constable. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Evans moved that Dr. Lester E. Umlah be appointed as Inspector of Licenses at the same fees as usual. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that Mr. R. G. Hattie be reappointed as Clerk of Licenses. Carried.

Warden Dowell appointed the following Special Committees:

By-laws Committee

Councillors Cruikshank, Ferguson, Spracklin, Dauphinee and Archibald.

City Market Committee

Councillors Settle, Gates, Evans, Naugle, Myers and Bonn.

County Board of Health

Councillors Archibald, Lomas, Spracklin, Chisholm and Fraser.

County Constables Committee

Councillors Gates, Myers, Spracklin, Dauphinee and Settle.

Metropolitan Area Committee

Warden Dowell, Councillors Gates, Myers, Settle, Spracklin, King and Chisholm.

Public Services Committee

Councillors Gates, Naugle, Burris, Myers, Settle, Chisholm and Dauphinee

Town Planning Committee

Councillors Gates, Settle and Chisholm, Mr. R. S. Allen of Head St. Margaret's Bay, Mr. R. F. Tolson of Bedford, Mr. William P. Anderson of Herring Cove.

Veterinary Act

Councillors Archibald, Burris, Cruikshank, Isenor, King and Settle.

Municipal Building Board

Mr. W. J. Ward of Armdale, Mr. R. E. Archibald of Bedford and Mr. Abraham McArthur of Woodside.

Commissioners of the Court House

Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle.

Reports of District Boards of Health, Sanitary Reports and a Report of Miss Wade, Health Nurse were read and filed on motion of Councillors Lomas and Chisholm.

Warden Dowell appointed the following as delegates of the Municipality to the annual convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities at Annapolis in 1948: Warden Dowell, Solicitor and Clerk, Councillors Gates, Naugle, Turner, Settle, Myers, Fraser, Dauphinee and King. The following were named as voting delegates: Warden Dowell, Councillors Gates, Naugle, Settle and Fraser.

The Report of the County Home visiting Committee was read.

Councillors Bonn and Isenor moved that the Council receive with gratification the splendid report of the Visiting Committee and that this Report be passed to the Tenders and Public Property Committee to be dealt with by them in what they think as the best interests of the Inmates of the Home and the Municipality. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Slaunwhite moved that the same County Home Visiting Committee be appointed as last year, namely, Rev. G. S. Tanton, Rev. G. S. Willett, Rev. Father Hooper, Mrs. A. C. Pettipas and Mrs. Frank Settle. Carried.

Councillor Gates, as chairman of the Finance Committee, asked Council for an expression of opinion as to whether the Municipality should contribute financially to the support of the Port of Halifax Clubs' project of a Port Freight Solicitor.

Speaking in favor of financial assistance were Councillors Gates, Spracklin

Settle, Lomas and Naugle. Among Councillors who spoke in opposition were, Councillors Burris, Myers, Chisholm, Ferguson, Fraser and Slaunwhite. Others who spoke briefly on the matter were Councillors Dauphinee, Evans and Archibalds

Councillors Gates and Spracklin moved that the Finance Committee if feasible from a financial standpoint budget for an amount not exceeding \$1,000.00 to contribute to the Port of Halifax Club for the appointment of a Port Freight Solicitor and obtaining necessary legislation pertaining thereto.

Councillors Gates, Lomas and Bonn requested a roll call vote.

The vote follows:

For the Motion

Warden Dowell, Councillors Spracklin, Gates, Settle, Naugle and Lomas.

Against the Motion

Councillors Dauphinee, Fraser, Slaunwhite, Myers, Evans, Bonn, Webber, Ferguson, Anderson, Turner, Burris, Archibald, Cruikshank, Isenor, King and Chisholm.

The Warden declared the motion lost.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that the District and Municipal Officers named by the Councillors on the several lists of proposed District and Municipal Officers handed to the Clerk be and they are hereby appointed for the year 1948 to the office to which they are named in the said lists. Carried.

Councillors Webber and Spracklin moved that the following be appointed investigators for the establishment of Pounds:

District No. 19, Oyster Pond Section:

Mr. Merlin Myers, Head Jeddore; Mr. Ben Daye, Head Jeddore; and Mr. Burton Myers, Head Jeddore.

Ship Harbor, DeBaie Cove and Clam Harbor Section:

Mr. Thomas Stoddard, Oyster Pond; Mr. Edward Webber, Lake Charlotte; and Mr. Odous Webber, Upper Lakeville.

District No. 11, Ketch Harbor:

Mr. Morton Pelham, Herring Cove; Mr. Edward Burke, Portugese Cove; and Mr. Edward Gallagher, Chebucto Head. Carried.

On motion of Councillors Gates and Dauphinee the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

NINETEENTH DAY — MORNING

Wednesday, March 17, 1948.

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Isenor.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank presided.

The Report of the Committee on Poor was read.

Councillors King and Bonn moved that the Report of the Committee on Poor be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that the thanks of the Councillors be extended the management of the Halifax Chronicle and Star and the Halifax Herald and Mail for supplying copies of the daily papers during the session. Carried.

On motion of Councillors Gates and Anderson the Council adjourned to go into Committee work.

Council reconvened. Warden Dowell presided. Roll called.

In connection with the assessment of District 16 the Clerk reported that the Assessor had overlooked an assessment of \$3,300.00 but had since found the omission and made the necessary addition, which will mean a substantial increase in the assessment of District 16 for this year.

Councillors Anderson and Turner moved that a grant of \$500.00 be paid to the Hospital at Sheet Harbour when it has been opened with the approval of the Provincial Authorities, and that upon such hospital being opened for the reception of patients it is declared that it shall be a Public Hospital within the meaning of Chapter 54 RS NS 1923 and that Councillor H. B. Anderson shall be a representative upon the governing board of such hospital. Carried.

Councillors Lomas and Ferguson moved that a grant of \$500.00 be paid to the Hospital at Musquodoboit Harbor when it has been opened with the approval of the Provincial Authorities, and that upon such hospital being opened for the reception of patients it is declared that it shall be a Public Hospital within the meaning of Chapter 54 RS NS 1923 and that Councillor F. C. Lomas shall be a representative upon the governing board of such hospital. Carried.

Councillors Archibald and Burris moved that a grant of \$500.00 be paid to the Hospital at Middle Musquodoboit when it has been opened with the approval of the Provincial Authorities, and that upon such Hospital being opened for the reception of patients it is declared that it shall be a Public Hospital within the meaning Chapter 54 RS NS 1923 and that Councillor Roy Archibald shall be a representative upon the governing board of such hospital. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved:

"WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1945, the Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that notwithstanding any of the provisions of any general or special Act of the Legislature of Nova Scotia every Municipality shall have full power and authority to borrow or raise by way of loan from time to time on the credit of such Municipality such sum or sums as the Council deems necessary for the purpose of equipping a fire department for the whole or any portion of the Municipality and for acquiring, purchasing or improving land or buildings for any such equipment;

"AND WHEREAS by Section 7 of said the Municipal Affairs Act, it is enacted among other things, in effect, that no money shall be borrowed under the provisions of said the Municipal Affairs Act until such proposed borrowing has been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

"AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the purpose of acquiring, purchasing or improving land or buildings for equipment of a fire department in District No. 12 of the-said Municipality;

"AND WHEREAS by the Municipal Affairs Act such sum shall in the discretion of the Municipal Council be borrowed or raised in one sum at one time or in instalments at different times and the sum required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as the Council deems necessary to raise such sum;

"AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) as herein-after mentioned will be necessary to raise the aforesaid sum;

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that under and by virtue of said the Municipal Affairs Act the said Municipality do, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on the credit of the Municipality the said sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for the purpose aforesaid;

"THAT under and in accordance with said the Municipal Affairs Act the said sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to the said amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000);

"THAT Sixty debentures of the said Municipality for One Thousand Dollars each be accordingly issued and sold.

"THAT the said debentures be numbered consecutively E1 to E60, both inclusive, be dated the day of

A. D. 1948 and be payable as follows:

Debenture Numbers E1 to E4 inclusive in One year from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E5 to E8 inclusive in Two years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E9 to E12 inclusive in Three years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E13 to E16 inclusive in Four years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E17 to E20 inclusive in Five years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E21 to E24 inclusive in Six years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E25 to E28 inclusive in Seven years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E29 to E32 inclusive in Eight years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E33 to E36 inclusive in Nine years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E37 to E40 inclusive in Ten years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E41 to E44 inclusive in Eleven years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E45 to E48 inclusive in Twelve years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E49 to E52 inclusive in Thirteen years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E53 to E56 inclusive in Fourteen years from the date thereof;
Debenture Numbers E57 to E60 inclusive in Fifteen years from the date thereof;

"THAT the said debentures be payable at the office of the Royal Bank of Canada, Spring Garden Road Branch, in the City of Halifax and bear interest at the rate of three per centum per annum payable half-yearly at the said office;

"THAT the Warden of the said Municipality do sign and the Municipal Clerk thereof do countersign the said debentures, that they do seal the same with the corporate seal of the said Municipality and that the said Clerk do sign the interest coupons or if the same are lithographed, either sign the same or have them impressed with a facsimile of his signature;

"THAT the Warden and Clerk of the said Municipality do and they are hereby authorized to sell and deliver the said debentures at such price to such person and in such manner as they shall, subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, deem proper." Carried.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved:

"THAT WHEREAS our Municipal Clerk, owing to increased duties and responsibilities, has been unable, for the past eight years, to take advantage of customary holidays;

"AND WHEREAS the Annual Convention of the Municipal Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada, will be held in Denver, Colorado, in June;

"THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Clerk be granted a month's leave of absence in order to attend the Convention and visit relatives on the West Coast, and that the expenses, as approved by the Finance Committee, be paid by the Municipality." Carried.

The Report of the Committee on Finance was read. Among Councillors discussing the Report and questioning the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Councillor Gates, were Councillors Myers, Settle, Lomas and Slaunwhite.

On motion of Councillors Bonn and Myers the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

NINETEENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 17, 1948.

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The Estimates for 1948 as prepared by the Finance Committee were taken up.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that the Report of the Finance Committee including Estimates be adopted.

Discussing the Report in detail were the Warden, Clerk, Councillors Slaunwhite, Dauphinee, Lomas, Naugle, Archibald, Fraser, Ferguson, Settle and Cruikshank. Councillors Dauphinee, Fraser and Settle felt that with an increased assessment this year that some drop should be reflected in the tax rate. Councillor Gates, Chairman of the Finance Committee, pointed out that schools alone this year would cost an additional \$16,000.00 over last year. There were also additional public services, including health, improved office facilities and larger staff, increased pay for Councillors and an anticipated special session of the Council.

The Warden then put the motion that the Report of the Finance Committee including Estimates be adopted. Carried unanimously.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that the thanks of Council be tendered Mr. MacGlashen for the excellent manner in which he has recorded the minutes of the session. Carried.

The minutes of today's session were then read and adopted on motion of Councillors Ferguson and Fraser.

The Municipal Clerk thanked Council for its cooperation and assistance and stressed that he was ready and anxious at any time to discuss municipal matters, particularly finance with any Councillor. Councillor Fraser and Chisholm thanked Council for its assistance to them, and Councillor Lomas declared that he was of the opinion that the Municipality had an excellent set up from an administrative point of view. Councillor Gates said that he appreciated the constructive criticism that had been directed by Councillors and the spirit of cooperation that they had shown. Councillor Archibald paid a brief tribute to the Municipal Clerk for his explanations of finance during the past year and at the present session.

Warden Dowell in closing the session thanked Councillors for their close attention to business at the present session and declared that he regretted that in the past that much undeserved criticism had been directed at Councillor Chisholm.

On motion of Councillors Spracklin and Bonn the Council adjourned sine die. God Save The King.

REPORT OF MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER FOR 1947

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council.

Miss King and Gentlemen:-

The following is a summary of Health problems in the County of Halifax for the year 1947.

Seven cases of Scarlet Fever developed during the year that were officially reported. Three of these were treated in the Infectious Diseases Hospital and the other four were cared for by the family Doctors in their homes. No deaths from Scarlet Fever occurred.

Only two cases of Diphtheria were reported. These were treated at the Infectious Hospital and made good recovery. This, as you see, gentlemen, is a wonderful record. Proof of the effectiveness of Toxoid Immunization against Diphtheria.

Two positive cases of Polio (Infantile Paralysis) were tested at the Infectious Hospital and are now receiving treatment at the Polio Hospital, Morris Street, Halifax.

Considerable number of Chicken Pox cases occurred during the year; also some Measle cases and Streptococcic throats.

Two cases of Typhoid were treated at the Infectious Hospital. These came from the Preston area. One of these I am sorry to report died. The second one, a son of the deceased one, made a good recovery.

On receiving information of this outbreak of Typhoid, Miss Wade, your County Health Nurse and I, made a survey of the home and neighborhood, from which these cases came. We were not able to find any definite source of this disease. I planned to inoculate the possible contacts with Typhoid vaccine. This was in November, but your Councillor representative for that District requested that no action be taken until school closed at Christmas, but so far nothing has been done in this regard and fortunately no other cases have developed in that area. I am informed that there are two Typhoid Carriers in that District. These were interviewed and advised re possible spread of the infection. Before the warm weather returns, we shall try again and vaccinate all contacts in that locality.

Three successive clinics were held in the following districts last fall:-

- Herring Cove
- Timberlea
- Portuguese Cove
- Sambro

Other clinics were held under the supervision of Dr. LeBrun and Miss Wade in the Bedford area.

Toxoid supplies were requested by Dr. Cole of Hubbards and some supplied.

Numerous other problems were attended to. In Hubbards school a minor outbreak of Scabies developed. I made a personal examination and no trouble resulted.

Sanitary conditions in this school at Hubbards were good but the building itself is a dangerous firetrap. Other schools between here and Hubbards were inspected and all in fair condition.

Sanitary conditions in the Goodwood school were referred to me by Dr. Allan Morton, City Health Commissioner, in August. On receipt of this notice I examined the well and toilets before school opened in the fall and made some recommendations to the Chairman of Trustees Board. Evidently he did not take action on my advise; as a result I received two letters from two of the mothers in that school district, requesting that I should close the school on account of unsanitary conditions about

the toilets. I ordered the Building Inspector, Mr. Edward Gardiner, to inspect the school and grounds and report his findings. This he did and he thought everything was in order there. The toilet seats were soiled and were ordered to be cleaned.

A house problem developed on the Albro Lake Road on the Dartmouth side of the Harbour. The Provincial Engineer, myself and one or two of the local Health Board, inspected this home and found conditions bad. The water was unfit for human consumption; drainage and sink arrangements dangerous. The owner of the property was notified to make necessary changes. This was not done. Several weeks later the Sanitary Inspector for that District reported conditions unchanged. Then I ordered the house to be condemned and a notice to that effect posted on the property. Following this notice, some changes or improvements were made but were not enough or satisfactory. This matter is not yet settled.

Many other problems came to my notice and consideration, but I shall not take up your time in reporting them.

I wish to express my appreciation for the willing co-operation received from the Provincial Department of Health, the Provincial Engineer, Mr. Silver, the School Inspector, Miss Wade and our esteemed Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Martin Archibald

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH MacKINNON,
Municipal Health Officer.

Laid on table February 25, 1948.
Adopted February 26, 1948.

REPORT OF JAIL SURGEON

To His Honor the Warden and Councillors,
Municipality of Halifax County.
Miss King and Gentlemen:-

In spite of unchanged conditions in the County Jail, the health of the Inmates was exceptionally good during the year 1947. Two cases were referred to the Victoria General Hospital for major surgical treatment; also few were referred to the Dalhousie Health Clinic to continue treatments which they were receiving before admission to your jail. One case of Diabetes gave his share of trouble due to the difficulty of following prescribed diets for such cases. He was supplied with plenty of Insulin. All other cases were attended to as required. Cases committed to Penitentiary were all examined prior to departure.

Little or nothing can be said or recommended re sanitary improvements in the wards and cells as at present constituted.

More single wards are required with separate sanitary facilities. With this improvement young or first offenders could be separated from the more expert and older criminals. Some form of physical and mental activities might be the means of giving a man, and particularly a young man, a second chance in life to become a better citizen.

Respectfully submitted,
HUGH MacKINNON,
Jail Surgeon.

Laid on table February 25, 1948.
Adopted February 26, 1948.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE JAILOR OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1947**

To His Honor the Warden and Councillors
of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Councillors:-

I beg herewith to submit my report of the County Jail for the year ending December 31st, 1947.

During the year there were committed to the Jail 685 Criminals and 67 Debtors, showing a decrease of 85 Criminals and 5 Debtors, the total being 90 less than the previous year.

On December 31st, there were 11 Male prisoners in the Jail and 2 Females, also one Debtor.

The largest number of prisoners in the Jail at one time during the year was on October 22nd, when we had 34 Males and one Female.

The total number of prisoners committed during the year was 752. They were committed as follows:

City Court.....	340
Municipal Court.....	194
Magistrate's Court.....	180
Supreme & County Courts.....	38
TOTAL	752

The sanitary conditions of the Jail are good, considering the old building, with wooden floors in the two upper corridors. A new kitchen range was installed for Jail cooking purposes as the old one smoked and refused to function. The Jail itself is in a good condition considering its age and the thousands of prisoners that have been confined there. There is plenty of Heat and fresh air; kept whitewashed and free of vermin.

As you know, all Jails are 75% temporary lockup and the rest prison, and prisoners are admitted as they stand, a lot in filthy condition with no change of clothing which makes it very difficult to keep clean.

The Health of the Inmates has been good with the usual amount of cases of sickness - unsound mind and delirium tremens cases - all of which were attentively looked after by the Jail Physician and officials.

Crimes seem to be on the decrease during the year with 90 less admissions to the Jail than the previous year, although we have had some serious cases including one of Murder. 37 were sent to the Penitentiary; 141 served terms at the Jail and 40 sent to the City Prison. There has been a decrease of Debtors sent to the Jail in spite of the lack of employment.

The conduct of prisoners during the year has been good with but few exceptions. They have been getting their usual hour per day in the yard, but of late the snow is so deep and frozen so hard that they can reach the top of the fence, making it rather unsafe.

Your Jail Committee visited the Jail and inspected same seeing all inmates and inquiring for complaints.

The amount of money received during the year for board of prisoners under the Liquor Control Act and Debtors was \$1,153.50 all of which has been paid over to the Municipal Clerk.

There has been considerable work done in and about the Jail; two sections were put in the furnace, repairs to three chimneys. This damage was caused by the Magazine Explosions. Also, about 14 feet of new fence and new Main Gate on the north side of the Jail Yard and plastering done in three rooms and papering in two.

Something will have to be done to ten windows in the residential part of the building. The Explosion in 1917 and the Magazine Explosion apparently has forced the woodwork away from the brick work. Of course, we have had an exceptionally cold winter. I would recommend storm windows, perhaps that would fill the bill. Apart from that the building is in a very good state of repair.

We have a good substantial fence all around the Jail with the exception of about 60 feet on the north side of the yard built about 18 years ago and probably good for five or six years yet.

The number of admission per day to the Jail has been very uncertain of late. There has been considerable trouble aboard ships in and about the Harbour, crews refusing duty brought to court under the Merchants Shipping Act.

We have one little woman in the Jail at the present time charged with Murder. She is a very clean, quiet little person. The Matron keeps her busy with some kind of work to occupy her mind.

We have been getting quite a large number of prisoners from the Town of Dartmouth during the year. - The city drunks and thugs. When they want free board out of the cold they go to Dartmouth, get drunk or smash glass over there knowing full well that the Magistrate cannot sentence them to the City Prison but has to give them a month or so in the Jail. They do not like the City Prison and its Rock Piles.

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. MITCHELL,

Jailor.

Filed February 26, 1948.

LIST OF CRIMES

Assault.....	24
Affray.....	8
Bastardy Act.....	7
Bigamy.....	2
Break and Enter.....	50
Commit Damage.....	30
Contempt of Court.....	2
Concealed Weapons.....	2
Customs Act.....	10
Disturbances.....	15
Drunkeness.....	5
Drunken Driving.....	10
Damage to Property.....	14
Excise Act.....	6
Forgery.....	4
False Pretences.....	5
Greivous Bodily Harm.....	30
Indecent Assault.....	10
Incapable.....	8
Loitering.....	5
Liquor Control Act.....	150
Murder.....	1

Motor Vehicle Act.....	4
Neglect to provide.....	12
Opium & Narcotic Drug Act.....	10
Robbery with violence.....	11
Receiving stolen goods.....	5
Theft.....	180
Theft of Auto.....	4
Threats.....	9
Vagrancy.....	47
Witness.....	5
Debtors.....	67

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL

Halifax, Nova Scotia
January 7th, 1948.

To the Warden and Councillors of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Councillors:-

The Board of Revision and Appeal, acting solely as a Board of Appeal, submit the following in connection with the appeals before us, namely:-

District No. 8 - Arthur Beach

Assessed \$200.00 Real and \$100.00 Personal Property. We have confirmed this assessment.

District No. 8 - Leonard Barton

Assessed \$700.00 Real Estate and \$200.00 Personal Property. We have reduced the assessment on the Real Estate \$100.00 making his assessment \$600.00 Real and \$200.00 Personal.

District No. 9 - J. G. Farquhar

Assessed \$700.00 Real Estate. The Assessor being present stated that when making up this assessment understood that the house was finished, but has since ascertained that the inside is not completely finished, and we have therefore reduced the assessment to \$500.00.

District No. 9 - Malcom Mosher

Assessed \$600.00. After hearing from Mr. Mosher's representative and the assessor we feel that this assessment is not too high in comparison with others and we therefore confirm the assessment.

District No. 12 - William Heckman

Assessed \$300.00 Real and \$50.00 Personal Property and also \$50.00 Real on a small house back of the main house. After hearing the assessor we have confirmed the assessments as made.

District No. 12 - W. L. Ryan

Assessed \$3,100.00 Real and \$100.00 Personal in four different assessments. On one of the properties there was formerly a building which was demolished some time ago. After hearing from the appellant and the assessor we have reduced the total assessment on Real Estate to \$2,500.00, deducting the \$600.00 from the \$2,000.00 assessment.

District No. 12 - John MacMillan

Assessed \$600.00 Real and \$100.00 Personal Property. After hearing from the appellant and the assessor we feel that the assessment on Real Estate is high as compared with neighboring properties and we have reduced the assessment by \$100.00 on the Real Estate.

District No. 23 - Cecil L. Annand

Assessed \$60.00. This assessment was on a camp at Beaver Dam and having ascertained that the building was demolished some time ago we feel that the assessment on the site is too high and we have reduced this assessment to \$20.00.

District No. 24 - Alex Millen

Assessed \$280.00 on a deserted farm and wild land. We ascertained from the appellant that there are approximately 280 acres in this land and we feel that the assessment made by the assessor is fair and we therefore confirm the assessment.

The following appellants did not appear and we have confirmed the assessments made by the local assessors as follows:

District No. 8 - R. F. Thompson

Assessed \$700.00 Real and \$100.00 Personal Property.

District No. 12 - Fraser Dalziel

Assessed \$400.00 Real and \$50.00 Personal Property.

District No. 14G - Wilfred O. Mason

Assessed \$500.00 Real and \$50.00 Personal Property.

District No. 20 - Sydney Leslie

Assessed \$30.00 Personal. Appellant stated in his letter that this represents the assessment on a cow which he does not own. The assessor however advised the Municipal Clerk that this man owns personal property and we feel that the assessment of \$30.00 is thoroughly justified.

District No. 27 - Mrs. Gertrude M. Legge

Assessed \$75.00 Real Estate. Appellant notified the Municipal Clerk that their appeal was due to a misunderstanding and she did not wish to proceed.

From the Appeals heard it was evident that most of the appellants objected not because their property was assessed too high, but because the assessment on the property was not in comparison with neighboring properties. It appears from an examination of the assessment rolls that valuations in practically all of the Districts are low. This applies particularly to Personal Property and your Board feels that some steps should be taken to have a better assessment on personal property in future.

Mr. Hubert Hanes of District No. 18 failed to file an appeal in time but appeared before the Board. It was not possible for us to consider his appeal and it is quite probable that Mr. Haines will appear before the Municipal Council at it's Annual Session respecting his assessment.

Subject to the changes made in red ink in the Assessment Rolls the assessments fixed by the Assessors have been passed by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
BOARD OF REVISION AND APPEAL
GEORGE L. MONK, Chairman
CHARLES R. FRASER
ROY A. HUTCHINSON

Adopted February 27, 1948.

**Report of the Municipal School Board
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 1947**

The Warden and Councillors
Municipality of the County of Halifax,
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Gentlemen:-

I have the honour of presenting the fifth annual report of the Municipal School Board for the year which ended July 31, 1947.

Improvements and Expansion of School Plants

In the report which was submitted to you a year ago reference was made to the improvements to and expansion of school plants and facilities which had taken place throughout the Municipality since 1942 when this Board came into being. The general public is becoming increasingly education conscious and as a result that process of improvement and expansion coupled with desire to seek higher standards has been continued throughout the year under review.

To mention but a few, new schools have been erected or are in course of construction at:

Cunard School Section where a modern fireproof school of six (6) rooms is nearing completion. The new school will replace a three-roomed building at Jollimore which was burned down and also provide for needed expansion. A feature of the new school is that three rooms may be opened into one to make a spacious assembly hall. Ample play space is being provided on the property.

At Boutilliers Point - Ingram River a two-roomed schoolhouse is nearly finished and has been equipped with a fire resisting furnace room.

At Oakfield will be found another fine two-roomed school which is now in use. It is heated with oil and has tile floors and several innovations adding to its usefulness. Any school section contemplating the erection of a two-roomed school would be well advised to see these two buildings.

At the recent consolidation of Port Wallis - Westphal a new eight-roomed building is being erected on a five-acre site. A great improvement in teaching facilities will result when this building is put into use, as both of the old school sections were badly in need of increased accommodation.

North Ship Harbour's new schoolhouse is almost finished - this is a one-room building, and at **Hutchinsons** another one-roomed school has been completed and is now in use. The erection of this school is noteworthy because it represents a community enterprise of high order. **Bayside** soon expects to complete a new one-roomed school and at **Cole Harbour** and **The N. S. Coloured Home** new two-roomed schools are nearing completion. At **Sheet Harbour** a ninth room and at **Rockingham** a fourth room are being added. The new school of ten (10) rooms at **Tufts Cove** is now in use. This building contains an assembly hall, a library, a teacher's room, a playroom and a modern furnace room.

At Lakeside a new section on St. Margaret's Bay Road a start has been made on their school, while at **Dutch Settlement** the new school is already in use.

Building programmes are projected or are under consideration at New Road, Beechville, West Chezzetcook; Cow Bay, Hacketts Cove, Hubbards, North Beaver Bank, Sober Island and Murphy Cove.

More school rooms are still required at Armdale, Pleasant Harbour, Partridge River, Terrance Bay, Middle Sackville, Spryfield, Woodside while at Wellington Eastern

Passage there exists a very difficult situation which requires and is receiving special attention.

The list although a long one is not intended to be exhaustive but will give you some idea of the trend of matters in the Municipality.

Shopmobile With pleasure we are able to report that the operation of the shopmobile in the Musquodoboit Valley has been a splendid success. With one possible exception, the pupils from all school sections in the area have maintained a high level of attendance. The interest of the pupils has been unflagging and the results most gratifying. This condition is at one and the same time an evidence of the interest of the pupils and a compliment to the instructor. Some pupils have had a perfect attendance and some have walked over five miles to attend these classes. Quite obviously this project is meeting a need of long standing.

Boundaries of School Sections In our last report we had occasion to refer to difficulties encountered in ascertaining boundaries of School Sections. The numbers of these difficulties is likely to increase rather than diminish, and in all probability will remain with us until definite action is taken to remove them either by (a) making a survey of the area involved or (b) invoking a system of consolidation which would in some measure make such a survey unnecessary. So far in the experience of the Board these difficulties are more likely to arise in the suburban areas of Halifax and Dartmouth than elsewhere.

Some of these difficulties arise, in part at least, from faulty or inadequate descriptions of boundaries, some from the use of marks which are no longer in existence and some as a result of the growth of new communities which are not within the boundaries, as far as can be ascertained, of existing School Sections. Where there is present a spirit of cooperation and good will among the citizens concerned much can be done to reconcile such difficulties. On the other hand where these attributes are lacking other remedies are necessary. In order to deal with such cases when they arise, our Board would appreciate your making a grant to meet the cost of determining sectional boundaries when such a course is indicated until the Municipal Council's policy in this regard has been determined. It is fitting at this point, to say that the Board has had a conference with Mr. MacGlashen on this question and doubtless he will submit a report to you of the difficulties he has met with elsewhere in the county—difficulties, I venture, having much in common with those of the Board.

Should Council decide to have a Committee appointed to consider this question while Council is in session and wish to have the Board represented, we shall be happy to do so.

Trustees Associations, Community Centres, etc. A movement which has great potentialities for good, took form at Woodside when representatives from about fourteen School Sections met last March to organize a "Trustees' Association". Such an association operates as a clearing house for the exchange of ideas and the discussion of problems relating to all phases of school administration. It is a movement which is worthy of support and should be encouraged to expand until the County is well covered.

There is another movement, the expansion of which is noted with satisfaction. I refer to the growth in Community Centres. Here also great benefits can accrue to an area whose activities function round an active Community Centre. Democracy at its best level will flourish in such an environment.

During the year the Board have received a number of requests for an increase in nursing service. From past experience Councillors know the value as circumstances warrant such action.

County Council Grant for the Assistance of Teachers For last year advantage was taken of the Council's Grant of \$5,000 for the assistance of Permissive and Temporary "C" Teachers to the extent of \$3,259.14. The distribution of the amount as formerly was based on a scale of \$50.00 to Permissive Teachers - 69 in number

and of \$25.00 to Temporary "C" Teachers - numbering 31. Payments were made to individuals in accordance with their period of service.

The time has not yet arrived when assistance of this nature can be stopped. In these days of high costs its continuation is essential to the teachers in the two lowest salary brackets. The Board, accordingly respectfully requests that your grant be continued for next year.

Fire Insurance on School Buildings and Fire Inspection

A sustained effort has been made during the year to have School Trustees place adequate Fire Insurance on the schools where hitherto none has been carried and also to increase coverage in other cases where such a course is indicated. This has been an uphill job and our Inspector has devoted considerable time and effort to it, to have the situation corrected - no less than three circular letters have been sent out - some improvements can be reported.

At the request of the Board the Provincial Fire Marshal has agreed to undertake an inspection of over thirty school plants in the coming spring, giving particular attention to furnace rooms and any other fire hazard.

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS

With pleasure we are able to report progress in the important matter of District High Schools. Sites have been recommended by this Board to the Provincial Government for the first two District High Schools expected to be erected in the County namely those to be located in the St. Margaret's Bay area and the Musquodoboit Valley. It is hoped that the preparation of plans may soon be put in hand so that actual construction may be started during the coming summer.

As the areas in which District High Schools are located will be consolidated for High School purposes, it might be in order to suggest that some thought be given to consolidation within these areas for all school purposes. I shall leave that suggestion with you without amplification except to say that such a course appears to be another logical step in the march of educational progress.

Scholarships

So far no award of the Council Scholarships has been made as no candidate meeting the prescribed conditions has made application. It is the Board's recommendation however that the Scholarship be continued and that appropriate provision for it be made in your budget.

Financial Reports

The usual Statements of Revenue and Expenditure for Session 1946 - 47 have been or will be submitted to you, so that there is no occasion for repetition here. On the other hand, some comparative figures may be of interest to you. The amount derived from Taxation through the Municipal Offices for the year under review was \$154,754.24 against \$153,449.86 for the previous year an increase in round numbers of about \$1,300.00 due doubtless to increase in assessment value. On the other hand the amount contributed by the Provincial Government through various grants and the Equalization Fund rose from \$106,621.26 in 1946 to \$258,433.28 in 1947 an increase of \$151,812.00 - that increase I should add includes the salaries of additional teachers employed, maintenance of more schoolrooms and also for the first time Provincial Aid which formerly was paid directly to the Teachers. The total disbursed for 1946 was \$262,169.70. That figure has grown by \$153,639 to \$415,808.27. The total for 1947 includes Provincial Aid which is now absorbed in the regular Salary Scale.

For the current year the Board's budget is \$554,551.00 an increase of \$138,743 of which \$108,472 is represented by salaries and \$34,591 by maintenance. This budget will call for a payment of \$381,000 through the Equalization Fund, a very impressive figure when compared with \$21,002 the cost to the fund in 1943.

Changing the viewpoint of the educational picture, you may be interested to know that School activities in the County are carried on by 308 teachers in 290 schoolrooms contained in 180 school houses. In tabloid form that will give you some idea of the load carried by our Inspector, Mr. B. C. Silver. Mere numbers however impressive they may be, do not of themselves yield an accurate appraisal of the heavy and exacting duties which devolve upon him. Our repeated requests for some measure of relief have so far failed to materialize. We however are not without hope that some assistance will be available by next September. It is appreciated that the Department of Education is short of personnel of Inspectorial calibre, a condition which cannot be remedied quickly. Here, on behalf of the Board I would like to pay tribute to the fine service Mr. Silver continues to give and to Mr. Archibald and his staff we extend our thanks and appreciation for a full measure of cooperation and support.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. HARPER,
 Chairman, Municipal School Board.

Filed March 2, 1948.

Warden Dowell and Members of the County Council of Halifax County.
 Gentlemen and Councillor King:

I beg leave to submit the report which follows.

Respectfully submitted,
B. C. SILVER,
 Inspector of Schools, Halifax County.

Halifax, N. S.,
 March 2, 1948.

THE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD

Ten meetings of the Municipal School Board were held during the year 1947-1948. There being more departments, due to the steady growth in the school population particularly in suburban Halifax, a great deal of care had to be exercised in planning, not only for the present but for the future also. This entailed a more thorough analysis, than heretofore, of the problems which came under the jurisdiction of the Board. In this connection there was valuable assistance rendered by Inspectors H. A. Weir and H. M. Nason.

Since 1939 there has been a continual competition between the Teaching Profession and Industry in Halifax County which attracted many promising young people to the latter, who if salaries had been better, might have prepared themselves for the teaching profession. It is hoped that the new salary scale will help in some measure in overcoming this trend.

The cost of operating the schools has risen in line with the increase in costs in other fields, so that the Equalization Fund has reached a sum not thought of in 1942. The table which follows shows the maintenance costs in the Rural Schools of the County in the year just closed.

Distribution of Expenditures according to the Lists of Accounts:

Number of Sections	Maintenance
10	\$125.00 or less
13	Over \$125.00 and under \$150.00
37	Over \$150.00 and up to \$200.00
26	Over \$200.00 and up to \$250.00
7	Over \$250.00 and up to \$300.00
3	Over \$300.00 and up to \$350.00
4	Over \$350.00

A dollar for dollar programme which was tried out in several rural sections worked very successfully. The Municipal Board appreciates to the full the liberal investment which the Government is making in Education today.

The 1941 - 1942 Report of one of the smallest Education Authorities of Scotland, that of the Education Committee of the County Council of the County of Orkney shows that our expenditures compares very favorably with theirs. With a school population in all schools in the Orkney Islands of approximately 3,000, the expenditure on Education for the year amounted to "slightly under £60,000 of which three-quarters was paid by the Scottish Education Department and the balance, about £12,000 is met from the local County Fund." Two examples are given below of the cost of operating one-room schools taken from information supplied by the Executive Officer of the County of Orkney to be compared with two examples from Halifax County:

County of Orkney School	Salary and Maintenance	Halifax County School	Salary and Maintenance
	Cost £317; 14; 5	Owl's Head Harbour	\$1,349.38
North Shapinsay	£355; 15; 9	Cook's Brook	\$1,535.63

The average cost of operating a one-room school in the Orkneys was £330 whereas in Halifax County in 1946-1947 the average cost of operation was \$1,394.00.

During the year Nova Scotia Coloured Home and Lakeside became school sections; Port Wallis and Westphal, both suburban to Dartmouth, were consolidated to form one section; and a part of Shad Bay was added to Upper Prospect. The responsibility for the education of the children of Fleet Settlement in Guysboro County which has been for some time a border section to Ecum Section West was again assumed by the Municipality of St. Mary's.

Conveyances operated for the first time from White's Lake to Prospect; King's Camps to Oakfield; Brookvale and Chaswood to North, Middle Musquodoboit.

A hearing was given by the Board to representatives from Lakeside, St. Andrews, Beechville, Port Wallis, Westphal, Spryfield, Herring Cove, Cunard, Armdale, Wellington and Falkland Village, relative boundaries, division of sections, congestion and heating.

A pamphlet of twelve pages was prepared by the Inspector of the Department of Education and the Municipal Board showing the improvements effected in thirty-four village and seventy-three rural sections in the County in 1946-1947 and the programme to be carried out by the trustees of all sections during 1947-1948.

Councillors King and Naugle were appointed by the Board to try to obtain a better rate for the electrification of Rural Schools.

Permission was granted to the trustees of Falkland Village to open up a fourth room at Ferguson's Cove for the teaching of grades one to four. New rooms were added at Sheet Harbour, Rockingham, Spryfield and Lower Sackville.

All sections were asked to increase the amount of insurance on their school buildings. Eighty percent of the appraised value is considered the least amount to carry. A recognized appraiser must be engaged.

Two comprehensive Briefs were presented to the Board by the trustees of Cunard and a committee from Port Wallis giving a history of education in each of the areas, an analysis of the present school facilities and a comprehensive picture of the growth anticipated. These were extremely valuable in determining the Educational Policy to be followed in these areas.

Woodside and Wellington were required by the Board to make surveys of their respective areas in order to determine if possible how long congestion in the schools

would continue. Their findings show no decrease in the population. The enrollment in Woodside continued to grow and Wellington has engaged seven teachers for 1947-1948. Spryfield, on the opposite side of the suburban area, expects to be confronted with a still greater congestion. The school population is likely to reach the six hundred mark before the close of the 1947-1948 term. Conditions such as these are challenging not only to the local trustees but to the Municipal Board as well.

Several visits were made by members of the Board to new school sites. During 1947-1948 the Board hopes to pay visits to several of the schools while in session.

For some time it has been felt that the cost of the conveyance in the Bedford areas should be pooled but upon investigating the matter it was decided that for the present there were too many unpredictable factors so the matter was tabled for further study.

The secretary to the Board has been authorized to apply to the Municipal Council for a grant to finance a plan for determining definitely the boundaries of the school sections.

A supply of blue-prints obtained from the Department of Public Health were distributed to those sections in need of improved sanitary facilities.

Upon the recommendation of Dr. F. Sexton the Board requested the Scientific Research Commission to investigate the best means of heating Rural Schools.

Information relative to the initial cost and the operation of school buses was obtained from several sources among which was a report from Inspector Robertson of Inverness County on the cost of operating the bus from Judique. The information was forwarded to those sections interested in purchasing their own bus.

The people of the Musquodoboit Valley and the St. Margaret's Bay areas were asked to indicate through petitions which were circulated in the sections, whether or not they were in favour of the Rural High School Policy. The results were such that the Municipal Board presented the case to the Municipal Council at the Spring session.

The Council adopted the project of Rural High Schools for the County and approved of the erection of schools to serve certain sections of the St. Margaret's Bay area for the present and all sections of the Musquodoboit Valley except Dutch Settlement, Landell's and Kerr's. The action of the Council was to be referred to the Council of Public Instruction for their approval.

The Municipal Board established two bursaries of \$50.00 each to be paid to students who received their Provincial Grade XI in the Rural and small Village schools and who plan to pursue further study at (1) the Provincial Normal College or (2) some other school of higher learning.

The Board is looking to the day when small sections at least might receive by way of encouragement a percentage of the cost of a new building with the understanding that such an amount be used for central heating and indoor sanitation. Any amount not needed for the purposes just mentioned could be applied to the erection of the building. This would still leave the major part of the responsibility for the provision of proper school facilities with the ratepayers.

The Chairman of the Municipal Board in his address to the County Council in the Spring of 1947 had the following to say:

"It should scarcely evoke surprise when you are informed that the greater part of the time of the Board is devoted to the consideration of problems arising in the areas surrounding Halifax and Dartmouth. Conditions in these areas are quite different from those elsewhere in the County and for the most part are the direct result of a general exodus from the City due to lack of living conditions coupled with the prospect of owning a home. The school population, as a consequence, has mushroomed to very high

figures with further growth in prospect. The difficulty of maintaining adequate supervision under these conditions is another constant and growing problem.

The Council of Public Instruction have recognized the seriousness of the problem and the proposed formation of a Metropolitan area for educational purposes is a suggested solution. The Department of Health too, are aware of the conditions in the area and are giving serious thought to the related problems. As the factors affecting Public Health and Education are closely akin there may be advantages in giving the area common borders for the two fields of activity."

Three circulars were mailed to all sections regarding fire hazards. The Fire Marshal's Department was also asked to examine some twenty-nine schools for fire hazards. The inspection is being carried out and recommendations have been made to several boards of trustees.

Reference has already been made to large enrollments. As a matter of record I am including several of the larger ones particularly located in the "fringe areas."

Armdale.....	1060	Woodside.....	458
Spryfield.....	600	Tuft's Cove.....	444
Bedford.....	378	Port Wallis.....	276
		Westphal	
Cunard.....	134	Wellington.....	263
Herring Cove.....	123	Imperoyal.....	113
Rockingham.....	160		
Timberlea.....	158		
Purcell's Cove.....	117		

Within a fifteen mile radius from Halifax there are over 5,500 children registered in the rural and village schools.

Since the question of school boundaries has occupied so much of the Municipal Board's time it was decided to ask the Municipal Council to sponsor a survey to iron out the difficulties. If this is not practical, thought should be given to one of the following:

- (a) A Rural High School area as one section.
- (b) A District as one Section.
- (c) Several Sections with similar Capital debts as one Section.
- (d) The County as one Section.

A Working Committee has been set up, consisting of twelve trustees from six areas, to plan for and promote the organization of Branch Trustees Associations with a view to having in the end a County Association. The first meetings to be held will be at: Woodside - March 8th, 1948.

Bedford - March 15th, 1948.

South Armdale - March 22nd, 1948.

A Research problem in Reading is being carried on in the St. Margaret's Bay area by the teachers of Hubbards, Black Point, Ingram River, Head of St. Margaret's Bay and St. Andrew's, under the direction of Mr. Alan Morrison of the Research Division of the Department of Education.

THE TRUSTEES

The difficulty of obtaining teachers has steadily increased and is likely to remain a problem for at least five years more. Very few students have been attracted to the teaching profession from the larger schools in comparison to what is taking place in other parts of the Province, even though individual interviews were held with