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MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

Warden - W. J. Dowell

Municipal Clerk and Treasurer - Rudd G. Hattie

Municipal Collector - Martin Archibald

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

Municipal Health Officer and Jail Surgeon - Dr. Hugh MacKinnon

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

Clerk of Licenses - J. F. R. McMahan

Inspector of Licenses - Lester E. Umlah

Chief County Constable - Lester E. Umlah

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

Halifax County Hospital - Superintendent - Edward V. Smith.

Matron - Mrs. Edward V. Smith.

Medical Officer - Dr. Charles Lamont

Visiting Committee - Rev. G. S. Tanton,

Tangier Rev. J. A. Willett, Eastern

Passage Rev. Father Hooper, Mrs. A. C.

Pettipas, Dartmouth and Mrs. Frank

Settle, Cole Harbor.

Municipal Building Board - W. J. Ward, Armdale, R. E. Archibald, Bedford and A. A. McArthur, Woodside.

Municipal School Board - Councillor George D. Burris, Councillor Mary T. King-Myers, Councillor M. H. Naugle appointed by Council, W. L. Harper, Armdale (1950) B. J. Doyle, Sheet Harbor (1951) and Gerald Spears Ketch Harbor (1952) appointed by Governor-in-Council, Rudd G. Hattie, Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, appointed by statute.

County Planning Board - Councillors Gates, Settle and Chisolm, R. S. Allen, Head St. Margaret's Bay, R. F. Tolson Bedford, Hector Montgomery, Purcell's Cove.

Veterinary Board Representatives - George S. Dickey, Middle Musquodoboit (East Hants and Districts 23, 24, 25, 26, and part of 27)

Balance of County - Thomas Ballong, Pope's Harbor
Donald Turner, Westphal.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

- BY-LAWS** - Councillors Cruikshank, Ferguson, Spracklin, Dauphinee and Archibald.
- CITY MARKET** - Councillors, Settle, Gates, Evans, Naugle and Bonn
- COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH-HOSPITALS ACT** - Councillors Archibald, Lomas, Spracklin, Chisholm and Fraser.
- INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT** - Councillors Cruikshank, King-Myers, Settle, Spracklin and Chisholm.
- METROPOLITAN AREA** - Councillors Gates and Myers.
- MUNICIPAL HEALTH** - Warden Dowell, councillors Gates, Myers, Settle, Spracklin, King-Myers and Chisholm.
- PUBLIC SERVICES** - Councillors Cruikshank, Spracklin, Ferguson, Burris and King-Myers.
- PRINTING AND REPORTING** - Councillors, Gates, Naugle, Myers, Settle, Chisholm, Dauphinee and King-Myers
- VETERINARY ACT** - Warden and Clerk.
- COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE** - Councillors Settle, Burris, Archibald, Cruikshank, Isenor and King-Myers.
- UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES VOTING DELEGATES** - Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle.
- UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES OTHER DELEGATES** - Warden Dowell, R. M. Fielding, Solicitor, Martin Archibald, Collector, Councillors Gates and Naugle.
- UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES OTHER DELEGATES** - Councillors Fraser, Myers, King-Myers, Lomas, Settle, Turner, Cruikshank, Chisholm, Bonn and Dauphinee

HALIFAX COUNTY COUNCILLORS FOR 1949

Dist. No.	Name	Post Office Address
✓ 7	Ross E. Dauphinee.....	Boutilier'a Point
8	W. J. Dowell.....	(Bedford) 644 Barrington St., Halifax
9	Robert L. Fraser..... <i>M. Foster</i>	Glen Margaret
✓ 10	Robert A. Slaunwhite.....	Terence Bay
✓ 11	Cyril Spracklin.....	Portuguese Cove
✓ 12	W. A. Gates.....	11 Inglis St., Halifax
13	Charles Myers.....	Eastern Passage
14	F. A. Settle.....	Woodlawn, Dartmouth P. O.
15	M. H. Naugle.....	West Lawrencetown
16	A. W. Evans.....	Preston
17	John Bonn.....	Head Chezsetcook
18	F. C. Lomas.....	Musquodoboit Harbour
19	Nelson A. Webber.....	Upper Lakeville
20	P. S. Ferguson.....	Tangier
21
22	Carl Turner.....	Moser River
23	George D. Burris.....	Upper Musquodoboit
24	Roy Archibald.....	Middle Musquodoboit
25	Norman Cruikshank.....	Elderbank
26	Blair Isenor.....	Dutch Settlement
27	Mrs. Mary T. King-Myers.....	Eastern Passage
28	Alex J. Chisholm.....	Woodside

HALIFAX COUNTY WARDENS

1880.....	Colonel Laurie
1881-1882.....	Donald Archibald
1883-1888.....	B. W. Chipman
1889-1898.....	John E. Shatford
1899-1901.....	B. C. Wilson
1902-1904.....	George H. Madill
1905-1907.....	C. E. Smith
1908.....	John H. Taylor
1909-1913.....	William Bishop
1914-1919.....	C. E. Smith
1920-1925.....	Wilson Madill
1926-1930.....	R. A. Brenton
1931.....	Hector M. Smiley
1932-1933.....	John J. Hopkins
1934-1937.....	W. W. Peverill
1938-1949.....	W. J. Dowell

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FIRST DAY - MORNING

Monday, November 8, 1948

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called. All Councillors were reported present.

The Municipal Clerk read the requisition calling for a special session of the Municipal Council, signed by the required number of Councillors.

Councillor W. A. Gates read the Special Report of the Public Services Committee. The Report follows:

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Warden and Councillors:

"You will remember that at the Special Meeting of the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax held on the 6th of July, 1948, that the Council adopted the recommendations of the Public Services Committee up to that time and passed the following Resolution:

"THAT this Municipal Council, after hearing a report from its Public Services Committee, doth hereby declare that sewer and water services are required in several parts of the County, including in alphabetical order Albro Lake, Armdale, Fairview, Kline Heights, Spryfield, Tufts Cove and Woodside and such services should be provided as a joint venture by the Municipality and the area concerned;

"FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council do offer to any Municipal District or part thereof, expressing a willingness to participate in such joint venture, the following proposal;

1. That the Council shall provide a survey of such District for such services.

2. That the Council shall borrow on the credit of the Municipality a sum sufficient to provide water and the consumer shall pay the rates fixed by the Public Utilities Board.
3. Any costs not covered by such rates shall be borne by the Municipality.
4. The Costs of provision of sewers shall be borne 50% by the Municipality and 50% by the District or area concerned and rated thereon.
5. Costs of administration of such service, including engineering, shall be borne by the Municipality."

You will also remember that at the time of the last Council Meeting that the whole suburban areas had been gone over with the Engineers and that it had been determined that there was sufficient water in Albro Lake to supply the Tufts Cove-Albro Lake District (14G) with water. Following the meeting of Council our Consulting Engineers, Wightman and McDonald of Amherst, Nova Scotia, were engaged to carry out a preliminary survey in this District. This survey was completed during the months of July and August and the Engineers reported back to a meeting of the Public Services Committee held on September 1st., 1948. This report showed that the estimate for a complete water and sewerage system, using Albro Lake, which by the way has a volume of about ninety-two million gallons, as a primary source of water supply would cost \$292,000, while the Town of Dartmouth supply, if used for the same area, would cost \$264,000 plus the cost of purchase of water over a long period of years. It must also be remembered that at the present time we have no agreement in writing from the Town of Dartmouth to supply water for this area. Maintenance of such a system in this area should amount to an estimated figure of \$3,500 to \$5,000 per year.

At this same meeting of the Public Services Committee a Sub-committee of the Chairman, Warden Dowell, Councillors Settle and Chisholm, together with Mr. R. M. Fielding, the Solicitor and Mr. C. D. McDonald, Engineer, was appointed to draft a letter explaining the cost of water and sewer in both the Woodside and Tufts Cove Districts, as it was felt by the Committee that at this time the Council should have an indication of exactly how many ratepayers in both areas were ready and willing to pay for these services should the Council proceed with the installation of same.

The letter was duly prepared and sent out to ratepayers in both Districts 28 and 14G and you will find copies of these letters on your desks this morning. Along with this letter your Committee enclosed a self-addressed card asking ratepayers who were in favour of such installations to indicate this on the card and return it to the Municipal Office. The ultimate result of this survey was somewhat disappointing. Only forty-nine ratepayers in District 14G and only twenty-three in District 28 indicated their readiness to have the County proceed with the installation of Water and Sewer. It was felt at that time that 60% of the ratepayers would be a sufficient number to warrant the Council proceeding. The returns, however only showed interest on the part of 11 1/2% of the ratepayers of District 14G and 5.1% of the ratepayers in District No. 28. While awaiting these returns from the ratepayers of District 14G and 28, the Warden and the Chairman of the Public Services Committee were invited to attend a meeting in the Council Chamber of City Hall to discuss matters relating to health effecting the City of Halifax and the County in the area adjacent to the Dutch Village Road from Fairview to the Arm Bridge as it had already been determined that there were many brooks in the County that were highly contaminating to City property. It was agreed that the City would co-operate with the County with a view to supplying water and sewerage to supply the Western Slope adjacent to the City and that the City would make surveys within the City limits while we also made surveys in the County with a view to laying water mains and sewer services that would serve both sides of the Dutch Village Road.

We then authorized our engineers to proceed with our County Survey from Fairview to the Head of the North West Arm. The original idea was to go back from the Dutch Village Road on the western side five hundred feet, but we discovered that in many cases due to building congestion in sub-divisions we had to extend our survey to approximately three thousand feet back in some instances. This Survey was to take approximately fifty days in the field with the engineering staff and was to cost \$90.00 per day. Our authorization to the engineers carried the stipulation that the total cost was not to exceed \$5,000.00. The field work is just about completed but it will be several weeks before the drafting of plans will be completed and in our hands.

It now becomes apparent, that to get all the required data as to the size of sewer outlets and the ultimate size of a sewerage disposal plant at the Head of the Arm that will adequately provide for the future development of the whole area, that it is necessary to survey the thickly populated St. Margaret's Bay Road and the many side roads that branch off from this main artery. Accordingly, at the last meeting of the Public Services Committee on November 5th, 1948, our Engineers were authorized to proceed with this survey at a cost of \$90.00 per day with the stipulation that the completed survey is not to exceed a cost of \$3,000.00.

I think this brings Council up to date as far as the engineering surveys are concerned. Now let me go back to the month of September to the time when this Committee was awaiting a reply to the letters that had been sent out to both Woodside and Albro Lake-Tufts Cove Districts.

Your Committee, Mr. Warden, was shocked beyond measure to receive official notice from the Provincial Secretary on or about the 27th of September, 1948 stating that the Provincial Government had authorized the taking of a poll on the incorporation of District No. 28 under the Towns Incorporation Act. This vote for incorporation, mark you gentlemen, was not for the community known as Woodside alone, but for the whole of District No. 28- that is the area concerned was not only North and South Woodside, but included that area known as Marion Heights AND the Imperial Oil Plant to the South.

Your Committee, Mr. Warden, could not conceive of ANY Government being so unfair to ANY Municipality. By allowing this poll on incorporation with the boundaries set as the whole of District No. 28, the Government was deliberately placing the heaviest industry we have in the whole County; the largest base of Assessment there is in the County, within the limits of the proposed Town of Woodside.

This was done, Mr. Warden, in spite of the strong protest of this whole Council before the Government at a special meeting to consider the boundaries of the proposed town, held on July 6th, 1948 at which time, by the way, an answer was to be forthcoming within ten days. This was done, Mr. Warden, in spite of the fact that of the ratepayers interested - only 3% live in the Woodside area, while 97% reside in the rest of the Municipality. That is, the Government was handing over the largest industrial plant in the whole County to 410 ratepayers on real property to the detriment of 15,674 real ratepayers in the rest of the County. This was done, Mr. Warden, in spite of the fact that this County Council had developed a long range policy of providing services to those areas that need services such as water and sewer. These services will be much more difficult to provide with the total assessment of the County reduced by one-sixth.

This was done, Mr. Warden, in spite of the County having adopted all the policies and opinions that Dr. Britain said in his report that the Council would not do, and I venture to say that if Dr. Britain were here today, he would strongly advise AGAINST incorporation of any part of the area of Woodside because this Municipality is now ready and willing to provide necessary services wherever it is needed and it is economically sound to so do. REMEMBER, that Dr. Britain said, and I quote: "It is not in the public interest that the number of local units of Government should be increased, but rather that the number should be decreased."

This was done, Mr. Warden, in spite of the geographical layout of District No. 28. May I draw your attention to the geography of the Woodside area for a few minutes. Proceeding south from the limits of the Town of Dartmouth there is first North Woodside, with its 228 homes, then comes the expanse of the Nova Scotia Hospital property and the property owned by the Acadia Sugar Refinery. Next comes South Woodside with 173 homes. Then off to the south of the Woodside area as such, is the Imperoyal Plant of the Imperial Oil Co., and the Company owned houses - then a small residential area known as Marion Heights.

Gentlemen, this is a Democratic Country and we believe in democratic ideals. There is not one Councillor in this Council that would object to Woodside as such incorporating as a Town. Even WITHOUT the Imperoyal Plant, the proposed Town would have another of the heaviest industries in the County right in its heart, the Acadia Sugar Refinery - which itself has an assessment of \$300,000. This one assessment is larger than is the whole of the rest of the Woodside area (not counting the Imperoyal Plant.)

This would still give the proposed Town a much larger assessment than many incorporated towns in Nova Scotia.

But for ANY Government to include BOTH these plants within limits of the proposed town is in your Committee's opinion, direct discrimination against the 17,012 ratepayers of this County, who live beyond the bounds of District No. 28.

By this whole area incorporating as a town the tax rate which the 17,012 other ratepayers of this County have to pay will be increased by \$0.97 or, nearly \$1.00 on every hundred dollars of assessment. That, Mr. Warden, is a very considerable jump, and I know where the people of this County will place the blame. Oh, I know there are some will say, "Yes, but you haven't allowed for the new proportions of your joint expenditures and your school expenditures will be less and so on" - That may be true, but the change in joint expenditures will be so small that it will scarcely be reflected in the tax rate. This County is committed to a payment of \$124,243.30 to the Municipal School Board for the next three years. There is no machinery in the Act to alter this in any way until the amount is again adjusted for the next three year period which will not be until 1951, on a basis of the 1950 assessment.

Also, don't forget that the Highway tax which exceeds \$40,000 per year is fixed and will have to be paid out of a reduced assessment.

There are others who will say that the Imperoyal Plant belongs to the people of Woodside because most of the workers at that plant live in Woodside. That, gentlemen, is not so. Actual figures of personnel now employed at the Plant show that only 40% of the plants employees live in Woodside, whereas 60% of the Imperoyal Plant employees live in District No. 13 and other areas of this County. Less than 20% of the Woodside population has any connection with the Imperoyal plant.

Yes, Mr. Warden, I again reiterate, that the inclusion of the Imperoyal Plant of the Imperial Oil Company is an act of discrimination against 17,012 ratepayers of this County. This is evidenced by the fact that petitions signed by more than 6,000 ratepayers of this County have already been forwarded to the Premier of this Province, objecting to this division of the County.

Your Committee on Public Services has not been idle. Following the announcement that the poll on incorporation would be held the Committee met and it was brought out at this meeting that the people of Woodside were, perhaps, not wholly familiar with the offer the County had put forward regarding sewer and water. Therefore, steps were taken to advise the people of Woodside by means of letters releases in the press and by a radio address on both stations by Warden Dowell. Copies of some of these letters are attached to this report.

The results of the poll, however are now known. The poll was 196 for incorporation - 60 against. One hundred and ninety out of Four Hundred and Thirty on the voters list voted for incorporation. This means, Mr. Warden, that the votes of only 190 ratepayers of this County of Halifax against the wishes and desires of 17,432 ratepayers - not to mention those who pay poll taxes - are for the incorporation of the proposed town of Woodside. The 17,432 ratepayers in the rest of the County have NEVER been consulted on the matter and have had no opportunity to express their opinions or views.

Sir, the Government has allowed the taking of a poll on incorporation of the Woodside area as defined by the Sheriff which includes not only Woodside - but the Imperoyal Plant of the Imperial Oil Co., it is now up to the Government, under the terms of the Towns Incorporation Act to decide whether or not District No. 28 should become a town. The taking of the poll is not conclusive. The Act Reads that "If there is a majority, the Government MAY grant incorporation of that area." Inasmuch as the granting of incorporation would be a grossly unfair act to so many of the people in this County, your Committee recommends that the Council consider and adopt the following Resolution:

"THAT in view of the facts mentioned in this report of the Public Services Committee, this Council while we do not like to use the word demand, must insist that the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia, use its prerogative under Section 20 (1) of the Towns Incorporation Act and do not grant the incorporation of District No. 28 as a Town."

Councillor Spracklin expressed himself as being wholly in agreement with the Report of the Committee. He declared that it was unfair to the great majority to deny them the benefits of a large section of revenue, which was derived from industrial assessment. Councillor Spracklin said that all ratepayers who he had spoken to in his District had protested strongly to him and suggested that the Government reconsider its action.

Councillor Naugle said that the removal of the oil plant assessment was "unfair and unjust." He stated that in the past few years particularly the Municipality had made great strides to improve educational facilities and public services as well as the general well being of its people. The Council he said had received no encouragement from either the Department of Municipal Affairs or the Government. He pointed out that if Woodside was incorporated according to the proposed boundaries the people of Halifax County would have to pay more taxes and this would prevent further progress within the County due to lack of financial resources. He felt that the County had been dictated to by the Government on this Woodside matter.

Councillor Chisholm said that he could not take any action in any way because of the vote recorded in Woodside on Saturday.

Councillor Lomas said that the small 195 votes for incorporation should not in any way govern the remainder of the County. The Government in this case should listen attentively to the injustice that would be heaped upon the Municipality.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank complimented the members of the Public Services Committee for a splendid report. He said that it was hard for him to believe that a responsible Government would enact legislation to incorporate Woodside including the oil plant when this would work a great hardship on so many people. Councillor Cruikshank said that he was of the opinion that in future when the Municipality gave services at great cost some contract should be entered into between the County and the area receiving the services to remain within the Municipality for a definite number of years. He asked if Woodside seceded if it would thereby be relieved of its share of bonded indebtedness.

Warden Dowell in reply to the Deputy Warden said that this question would be answered later in the discussion but felt that it was a matter of arbitration.

Councillor Settle said that he agreed with the remarks of Deputy Warden Cruikshank regarding the incorporation in future of any particular area. He said that in this event the Municipality should be reimbursed for the financial aid that was given to provide necessary services for these communities.

Councillor Settle noted that the Municipality had always been wholeheartedly in favor of the establishment of industry to such an extent that low fixed assessments had been granted to the Imperial Oil and Acadia Sugar plants. He said that the Acadia Sugar plant had been sold in recent years for \$3,000,000 when it had been assessed for \$300,000. Councillor Settle pointed out that to provide services and to make progress the Municipality, like the Provincial Government, needed revenue. He felt that it was a gross injustice to deprive the Municipality of 1/6 of its revenue. He said that he was not opposed to any community bettering itself, not was he opposed to the incorporation of Woodside within the bounds of the settlement, but he was strongly opposed to the inclusion of the Imperial Oil plant in the proposed town because of the loss of revenue to the remainder of the County.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank presided.

Warden Dowell, speaking from the floor, commended the Public Services Committee on its Report. He pointed out that if the village of Woodside was incorporated according to the proposed bounds, that one-sixth of the County's revenue would be lost. This would mean that 195 votes would be considered above the wishes of over 17,000 ratepayers. He declared that this would be the greatest injustice ever done to a people in the history of Nova Scotia. He said that the ordinary wage earner must be given more consideration. There should never have been a plebiscite on the question of Woodside to include the oil plant. The Warden declared that every individual should show his disapproval in no uncertain terms, and already several thousand had done so by direct petition to the Provincial Government. He said that the rate would be raised 97 cents to \$1.00 and asked Council to consider what this would mean to thousands of people in the County with very limited means, small wage earners, pensioners etc. He pointed out high tax rates at present in some areas of the County where new schools had been erected in recent years. In one section alone there was a total tax rate of over \$12.00 per \$100 assessment. It will be disastrous for these small wage earners and pensioners if their tax rate is raised \$1.00 because of the loss of the oil plant, which rightfully belongs to Halifax County.

Councillor Gates stated that he was not opposed to the incorporation of the village of Woodside itself. That was the right of the people. Nor was he opposed to the incorporation of Armdale, Bedford or any other community when the majority wanted it. But he did object to the handing of the oil plant on a "silver platter" to the benefit of a small section like Woodside, when it already had the \$300,000 Acadia Sugar plant assessment, which itself was greater than the assessment of a good many incorporated towns in Nova Scotia. Councillor Gates said that already 1,285 ratepayers of District 12 had protested the Government's action and there are 21 other Districts which will oppose just as vehemently.

Councillor Ferguson also congratulated the Public Services Committee on its report. He said that the removal of the oil plant was "unfair" and a serious matter which the County had never had to face in the past. He said that the Municipality was now fighting to retain something that "is rightfully ours". It is not democracy when the votes of 195 people can remove 1/6 of the revenue which rightfully belongs to the whole County. The Council should in no way be blamed - the blame rightfully belongs to the Provincial Government and the Government will have something to answer for in the very near future. Councillor Ferguson suggested that the Council should give some consideration to resigning in a body if such a serious matter came to pass.

Councillor Lomas declared that it is the responsibility of the Government to handle the question of Woodside in a right and proper manner.

Councillor Burris pointed out that the Municipal tax rate had been fairly steady in recent years and that a great deal of progress had been made. He expressed fear that progress in the future would be hindered because of the serious loss of financial resources. Councillor Burris said that the tax rate of the future would be \$5.50 plus instead of \$4.50. He said that personally he was not opposed to any community seeking incorporation but not at the expense of other communities. In the past few years the Municipal Council had made grants to the Vocational School and hospitals, had taken progressive steps to supply public services, build schools and the erection and further improvement of the County Home. He pointed out that the County would be handicapped at every turn if an important part of revenue was lost through the incorporation of Woodside including the oil plant. Councillor Burris thought it would be wise for the Government to reconsider going against the wishes of 17,000 ratepayers for the benefit of 195. By doing so the Government would be placing a mortgage on every home and farm in the County of Halifax.

Mr. W. D. Piercey of Armdale congratulated Councillor Gates and the Public Services Committee on a very excellent report. He said that he was not opposed to any community seeking incorporation, but did oppose the "gouging" of the resources of the majority for the direct benefit of a few. He declared that the loss of the Imperial Oil plant would have a damaging effect on the future home building expansion in the County and a higher tax rate would certainly be no encouragement to other industry which might locate here. He pointed to a high rate of \$12.19 in one section of District 12 and asked what would happen with another increase. He doubted whether the people had the financial ability to pay. He said that there were many people, who were having difficulty in meeting their obligations under present day circumstances and costs.

Mr. G. Donald Hogan of Rockingham also addressed the Council briefly. He pointed out that County progress in recent years had been very encouraging. In past years all Districts had been sharing their resources, but with secession by Woodside taking the oil plant, would cause other Districts to closely examine their resources, what they were paying and what they were receiving. Such examination might result in a further breakup with the Municipality. Government members may have great difficulty in getting support in the next provincial election.

Captain Cruikshanks of Jollimore said that the move would impose a great hardship in his District. Already many properties were advertised for sale and would not find buyers because of future higher taxes.

Councillor Gates declared that the County might have to make a complete change in its overall policy of providing services if the oil plant and its revenue were lost.

Councillors Gates and Burris moved that the Report of the Committee on Public Services be adopted. Councillor Chisholm asked to be excused from voting. The Warden put the motion and declared it carried.

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

FIRST DAY - AFTERNOON

Monday, November 8, 1948.

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

Councillor Lomas presented Warden Dowell with a gavel, which he said he hoped would be used in all future deliberations of Council. The Warden thanked Councillor Lomas for the gift.

Warden Dowell asked if other Councillors who did not have an opportunity to express opinions at the morning session on the Woodside incorporation wished to do so.

Councillor Webber declared that he was wholeheartedly in favor of the opinions expressed this morning by other Councillors, especially those opinions voiced by Councillors Ferguson and Gates. He felt that the Provincial Government had not been fair with the Halifax County Council, and stated that if the Council was to be dictated to by the Department of Municipal Affairs that he would resign as representative of District 19.

Councillor Bond said that the taking away of the Imperial Oil plant was so unjust that he did not believe that the Provincial Government would take such a step. If the Government permits such a thing a grave injustice will have been done the whole of the County of Halifax.

Councillor King said that she was not opposed to the incorporation of Woodside itself, but she was opposed to the removal of the oil refinery.

Councillor Evans felt that the Department of Municipal Affairs had been high-handed and dictatorial in the past and the Provincial Government was being unfair. Councillor Evans suggested that the Department was now running the business of the County instead of the people's representatives, making them mere "rubber stamps." If the representatives of the people, and the people themselves are to be ignored and the wishes of the very few respected, it is time to call a halt. No sane government should entertain such a thing - it is not honest, just and far from democratic, Councillor Evans concluded.

Councillor Myers said that the members of the Government should be present to hear the opinions expressed. He said that he admired the spirit of the people of Woodside in the way they had gone after incorporation but declared that it was unfair to give them the valuable oil plant, by far the largest single assessment in the County of Halifax. Councillor Myers said that if the plant was lost he would feel that he was of no further use, that he would resign and let the Department of Municipal Affairs run the Municipality as they had been attempting to do in past years.

Councillor Myers pointed out that in recent years his District had been greatly reduced by expropriation of large properties by the Dominion Government. It was for this reason that the County had asked the provincial government to approve a change in boundaries at the last session of the Legislature. This had been turned down. Councillor Myers felt that the time had come for a complete showdown with the Department of Municipal Affairs regarding the future operation and management of the County.

Councillor Lomas agreed with Councillor Myers adding that if what he said had come to pass then "the councillors may as well stay home". He declared that unless the Council was satisfied to allow the "Department" run its business it was time to take a stand.

Councillor Isenor said that he was in favor of the remarks made by other Councillors and he had nothing further to add to the discussion.

Councillor Fraser said that he was not opposed to Woodside, but he did not feel that the issue was completely lost. He felt that removal of the oil plant would create serious financial difficulties for the Municipality and would hinder building expansion in his District due to higher taxes.

Councillor Dauphinee said that Councillors were looking at the matter in a narrow, selfish way. He said that the Council could not tell Woodside not to incorporate, nor can the Provincial Government do anything about it. It is true that Woodside needs the services, and was at least partly built up by the Imperial Oil plant. On the other hand the County has aided the industry and has a right to this revenue after fostering it for 30 years. Councillor Dauphinee asked if the County would really benefit by keeping Woodside and suggested that it was perhaps better to let it go now. He stated that if the oil plant assessment was lost he agreed with others that the Hon. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Fielding would have difficulty in being re-elected.

Councillor Archibald said that he couldn't see how the Government could permit Woodside to take Imperial Oil because the whole County was united against any such move.

Councillor Turner congratulated the Committee for a fine report, and declared that it would be a grave injustice on the part of the Provincial Government to permit Woodside taking this important source of County revenue. He said that he was in favor of Woodside incorporating but opposed to them stretching their boundary south to take in the oil plant.

Councillor Slaunwhite spoke in favor of the Public Services Committee report, and stated that the Provincial Government had done an unfair and unwise thing. He said that his District was overwhelmingly Liberal but that many strong Liberals had flocked to sign the petition against the inclusion of the oil plant in the proposed Town of Woodside.

Councillor Naugle pointed out that the great reason the County has expanded was because people built there to escape high taxes of cities and towns. He said that the same applies to industrial expansion. If the tax rate climbed over \$1.00 because of the loss of the oil plant the whole future of the Municipality was threatened. He declared that the Department of Municipal Affairs had not been cooperative and had blocked and delayed the \$225,000 borrowing for the improvement of the County Home. The delay in this instance alone, Councillor Naugle, said would cost the ratepayers many more dollars because of the rise in building costs in recent months.

Councillor Anderson also congratulated the Committee on its report. He said that he was not concerned with Woodside incorporating if they were ready to pay the bill. But he was opposed to the Municipality footing the bill from a valuable source of revenue, which rightfully belonged to all the ratepayers, not just to 195 people in Woodside.

Hon. Mr. Stevens, M.L.A., Hon. Mr. Patterson, M.L.A., and Mr. C. L. Beazley Deputy Minister, Dept. of Municipal Affairs were welcomed by the Warden.

Again urging action, Councillor Gates said that Council should not hesitate to lay all its cards on the table and make a stand. He suggested that it might not be unwise for the ratepayers to make a march to the Provincial Building and make a determined stand if the Government was going to take a dictatorial stand against the wishes and future well being of 17,000 ratepayers. As Chairman of the Finance

Committee he warned that the County would be in a serious financial condition if other Districts followed Woodside. He claimed that the Department of Municipal Affairs was now delving into policy, and criticized Mr. Beazley sharply for his attitude in the past particularly in respect to County borrowings. He asked if the Council was "the tool of the Department" or "are they working for us?"

Invited by the Warden to address the Council, Mr. C. L. Beazley, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, said that he had no remarks to make at the present time.

Warden Dowell told the Hon. Mr. Patterson that the Council had made great strides to improve conditions for its people in recent years, and have tried to make Halifax County "a model municipality". With the threatened loss of Imperial Oil the Council feared that this loss would result in a serious financial set back because of the heavy obligations the Municipality had assumed in recent years. He pointed out that if Woodside took the plant one-sixth of the total revenue of the County would be lost and the tax rate would jump \$1.00 on the \$100 assessment. He pointed out that 195 people voted in Woodside for incorporation, but that over 17,000 opposed such a move because it affected their future. He asked where was democracy if the Provincial Government permitted the few to have the resources of the many.

Councillor Chisholm said that incorporation of Woodside would be hopeless without the Imperial Oil plant.

Councillor Lomas said that the issue really was 195 ratepayers against 17,000, and urged Mr. Stevens and Mr. Patterson impress on the Government the seriousness of the situation.

Councillor Ferguson said that he welcomed the presence of Mr. Stevens and Mr. Patterson at the deliberations of the County Council. He said that if a Government permitted 195 people of a single District to take away the largest assessment in the County which had been used for the benefit of many thousands then it was time to take serious action. He pointed out the serious financial obligations that the Municipality would be forced to bear, and declared that there were hundreds of ratepayers in His District who would be unable to assume further tax loads.

Councillor Naugle predicted that the loss of the \$750,000 Imperial Oil assessment would hinder further progress in the County. If the plant were lost there would be great difficulty in meeting the present financial obligations, and the Council would be unable to take further progressive steps including the provision of certain services which were badly needed in other Districts.

Councillor Myers declared that he was strongly opposed to paid officials of the Government dictating to the Municipal Council, and again urged Council to take a definite stand on the matter.

Councillor Settle said that 195 voted "for" incorporation in Woodside, and there were 235 who either voted against or who didn't vote at all. The Department of Municipal Affairs had assisted the Woodside Committee, but asked where the Department had assisted the County of Halifax. He was surprised that a Government might be unwise enough to favor 195 people against 17,000 and stated that the government which did such a thing would be severely censured.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Mrs. Hazel Colford, who protested that her name had been left off the voters list. The Clerk gave an explanation of the Towns Incorporation Act and outlined the preparation of voters lists. The Clerk said that the Act was out of date and that officials of the Municipality had not been responsible for any omission of names.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved:

"That in view of the facts mentioned in the Report of the Public Services Committee, this Council, while we do not like to use the word demand, must insist that the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia, use its prerogative under Section 20 (1) of the Towns Incorporation Act and do not grant the incorporation of District 28 as a town. "Carried."

Councillors Gates and Settle moved:

"That the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax should proceed to call for tenders for the installation of water and sewer on the Street known as the Albro Lake Road in District No. 14G, in accordance with our Engineer's Report and recommendations." Carried.

Councillors Gates and Settle moved:

"That the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax call for tenders for the installation of water in the Flawn sub-division in District No. 14D, in accordance with our Engineer's report and recommendations." Carried.

Councillors Gates and Naugle moved:

"That the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax proceed to call for tenders for the installation of water and sewer in the North Woodside Area, from the Dartmouth Town Boundary to the North Line of the Nova Scotia Hospital property in District No. 28, if and when it becomes evident to the Warden that the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia does not approve the incorporation of District No. 28." Carried.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved:

"That the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax give authority to the Public Services Committee of the Council to continue studies and surveys relative to the providing of services in various county areas, and from time to time bring to Council further recommendations for extensions or additions to the installations now proposed." Carried.

Councillors Settle and Burris moved:

"That a vote of thanks be extended the members of the Government for their attendance today." Carried.

The Hon. Mr. Peterson, Minister of Municipal Affairs, replied that the opinions as well as the resolutions passed at today's session, would be brought to the attention of the Government.

On motion of Councillors Myers and Fraser the Council adjourned.

SECOND DAY - MORNING

Tuesday, November 9, 1948

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called. All Councillors present.

Warden Dowell welcomed to the Council Chambers Warden Fletcher and Councillor Wasson of the Municipality of Cumberland. The Warden and Councillor addressed the Council briefly expressing their pleasure at being present.

The minutes of the special session of November 8, 1948 were read. Councillor Settle suggested that copies of the minutes be printed and distributed to the Premier

of Nova Scotia, the Minister of the Department of Municipal Affairs, the Members for Halifax East and West, and other persons whom the Warden thinks should receive copies along with members of the Council.

Councillor Myers suggested that the resolution passed by Council yesterday in reference to the Woodside incorporation might be misconstrued to mean that the Municipality was opposed to any form of incorporation in Woodside. Mr. Fielding, the solicitor, and other councillors believed that the resolution was in order as the resolution stated that Council was opposed to the Incorporation of Woodside under its present boundaries which included the Imperial Oil Plant.

Councillors Settle and Evans moved that the minutes of yesterday's session be adopted. Carried.

The Municipal Clerk read the notice of special meeting of Council called to consider and, if thought proper, to approve or vary a proposed by-law, Chapter 23 "Fixed Assessment" in respect to the assessment of the Fairey Aviation Company of Canada Limited, whose solicitor, Mr. F. M. Covert was in attendance.

Councillors Naugle and Lomas moved that Council go into Committee of the Whole. Councillor Settle suggested that Council stay in open session to discuss the assessment of the aircraft company. Councillor Myers agreed. Councillor Gates stated that the only reason he supported going into committee was because he felt that a free discussion would develop and facts established which otherwise might not be brought before the Council in open session.

The Warden put the motion and declared it carried. Councillor Myers wished to be recorded as voting against the motion.

SECOND DAY - AFTERNOON

Tuesday, November 9, 1948

Council reconvened at 3.55 o'clock. Roll called:

Councillor Naugle gave a brief report on behalf of the Assessment Committee, which viewed the Fairey aircraft plant at Eastern Passage. He said that he felt he was in a better position to discuss the assessment of the plant after viewing it this afternoon.

Councillor Gates and Lomas moved that Council go into committee of the whole. Carried.

Council reconvened. Roll called.

The Clerk read the proposed by-law, Chapter 23 "Fixed Assessment" in connection with the assessment of the Fairey Aviation Company of Canada Limited.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that the By-laws of the Municipality of the County of Halifax be amended by adding thereto the following By-laws:

"CHAPTER 23
FIXED ASSESSMENT"

"THE ASSESSMENT of The Fairey Aviation Company of Canada Limited, a person proposing to carry on an industry within the Municipality of the County of Halifax, shall be the value of its land within the Municipality, apart from any improvements thereon, together with a graduated amount, based on the value of improvements as hereinafter provided. For the year 1949 the assessment for improvements, hereinafter called the fixed assessment, shall be 25% of the actual value of such improvements or the approximate cost of the proposed improvements as determined by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities. The fixed assessment shall annually be increased as follows: For the year 1950 by \$7500, for the year 1951 by \$7500, for the year 1952 by \$7500, and for a further period of not more than six years an annual increase of not less than one-sixth of the difference between the actual value fixed by the said Board and the 1952 assessment: Provided however, that by Order of the Board if any improvements are added during the last nine years of the period of the fixed assessment, then the Board shall value the same and the assessment shall be increased on the same proportionate basis as above provided: Provided further that where during the period of the fixed assessment the property is, in the opinion of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities, assessed in accordance with the provisions of The Assessment Act the said annual increases shall be discontinued."

The Warden put the motion and declared it carried unanimously.

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

Warden Dowell and Councillor Gates highly commended to Council the work that Mr. R. G. Hattie had accomplished in the preparation of letters and the radio address of the Warden in connection with the Woodside matter.

On motion of Councillors Myers and Fraser the Council adjourned sine die. God Save the King.

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

FIRST DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, February 23, 1949.

The third annual meeting of the Twenth-ninth Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax opened in the Council Chambers, Law Courts, Halifax, at 11 o'clock. Warden W. J. Dowell presided. The Roll was called.

Warden Dowell announced that Council would not sit today. Councillors Gates and Naugle moved that Council adjourn until 11 o'clock tomorrow so that Council could attend the funeral of the late Councillor Hollis B. Anderson in Sheet Harbor. Carried.

SECOND DAY—MORNING

Thursday, February 24, 1949.

Council met at 11 o'clock. Roll called. All Councillors were reported present with the exception of the late Councillor H. B. Anderson.

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

Warden Dowell, in his opening remarks, paid a high tribute to the late Councillor Anderson of Sheet Harbor, who for many years had been a valued member of the Muncipal Council, and advised Council that the Clerk would direct a letter to the bereaved family expressing the heartfelt sympathy of all Councillors on their severe loss. The Council stood for two minutes silence in tribute to the late Councillor.

The Warden delivered his annual address to Council. It follows:

TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX. MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:—

Once again we meet in Annual Council the Third and last Annual Meeting of the 29th Council of our County and it affords me much pleasure to welcome you to this session.

Today as we meet it is again brought home to us how quickly times and conditions change.

For many years when I was first a member of this Council, the changes from year to year were hardly noticeable, but now we find that changes are not from year to year, but almost from month to month, and we must be continuously on the watch and ready to grasp any and all opportunities to deal promptly with those changes.

During the year past, we by Resolutions of Council have made commitments of a definitely progressive nature that must be carried on to the extent that is required from the standpoint of health, safety and a better standard of living for those who have by their votes, asked us to act for them in this Council. As Warden of this County, I feel that I must not only call your attention to matters that have to be dealt with, but at the same time, to the best of my ability, show our Ratepayers what may confront them from the standpoint of costs, so I shall try and deal with each under different headings, and ask the Council to deal with the various matters that I enumerate, having in mind that we cannot progress without expenditures and that proper expenditures bring with them earning powers and without expenditures there cannot be earnings.

RATES OR TAXES

For a number of years the County Tax has remained the same while costs of all other items have advanced very greatly. This does not necessarily mean that your Council has been farsighted enough to prevent any advance in rates, but it does show that they have watched carefully all overhead costs to the extent that the costs of local government has been kept to a minimum and the development and building within the County has been such that the income or revenue has kept pace with the requirements of costs.

I am at a loss to make any statement as to what will be required when the progressive steps that we must take with respect to services required within the so-called Metropolitan Area, that is if we wish to keep our County together as one unit is completed, and it may possibly be that for a year or two our Rates may increase somewhat, but I am satisfied that with the necessary services installed, the development will be such that the Rates will never be increased to the extent that they will overshadow the good that will accrue from the installation of those greatly required services.

REVENUE

We must of necessity see to it that nothing is done that will in any way take from us what we feel definitely belongs to our County and from which we derive revenue. During my time in Council, it has been said to me many times "You ought to be able to do this or that because you have a wealthy County." After hearing remarks such as this, one begins to look for that wealth, and in looking around, I find that our wealth consists mainly in four fairly heavy industries, the Farm Lands of the Musquodoboits, Farms in Districts 14 and 27, Fishing, Lumbering and perhaps the greatest assessable wealth lies in the lands more particularly described as the Metropolitan Area, and among those lands, what do we find is happening? We find that of that Area thousands of acres are being taken from us, and the possibilities of assessments being taken from us for ever. As much of this land is being taken by the Federal Government for purposes of defence as well as for other purposes. It is our duty to call the attention of the Federal Government to the matter and ask for at least a Grant in lieu of taxes, as we are advised that under our Federal Laws, such land cannot be taxed in the regular way. I personally have contacted our Federal members about the matter and have been in touch with our senior Federal Member, and am satisfied that he (Mr. Isnor) will give us any assistance that is in his power.

A copy of my letter to our Federal Representatives is on file in this office, and I shall be glad to put it before our meeting if you so desire, and I do feel that you should give it your best consideration as the voice of one man only, does not create much impression in Ottawa.

HOUSEKEEPING

Actually there is a lot of work in our County which can best be termed House-keeping. You will remember that at our last Annual Meeting, we asked the Provincial Government to allow us to change the boundaries of District 28, 13 and 14, as we felt that among other reasons it would be beneficial to the County as a whole. After many arguments, pros and cons being presented, our request was refused, and of course we had to bow to the will of the superior government, but we felt at the time and I expect our council feels the same today, that it was a matter of county housekeeping only, and that we should be allowed to do our own housekeeping, unless we were to be considered unfit for the position and had so been told by the electorate of our different Districts.

COUNTY PLANNING

Your Planning Board has been very active all through the year, and I feel sure that their efforts have been well worthwhile. You will receive their report together with proposed By-laws to be presented for your approval and later for the approval of the Governor in Council.

ASSESSMENTS

The Survey is still going on and doing work that will only be appreciated by the Councils that follow this Council and who will find what the accumulated records will mean to them as they carry on their work. You will have the opportunity of dealing with their detailed report of the committee later on while the Council is sitting.

HEALTH

The matter of Health is perhaps the most important matter that can come before us at any time and now that both the Federal and the Provincial Governments are providing capital for the purposes of putting the health of our Country on a high plane, we, remembering that we of ourselves have done very little to protect the health of those who elect us to office, should now do our very best in all ways to use and add to the financial help provided by the major governments, so that what is now being perhaps the first general move to real health as a national responsibility, may be such that the health standard of Canada as a nation may be equal to that of the best in the world.

COUNTY HOME AND MENTAL HOSPITAL

At the last Annual Meeting, the Council by resolution instructed your tenders and Public Property Committee to add to our building at Cole Harbor, and instructed them to spend not over \$225,000.00 on the project. The Municipal Department did not see fit to permit the borrowing of the money for this purpose and so the work was not done, but the matter will be brought to your attention again, and a suggestion will be put before you that will meet with your approval, and while the matter of providing further and better accommodations for our inmates will be later than we would have liked it to, yet the savings and opportunity of better accommodations will be such, that you will all feel that the delay has been beneficial from most angles.

HALIFAX HARBOR BRIDGE

The matter of the long talked of Bridge across Halifax Harbor will again be brought to your attention during this meeting and I am sure will receive your careful attention. At present there is very little information I can give you, but I feel that there may be definite decisions arrived at that may help this dream come true.

In conclusion, I may just mention that we often hear mentioned "Model Towns." I personally feel that we in this Council should strive to so do our work

that we may hear mention made of Model Rural Municipalities. I feel that this Council has the knowledge and the ability to bring this about.

We are still awaiting the pleasure of the Provincial Government who are to say what shall be our portion of the National Revenue, as arranged through the agreement between the Dominion and Provincial Governments of 1947. When that has been definitely decided, it will, I trust, provide financial help that will help us to carry out many progressive steps that we have in view.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Dowell,
Warden.

Councillors Gates, Lomas and Naugle complimented the Warden for his able presentation and excellent summary of the problems and accomplishments of the Municipal Council.

Ex-councillors King of Wellington and Myers of Eastern Passage were present in the Council Chamber and addressed the Council briefly.

Councillors Naugle and Evans nominated Mr. R. M. Fielding, K.C., M.L.A., as solicitor for the coming year. Councillors Burris and Ferguson moved that nominations cease. Carried

The Clerk deposited a ballot and the Warden declared Mr. Fielding appointed as municipal solicitor for the coming year.

A letter was read from Mr. F. M. Covert regarding the Fairey Aircraft Corporation at Eastern Passage.

A memorandum to the Municipal Clerk from Mr. H. S. MacGlashen regarding government owned property and housing development at Eastern Passage was referred to the Assessment Committee. A letter from the assessor for District 27 suggesting two assessors be appointed for District 27 was referred to the Assessment Committee.

Various letters on assessment from Ratepayers brought to Council's attention by the Clerk were referred to the Assessment Committee.

A petition re special district levy from residents of Districts 20, 21 and 22 for the Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital was referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter from Colonel Wright, Fire Marshall, regarding fire hazards in District 8 was referred to the Public Services Committee.

A letter was read from Mr. E. F. Williams re the Glenwood Avenue petition to have the Department of Highways take over the road. The Clerk then read a letter in reply to Mr. Williams by Warden Dowell.

Councillor Settle said that the Glenwood Avenue matter had been referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee before but nothing had been accomplished. Councillor Gates suggested that the matter go to the Committee and be brought to Council's attention after the Committee had given further study to the matter. He said that only in the past few days had the Department of Highways clarified its position regarding the taking over of roads. Councillor Settle disagreed with the procedure of the subdivider deeding the property first to the Municipality. He felt that the deed should go direct from the property owner to the Highways Department. Councillor Gates said that the Minister of Highways was of the opinion that as the County was interested through the Planning Board that the Municipality should receive the deed first. Councillor Settle disagreed and the matter was referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee.

Councillor Myers urged that because there were so many matters of vital concern that the County Planning Board report be presented to Council early in [the session.

Mr. Fielding then entered the Council Chamber and was advised by the Warden that he had been reappointed solicitor. Mr. Fielding expressed his appreciation to the Council, and spoke briefly of the pleasant relationship that existed between himself and members of the Council in past years. On behalf of himself and the Hon. Geoffrey Stevens, M.L.A., Mr. Fielding invited councillors to a dinner, the date to be at the convenience of Council.

Councillors Lomas and Fraser moved that the invitation of Mr. Fielding and the Hon. Geoffrey Stevens be accepted. Carried.

Deputy Mayor J. E. Lloyd of Halifax was present in the Council Chamber and on invitation of the Warden addressed the Council briefly. He remarked how closely related were the problems that faced both the City of Halifax and the County, and declared that cooperation between both bodies could aid in the solution to the mutual benefit of both. Deputy Mayor Lloyd complemented Council on its "good chief executive officer," Mr. Martin Archibald, and stated that the obtaining of such an officer for the City of Halifax had been of keen interest to him for many years.

On behalf of Council, Councillor Lomas extended best wishes to Councillors King and Myers and to Mr. R. M. Fielding and Mrs. Fielding on their recent marriage.

The Warden appointed the following as members of the Nominating Committee: Councillors Cruikshank, Archibald, Turner, Ferguson and Fraser.

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

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

Thursday, February 24, 1949.

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

A letter from a representative of the Department of Agriculture regarding the establishment of veterinary areas in Halifax County was read. The Clerk reported that a meeting with the Veterinary Committee had been held since receipt of the letter, and the letter was referred to that Committee. Letters and a petition, requesting a plebiscite to permit the sale of beer and wine in Halifax County, from the Circle J Ranch, the Med-O-Club, the Seabreeze Hotel the Leghorn Bar BQ, and several private ratepayers were read and referred to the Public Services Committee. Councillor Myers spoke strongly in favor of such a plebiscite and was supported by Councillor Chisholm. It was agreed that the matter would be further discussed after the Committee reported back to Council.

Letters from the United Emergency Fund for Britain and the Canadian Welfare Council were referred to the Finance Committee. A letter from Mr. George Dickey, Secretary of the Halifax County Exhibition, was read, and referred to the Finance Committee....

Letters from the Tufts Cove Baptist Church congregation and Mr. F. E. Chipman, chairman of the finance committee of the V.O.N., requesting aid for carrying out nursing services in the Dartmouth fringe area were referred to the Finance Committee after Councillor Lomas outlined the work being accomplished by the Victorian Order in this area.

Councillor Myers criticized the delay in the printing of the minutes and reports of the Annual Meeting. He urged that Council do away with the printing of minutes unless some great improvement was made. Councillor Myers also declared that there was too much public business being conducted in committees of the whole and urged that this practice be abolished.

Councillor Slaunwhite agreed with Councillor Myers that the delay in printing the minutes was serious and should be corrected, and suggested that it would be wise for Council to seek competitive bids for printing in the future. Warden Dowell, Councillors Evans and Lomas disagreed with Councillor Myers on the question of abolishing work in Committees of the Whole. Councillor Gates declared that the purpose of committee work was to get a free and open discussion and arrive at conclusions. These conclusions then became public through the regular sessions of Council. Councillor Myers disagreed declaring that any opinions he would express he would express publicly. Councillor Gates in reply stated that Councillor Myers' suggestion was impossible and that transaction of business would be hampered if his suggestion was followed.

The Report of the County Health Officer was presented by Dr. Hugh MacKinnon along with accompanying recommendations attached to the Report. Questions on matters of health were directed to Dr. MacKinnon by Councillors Lomas, Settle, and Slaunwhite.

Councillor Lomas was critical of press reports of the Tangier Deanery meeting, which he said reflected on the health conditions on the Eastern Shore. Dr. MacKinnon replied that he knew nothing of such reports. Councillor Bond said that the press reports of the Deanery Meeting should have been contradicted at the time.

Councillor Ferguson said that it was apparent that Councillor Lomas had received the wrong impression in regard to the intentions of the Tangier Deanery. He declared that the meeting was called to try to improve conditions from a health standpoint on the Eastern Shore. He said that there was certainly a shortage of doctors, nurses and hospitals and that there was certainly lots of chance for improvement. He said that if the Deanery could do anything to improve conditions among the fishing communities on the shore he was strongly in favor. Councillor Webber agreed heartily with Councillor Ferguson and said that the meeting in question was called not to criticize but to try and improve, especially in regard to medical and nursing service.

Councillor Lomas agreed that doctors were scarce and distances great in the Eastern Shore districts, but stated that health conditions among the people are not bad.

Councillors Myers and Settle said that they were familiar with the Deanery Meeting and that they did not believe that there was ever any intention to blame anybody. The purpose was to study conditions in an effort to find remedies that could be applied for the betterment of the people. Councillor Settle said that the Deanery should not be condemned for trying to improve. Councillor Gates suggested that the matter be dropped and discussed in greater detail if necessary when the proposed new Orders-in-Council respecting health were discussed.

Councillor Spracklin complimented Dr. MacKinnon on his report and referred to the work accomplished in the past year. He regretted that for various reasons, including the death of the late Minister of Health, Dr. Davis, that there would be so little progress for the committee to report on health for the year past.

Dr. MacKinnon then read his annual report as Jail Surgeon.

Councillors Evans and Lomas moved that the Report of the Medical Officer be adopted and the recommendations laid on the table for further consideration. Carried

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that the Report of the Jail Surgeon be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Myers and Spracklin moved that tenders be called for reporting and printing the minutes of 1950 and to be opened at the opening session of the Council, and that the present session's minutes be delivered before July 31. Carried.

Letters from the Canadian Red Cross, the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, the Children's Hospital, and the Halifax Community Chest were read and referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter from the Cunard Men's Club was read by the Clerk and referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee. A letter from the Armdale Ratepayers Association was referred to the Finance Committee.

Three property deeds in connection with roads in the Billman, Isenor, and Piercey properties were referred to the County Planning Board.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read.

The report follows:

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

Councillors:—

Your Committee appointed to nominate Standing Committees submit the following Nominations:

FINANCE COMMITTEE -	Councillors Gates, Naugle, Fraser, Myers and Ferguson
TENDERS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY -	Warden Dowell, Councillors Naugle, Cruikshank, Evans and Dauphinee
LICENSES -	Councillors Ferguson, Lomas, Chisholm, King, Myers, and Spracklin.
ROADS AND BRIDGES -	Councillors King-Myers, Lomas, Isenor, Slaunwhite and Turner.
ASSESSMENT -	Councillors Naugle, Turner, Settle, Evans 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-Myers, Spracklin, Bonn, Dauphinee and Archibald
ARBITRATION -	Councillors Burris, Settle, Gates, Evans and Cruikshank
JAIL -	Councillors Myers, Lomas and Bonn. Norman Cruikshank, Chairman Roy Archibald P. S. Ferguson R. L. Fraser Carl Turner

Councillors Cruikshank and Evans moved that the Report of the Nominating Committee be adopted. Carried.

On motion of Councillors Slaunwhite and Burris the Council adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

THIRD DAY—MORNING

Friday, February 25, 1949.

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 Turner.

The annual Report of the Jailor was read. Councillors Naugle and Webber moved that the Report of the Jailor be adopted. Carried.

The Report of the Board of Appeal was read.

Councillors Spracklin and Slaunwhite moved that the Report of the Board of Appeal be adopted.

Councillor Naugle noted that a large number of the appeals had been allowed by the Board and inquired whether this was a reflection on the local assessors. Councillor Settle said that nothing could be done insofar as the decisions of the Appeal Board were concerned as the only higher authority was the County Court. Councillor Gates wondered whether the Appeal Board was really in a position to judge on the "Deadman's Cove" assessment in District 12. He told of the recent sale of the MacLeod property to illustrate the value of property on the North West Arm. Councillor Fraser was of the opinion that the number of appeals made to the Appeal Board was not high considering the large number of ratepayers in the County. Councillors Slaunwhite, Cruikshank and Spracklin also entered the brief discussion on assessment appeals and the Municipal Clerk explained to Council the Appeal Court's procedure.

The motion that the Report of the Appeal Board be adopted was put and carried.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Turner the Council adjourned to go into committee work.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON

Friday, February 25, 1949.

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

On motion of Councillors Bonn and Turner the Council adjourned to go into committee work.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING

Saturday, February 26, 1949

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 Naugle and Ferguson.

Mr. Robinson, representing the Halifax Bi-centenary Committee, spoke to Councillors in reference to the housing problem during the coming summer when Halifax City would celebrate its 200th birthday.

He pointed out that there would be a shortage of tourist accommodation and asked Councillors to assist by providing a list of suitable accommodation. Mr. Fielding suggested that due to the importance of the celebration and the accommodation problem it would be in order to ask Mr. Leonard Fraser to address Council on the matter. The Warden and Councillor Dauphinee agreed. Councillor Fraser said that he had answered the inquiry sent by Mr. Robinson, and agreed that Councillors should co-operate with the Halifax Committee on the matter.

On motion of Councillor Spracklin and Lomas the Council adjourned to go into committee of the whole.

Council reconvened. Roll called.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Evans the Council adjourned until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING

Monday, February 28, 1949

The Council met at 11 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Naugle and Bonn.

Mr. W. L. Harper, Chairman of the Municipal School Board, presented his annual report and was heartily applauded by Councillors at its conclusion.

Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that the Report of the Municipal School Board be filed and the recommendations therein be referred to the Finance Committee.

In reply to a question by Councillor Lomas as to how long the shop-mobile had been in operation in the Musquodoboit Valley and whether other sections of the County would have to wait for the same service, Inspector Silver replied that the equipment had been in the Valley 2½ years. Inspector Silver added that it was the policy to keep the equipment in the same area three years, and at the end of this time the area had the privilege of purchasing same. Inspector Weir in reply to Councillor Lomas said that the shop-mobile equipment was paid for entirely by government funds. Inspector Silver said that further information regarding this type of equipment could be obtained from Mr. George R. Sutherland, who was in charge of this department at Shubenacadie.

Referring to the fine report presented by Mr. Harper, Councillor Gates pointed out that the important part of the report insofar as the Municipality was concerned was that increases in education costs will in future be borne not by the Provincial Government but by the County. He said that if tax rates go up any further in some school sections of the County the costs will be unbearable. He pointed to one section in his District where the total rate was approximately \$13.00 on the \$100 assessment.

Councillor Dauphinee told of a school section in his District which had a rate before the larger school unit of 66 cents. The rate at present is \$2.00 and he felt that any additional levy would be inadvisable.

Councillor Naugle declared that the situation was serious, particularly in sections which already had a very high rate and which required larger and improved school plants. He said that consideration may have to be given to creating a single school section in the whole District to lighten the tax load of some sections. He advocated very close study being given the whole problem of education by all Councillors.

In reply to a question by Councillor Fraser regarding the proposed two single room schools in Seabright and Lower Seabright, Mr. Harper and Mr. Silver assured Councillor Fraser that the request of ratepayers in this section would be given every consideration.

In reply to Councillor Slaunwhite, Warden Dowell said that of the \$4.50 tax rate, \$2.00 represented the education levy. Councillor Lomas asked what the

minimum salary for a teacher was in the County Inspector Silver said that for permissive teachers salaries ran from \$600.00 up and for a teacher with minimum qualifications \$1020.00 up.

In reply to a question by Councillor Slaunwhite, Inspector Silver said that the schools at Prospect, Shad Bay, and Terrance Bay were public schools. Sisters of Charity teaching in these schools received the same salary as other teachers with similar qualifications in the County.

Councillor Gates said that he was greatly concerned over the question of maintenance of school plants. He said that he could foresee where sections sadly in need of improved school facilities would not be able to have their educational necessities satisfied due to high tax rates, caused by high maintenance costs.

Councillor Myers said that no assurance could be given where school and tax problems in the Municipality would end. He said that there was a possibility that the Municipality could run into bankruptcy over education. He declared that the picture was much different today than the picture painted when the County adopted the larger school unit.

Warden Dowell pointed out that nearly all the extra money required to meet increased costs in the past few years had been met by the Provincial Government.

Councillor Spracklin was of the opinion that the school curriculum should include instruction on the dangers of alcohol. He declared that the rural schools today were greatly improved to years ago, and still the County requires according to the Chairman's report over one and a quarter million dollars for improved school plants.

The resolution to file Mr. Harper's report was put by the Warden and declared carried.

Councillor Gates advised Council that new fire fighting equipment purchased for his District would be tested at Chocolate Lake tomorrow and invited any Councillors interested to attend.

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

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Monday, February 28, 1949

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

Introduced by the Warden, Miss Elizabeth Orchard, M.A., Supervisor of Schools for Halifax County, presented her first annual report to the Council. In her report, Miss Orchard outlined her duties as Supervisor, stating that she had made 95 individual visits to 82 classrooms in the County. She said that special attention had been directed to classroom management and methods, standards and results of teaching had been closely surveyed. Improvement had been shown. She praised the cooperative attitude that teachers had adopted, and mentioned in particular a group of permissive teachers who had shown keen interest in their work, several of whom were planning to obtain their licenses in future. Four one day conferences were held for permissive teachers in areas along the Eastern Shore and three institutes had been held during the Fall months for the promotion of inservice training. Eight teachers clubs have begun to function for the exchange of information and ideas, which would be of special benefit to the classrooms. She stressed the seriousness of overcrowded conditions in the schools, and the serious effect this would have on the education of the individual pupil. She urged that attention be

given to supply the rural classrooms with all the necessary teaching aide sossible. Of the schools that had come to her attention since she began her duties, Miss Orchard said the school at Ingraham River was probably outstanding in all respects. She expressed her appreciation for the assistance and cooperation of the Municipal School Board and Inspector Silver.

Councillor Dauphinee expressed appreciation of the report given by Miss Orchard, particularly the complimentary reference made by her to the Ingram River School. Questions were directed on methods of teaching by the following Councillors, Chisholm, Naugle, Lomas, Fraser, Gates, Burris and Warden Dowell.

Inspector Silver read his annual report dealing with education in the County of Halifax for the past year, and advised Councillors that he would make copies of his report available to all. Inspector Silver stressed in his report that the administration of schools in the municipality had become a very complex problem, a problem that required much thought and energy. Referring to the tremendous growth in the past few years, particularly in the metropolitan area, Inspector Silver stated that there were 325 "departments" in operation today with nearly 400 teachers employed including substitutes. Of the teachers 8.7 percent were "permissive" only. He said that there were several school sections in the County which had difficulty in attracting licensed teachers, which were still in short supply. It seemed that the requirements that teachers looked for in a community were (1) a pleasant place to board, (2) a clean and well lighted school,(3) adequate transportation. Mr. Silver praised Miss Orchard's work in her first year, stating that commendable progress had been made, and said that he expected to have a second supervisor in the County within a year.

Inspector Silver speaking on school insurance, said that authorities had been placing special emphasis on this matter in an effort to have trustees carry insurance up to 80 percent of the replacement value of the school plant.

He urged that more school sections take advantage of the equipment grant, and praised the workmanship of school desks now being manufactured by a Head Chez zetcook plant. He said that more school buildings were definitely needed if the educational requirements of the children of the County were to be met. It is necessary to plan for these additions well in advance, principally because of the low assessment found in many of the school sections in the municipality.

The most serious problem was the financing of new school plants, additions and improvements, Inspector Silver said. The County Inspector gave several examples of school sections where the assessment figures were low in comparison to the school facilities required. In one section the total tax rate would be \$50.00 per \$100 assessment if the requirements of the children were to be solved. He said that he would welcome any suggestion from Councillors how these individual section problems were to be solved. The big question that had to be answered was "What is the ability of the ratepayer to pay?"

Another serious problem that must be faced, Inspector Silver said, was the problem of maintenance, particularly in regard to one room schools in the County. He gave estimates made by a large number of sections all over the County, pointing out the great difference in the costs of maintenance.

Inspector Silver predicted that the school population for the County will be 11,000 when figures for this year are available, and the greatest increase has been shown in the metropolitan area. He praised the formation of over 50 Home and School Associations and said that they were making a great contribution. One of the feats that would go down in history, the Inspector said, was the raising of over \$75,000 for school purposes by community effort in various sections of the County since 1943.

Councillors Dauphinee and Fraser moved that the Report of Miss Orchard be filed. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that the Report of Mr. Silver, the Inspector of Schools, be received and filed and the recommendations be referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

Councillor Gates said that he was of the opinion that it was now necessary for the Council to consider seriously the abolishing of so many individual school sections to form a single unit for the whole municipality. Another matter that individual councillors could well consider is the problem of fire protection, Councillor Gates said, and then went on to tell of the progress that District 12 had made in this respect in the past year.

Invited to address the Council, Mr. Harold Weir, Chief Inspector of Schools, declared that the problem of maintenance and the providing of school plants for many school sections was indeed an acute one. He pointed out that if it was not for the financial support of the Provincial Government in past years the present \$2.00 general education rate in Halifax County would be \$6.00. The Provincial Government, through the Department of Education, was in fact providing approximately two-thirds of the cost of education in the County.

Inspector Weir agreed with Councillor Gates that the time had now come for the Municipality to seriously consider the inclusion of the cost of capital expenditures in the general tax levy for the whole County. He stated that the policy of the Government was to fix present subsidization and that future necessary increases in the cost of maintenance must come from the County or individual sections, not from the funds of the Government. He pointed out that administration of maintenance could best be handled by the Municipality because it was closer to the problem, whereas the Provincial Government feared economy would be lost by provincial control. He enumerated three problems that the County had faced in recent years, (1) the rural school problem, which had been solved to a considerable extent, (2) the maintenance problem in large village schools, and (3) the village schools, which haven't special schedules. In the latter the problem is acute and must be dealt with. He said that an additional \$5,000.00 was necessary to straighten out the problem of maintenance this year. This should be met by the Council making a general levy or the individual school sections assuming their own burdens and levying individual rates for every section.

Councillor Myers asked if the \$5,000.00 would be an annual grant. Inspector Weir replied in the negative, stating that the amount could vary from year to year, depending on whether costs increased or decreased.

Councillor Lomas maintained that by managing their own maintenance problems the individual sections had shown economy and kept their rate down in their own sections.

In reply to Councillor Dauphinee, Inspector Weir said that the present \$2.00 rate had been in effect since 1942, the year of the formation of the larger school unit, but that there was no guarantee that this would not be changed.

Councillor Myers feared that Inspector Weir's proposal would make school sections more extravagant in their maintenance than if these charges were borne individually by the school sections concerned.

Inspector Weir was of the opinion that the County rate necessary to provide for all capital school indebtedness in the whole Municipality would not be large, and that such a solution should be seriously considered. Councillor Myers did not think that it was a fair proposition for schools which in past years had cleared up their capital indebtedness on their schools. These, he feared, would be saddled with recent debts of other sections.

Councillor Fraser said that the people of the County could have anything that they could pay for, but urged that care be taken at the present time before any definite decision was reached.

Inspector Weir pointed out that a number of sections in the County were finding it impossible to provide necessary class-rooms for their children.

Councillor Dauphinee inquired from Inspector Weir as to the progress made in the past year regarding the building of Rural High Schools. Inspector Weir replied that plans had been completed for the Musquodoboit Valley, the land had been purchased, and within a matter of weeks tenders would be called for. Preliminary plans for the St. Margaret's Bay School had been completed, and progress was being made as an agreement had been entered into for the purchase of the necessary land.

In reply to a question by Warden Dowell, Inspector Weir predicted that in the immediate future it will not be necessary to expand lower grade facilities in the St Margaret's Bay and Musquodoboit Valley areas because of the building of the new high school plants unless the populations showed a considerable increase.

In reply to a question by Councillor Naugle, Inspector Weir said that janitor service, fuel, electric power, school supplies, equipment, furniture and ordinary repairs generally constituted "maintenance."

Inspector Weir pointed out that under the present Education Act the Council had wide powers regarding tax levy for education purposes.

He said that it was possible for the Municipal Council to declare the whole County a single unit for all school purposes. He was of the opinion that such a step toward establishment of a single unit would not exceed \$1.00 in the tax rate. This would permit the Municipality to pay off all capital indebtedness of all school sections, and in future the Municipality could be charged and responsible for the erection and maintenance of all schools in the County. This would permit many sections obtaining schools, who were unable to finance them over a short period of years. This grand cooperative plan would be instituted not for ten or 20 years, but for the next 1000 years. He said in reply to a question by Councillor Myers that it was not fair to consider the faults of such a plan over a period of one or two years only.

Councillor Ferguson asked if any plans had been advanced for the construction of Rural High Schools on the Eastern Shore. Inspector Weir said that nothing had advanced beyond the tentative plan for the whole province, which included in the blue-print stage three such schools for the Eastern Shore.

Mr. W. L. Harper, Chairman of the Municipal School Board, announced the winners of the County's scholarships and suggested that it would be fitting to have the scholarships presented during a session of the Municipal Council.

Councillor Naugle expressed the hope that he would eventually see a single school section for the whole municipality, but the problem at present concerns rural sections, which have no capital indebtedness. It is a question of great magnitude and one that will require much thought and consideration before he could wholeheartedly support it.

Councillor Gates said that his own personal opinion was that the single unit for all purposes must come, and that the Provincial Government must contribute a large sum of money to make this progressive step possible. He pointed out that the financial settlement between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, and the Provincial Government and the Municipalities was far from settled, and he could think of no greater cause to contribute a large slice of this money to the education in Nova Scotia. It was fundamental and absolutely necessary for the good of all that capital costs of education be levelled out, he said. Every child

should have an equal opportunity, an opportunity which is lacking in the Municipality today. The privilege of education to a large number of children is threatened by the present inability of many sections to provide the funds. And the problem increases daily in its seriousness.

Councillor Fraser feared that the imposing of an additional \$1.00 on the present rate would be excessive. Councillor Dauphinee said that the Council was coming back to the same idea that he had advanced two years ago.

Inspector Weir agreed with Councillor Gates in his remarks except in regard to subsidization of capital expenditures by the Provincial Government. He pointed out that the Government was in fact subsidizing "capital" by the building of rural High Schools, which would mean three-quarters of a million dollars in the Musquodoboit Valley and St Margaret's Bay areas. Councillor Gates explained that when he referred to capital expenditure he was speaking in reference to "basic educational needs only," and it was in this department that the Provincial Government should give its closest attention.

Councillor Myers said the problem was a serious one in his District, where the Dominion Government had taken over large and valuable tracts of land, and had built large housing developments. The occupants of these houses are only being assessed \$50.00 yet it was possible for them to outvote real property owners, who were required in the end to pay the bills for education.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Webber the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow.

SIXTH DAY—MORNING

Tuesday, March 1, 1949

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 Burris.

Councillor Burris' suggestion that children who had won County scholarships attend Council's session Saturday morning for a presentation was approved by Council.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Kiwanis Club of Halifax inviting Councillors to luncheon next Monday. Councillors Gates and Evans moved that the invitation from the Kiwanis Club for luncheon next Monday be accepted. Carried.

Councillor Gates presented the Report of the County Planning Board. In reply to Councillors Burris and Naugle, Councillor Gates said that the "master plan" referred to the metropolitan area. In reply to Councillor Cruikshank, Councillor Gates said that the majority of subdivisions considered by the Board in the past year concerned the metropolitan area.

Councillor Myers said that it was his understanding that planning regulations would not apply to the more remote areas of the Municipality which did not require or want them. Councillor Gates agreed with Councillor Myers that the only solution was to amend the Act. Councillor Ferguson told Council that he had been under the same impression as Councillor Myers, that subdividing regulations would apply only to the metropolitan area, which was greatly concerned with building regulations as well as planning. Councillor Webber felt that the regulations were unnecessary and imposed a hardship in the rural areas.

Mr. Fielding, speaking on the Planning Act and its application to Halifax County, pointed out that the regulations had actually been in effect since 1939, but that the public had not been aware of them. He stressed that these regulations were not laid down by the Council or its Board, and no Councillor was in any way to blame for them. If blame was to be attached, he said, it should be attached to the Legislature. He suggested that if Council was dissatisfied with certain sections of the Act then the Council should seek amendments as soon as possible.

Councillor Naugle said that the present regulations did create an unnecessary hardship on certain rural areas of the County. It was difficult to obtain the services of a surveyor and the costs were high for this service in relation to the value of the land concerned. He agreed that regulations were certainly necessary, particularly in the fringe areas.

Mr. Fielding suggested that if Council was dissatisfied that the proper procedure might be for the planning expert, Mr. Bates, and some Committee to study the matter and bring in to Council proposed amendments to the Act.

Councillor Fraser said that he had favored the Act at first, but had found a number of people in his District dissatisfied with it. He mentioned the "stiff penalties" which the Act provided, and said that some people were referring to subdivision regulations as dictatorship.

Councillor Dauphinee related to Council several cases in his District, and said that the cost of survey was exorbitant. He said that the cost of operating the Planning Board last year was in the vicinity of \$5,000.00 and its function seemed to be to work a hardship on people.

Councillor Gates said that the necessity of good planning was first brought to Council's attention by the Woodside problem and the great need of control. He declared that planning regulations are essential in Eastern Passage as well as in parts of District 9. If the Act is thrown out completely it would have a serious effect on building because of the attitude that trust and mortgage companies would adopt. Councillor Gates said that he agreed with other Councillors when they said that amendments were necessary, particularly in reference to the remote areas. It would also be necessary to amend sections dealing with the powers of the County Board and its relationship with planning boards in the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth. It is essential, Councillor Gates concluded, to have regulations in force in some sections of the County to protect the safety, health and welfare of the people.

Councillor Myers said that Councillor Gates did not understand the situation in Eastern Passage, and that he should concern himself only with his own District. Councillor Fraser asked questions pertaining to the Boutilier subdivision in District 9 and was furnished a plan by Councillor Gates.

Councillor Naugle again suggested that a Committee give further study to the requirements of the County and present to Council proposed amendments to the Act. Councillor Naugle felt that some Councillors were unfair in their criticism of the Chairman of the County Planning Board, and the present Act for which Councillor Gates nor the Board were not responsible.

Councillor Evans agreed with Councillor Naugle and related a case of subdividing property in District 16, and concluded by saying that he certainly did not understand that the present regulations would apply to the remote areas of the County. In reply to a question by Councillor Evans, Mr. Fielding said that there could be no prosecutions under the Act without the consent of the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Councillor Burris said that the difficulties in which the County found itself were due to the fact that the regulations applied to all areas in the County, where

they should apply only to a part. He agreed that a Committee should make recommendations regarding amendments to Council.

Councillor King-Myers said that she had been under the impression since the start that the Act would only apply where the Building Act had been adopted. She said that the regulations were necessary to some sections of her District but certainly not to all.

Councillor Turner urged that a Committee bring in recommendations on amendments, and that the regulations apply only to areas which required them.

Councillor Chisholm said that the regulations were certainly essential to Woodside, and if such regulations had been in effect years ago that the present unhealthy conditions would not exist in his District.

Councillor Archibald felt that changes were necessary so that the present Act would apply particularly to the fringe areas. The regulations, he said, were unnecessary in District 24.

Councillor Lomas said that the regulations were certainly not applicable to the subdividing of camp sites in his District. Councillor Ferguson urged that a Committee give the matter immediate attention, and report back to Council within three days regarding possible solutions.

Councillors Myers and Bonn moved that the Legislature be asked to amend the Town Planning Act so that it applies only to districts that apply for it.

Councillors Spracklin and Naugle moved an amendment that the motion re the Town Planning Act be not now put but that a Committee be appointed to study the Town Planning Act and report to Council within three days before the motion is put.

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

SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 1, 1949

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Mr. Geroge T. Bates, planning consultant to the County Planning Board, on the invitation of the Warden and with the consent of Councillors, addressed Council on the subject of "County Planning." Mr. Bates gave a brief explanation of the policy of the Planning Board in the past year and a general outline of the work that it had carried out. He outlined the powers and the duties of the Board as laid down in the Town Planning Act, and stated that the Board had made only two regulations on its own volition including the specification that the minimum size lot would be 60 x 100 feet.

Mr. Bates emphasized that the Planning Board had no control regarding the width of public roads; this was controlled entirely by the Department of Highways, which insisted on 66 feet width. The Board during the year has requested the Department of Highways to take over all existing roads and to clarify its policy regarding the taking over of new roads.

Referring to the regulation that public land surveyors must be engaged for survey work, Mr. Bates pointed out that this was not laid down by the Planning Board, but was a requirement of the Registry Office over which the Board had no control. He suggested that much of the criticism that had been directed at the

Chairman and the County Planning Board during the morning session had been misdirected; if there was criticism it should have been directed to responsible agencies of the Government.

Mr. Bates agreed that some unforeseen hardship had resulted from the regulations in remote areas, and added that the Planning Board, the Solicitor as well as himself had been aware of the difficulties and the need of remedy. Mr. Bates considered that the Board had done excellent work in the past year in the built up fringe areas, and suggested that it was reasonable to suppose that the Board could give excellent service to the more remote areas in the future. The Board is well aware of the difficulties and although it is in no way responsible for the regulations it is ready to do something to remedy the situation in the remote areas of the Municipality.

Entering a general discussion on the regulations with Mr. Bates were Councillors Ferguson, Chisholm, Slaunwhite, Naugle, Webber, Bonn and Myers.

The Warden then put the amendment to the motion moved by Councillor Spracklin and seconded by Councillor Naugle that the motion re amendments to the Town Planning Act be not now put but that a Committee be appointed to study the Town Planning Act and report to Council within three days before the motion is put.

Councillor Bonn called for a recorded note on the amendment.

The recorded vote follows:

FOR

Warden Dowell, Councillors Fraser, Spracklin, Gates, Naugle, Evans, Lomas, Webber, Turner, Burris, Archibald, Cruikshank, Isenor, and Chisholm.

AGAINST

Councillors Dauphinee, Slaunwhite, Myers, Bonn, Ferguson, and King-Myers.

The Warden declared the amendment carried 14 - 6.

Councillor Gates requested that the Warden should not include his (Councillor Gates) name on the Special Committee. Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle asked Councillor Gates to reconsider as his District was vitally concerned and that the Councillor as Chairman of the Planning Board had a great deal of experience on county planning in the past two years.

Councillor Archibald said that he was confident that something could be worked out by the Committee to satisfy all Districts of the County. Councillor Evans agreed that it was important that Councillor Gates be named to the Special Committee.

The Warden appointed the following as members of the Special Committee to deal with proposed County Planning amendments, Councillors Gates, Settle, Chisholm, Ferguson and Archibald.

Councillor Gates presented to Council the proposed Sub-division Regulations and went over the complete copy section by section with necessary explanation. Councillor Gates explained at the outset that to make such regulations effective they would have to be approved by the Council and the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Councillors Naugle and Ferguson moved that the Report of the Town Planning Board and the Sub-division Regulations be laid on the table. Carried.

Warden Dowell and Councillor Chisholm commended the Planning Board for the great amount of time spent and the work it had accomplished in the past year.

Councillor Fraser asked for an interpretation of Section 12 of the Building Act and Councillor Gates and the Solicitor explained various phases of the Act, their intention and legal meaning. Other Councillors joining into a general discussion of the Building Act were Councillors Myers, Ferguson, and the Warden.

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

SEVENTH DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, March 2, 1949

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

The minutes of the previous day's session were read. Councillors Evans and Turner moved that the minutes of the previous day's session be adopted. Councillors Myers and King-Myers were of the opinion that an amendment to an amendment moved by Councillor Dauphinee, which had been withdrawn, should have been included in the minutes. Councillor Dauphinee agreed.

The Warden then put the motion that the minutes be adopted and declared it carried.

Councillor Gates as Chairman presented the Report of the Public Services Committee, and gave a general review of the situation in reference to the providing of water and sewer services to Woodside and the planning steps that had been taken in other fringe areas. He said that the initial survey in Woodside had been completed according to a resolution passed by Council, and proposed that the start to provide services in the North Woodside area be made as soon as possible. Water in the North Woodside would cost an estimated \$67,000 and \$57,000 for sewerage. There were 228 homes in North Woodside.

Questioned by Councillor Archibald, Councillor Gates said that the total number of homes in the whole of District 28 was 451 and the total cost for sewers would be approximately \$145,000. The Municipality would pay half the cost of sewers.

Deputy-Warden Cruikshank stated that it would be necessary to have the voice of the people concerned to determine how many require the services. Councillor Naugle suggested when tenders were called for work of this type that each contractor be required to make the usual deposit.

Councillor Gates showed members of Council copies of the contour plans that had been completed in District 12, and the engineers, Mr. Wightman and Mr. MacDonald, explained various phases of the plans to the Councillors.

Councillor Chisholm, speaking on the Woodside problem, said that the Government had been unfair in their decision regarding the people of Woodside, and in their treatment of the Shell Oil Company regarding the establishment of an industry in the area. Councillor Chisholm referred to the large tract of government exempt property, occupied by the Nova Scotia Hospital, and declared that it would be unfair to the people of District 28 if the Government did not contribute to the cost of laying pipes because the road frontage on their property where the pipe lines would pass was so great. He said that he understood that the Hospital was keenly interested in getting a good supply of water.

In reply to Councillor Burris, Councillor Gates said that there was yet no definite assurance that the Hospital would be a water customer of the Municipality.

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

Councillors Gates and Myers moved that the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax proceed to call for tenders for the installation of water and sewer in North Woodside area, from the Dartmouth Town Boundary to the north line of the Nova Scotia Hospital property in District 28. Carried.

On behalf of the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, Councillor Evans expressed the Home's appreciation for the special grant made by the Council for the building of the new school, and also the kindness shown in past years in reference to the annual grant. Councillor Evans stated that great progress had been made in past years, and asked the continued support of the Council when the regular grant was considered. Councillors Chisholm and Naugle praised the work of the Home and Council referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

On invitation by the Warden, Mr. F. C. Wightman spoke briefly to the Council on the program of public works that had been projected by the Council. Mr. Wightman termed the general situation existing about Halifax and Dartmouth as a most serious one, and reviewed the history of the present development. He said that if the Woodside question had not been satisfactorily handled by the Council the eastern shore of Halifax Harbor would have been lost to the Municipality, and other communities to the west of the city and north Dartmouth would have swiftly followed. Only the sparsely settled rural areas would have remained.

Mr. Wightman said that he believed that the Municipal Council had made a practical yet a generous proposal to Woodside, a proposal that has not yet been fully appreciated by the people concerned. If the people of Woodside had incorporated they would have been required to pay every cent of the cost, whereas remaining within the Municipality the County would bear a generous share. He said that the Council was to be highly commended, as it had adopted a most forward-looking policy.

Mr. Wightman also reviewed the plans that had been made to the west of Halifax City and north Dartmouth. He said that most of the data necessary had been obtained on the east side of the Harbour and that contour plans were nearly complete for the greater part of the fringe area west of the city. He believed that negotiations with the City of Halifax were essential in the near future for the benefit of both City and County. He declared that sewerage disposal could not be completely and satisfactorily solved without agreement between the two parties involved, and in this respect the City was responsible for the present pollution of the North West Arm. The County's contribution to this pollution problem was very small.

Councillor Myers speaking on the disposal problem said that he felt that the provision of services to the people was of more importance than bathing facilities to the people of the City. In this regard Mr. Wightman said that the question of disposal in the North West Arm or Bedford Basin as had been suggested by a pumping station was purely a matter of policy. Councillor Gates said that if disposal was to be made in any tidal water the permission of the Federal Government was necessary.

In reply to a question by Councillor Myers, Mr. Wightman said that it was the large city pipes which were responsible for Arm pollution, and he felt that if the County insisted on a similar solution to its sewerage problem the necessary permission could be obtained. But he felt that the matter was one for negotiation between city and county authorities.

Councillor Slaunwhite questioned whether a protest might be made by residents on Bedford Basin if disposal was made in the Basin. The Warden said that the outlet would be far removed from residential property and he did not believe that the matter would be questioned.

Warden Dowell and Councillor Gates thanked the two engineers, Mr. Wightman and Mr. MacDonald, for their explanation of problems to Council and commended them for the work they had accomplished in the past year.

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

SEVENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 2, 1949

The Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called. Deputy-Warden Cruikshank presided.

The Deputy Warden introduced Warden Conrad of Lunenburg who addressed Council briefly on problems of Municipal Government as they concerned the Municipality of Lunenburg, and dealt briefly with financial relations between the Municipalities and the Provincial Government.

Councillor Gates advised that any Councillors interested in the new fire equipment tests at Chocolate Lake were welcome to inspect the equipment this afternoon.

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

EIGHTH DAY—MORNING

Thursday, March 3, 1949

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 Turner.

Councillor Naugle suggested that plans be made for the annual visit to the County Home and Mental Hospital and that a Committee be appointed to attend to the treat for the patients. The Warden appointed Councillors Archibald and Spracklin to this Special Committee.

Councillors Archibald and Burris moved that:

"Whereas by deed dated the 9th day of September, A.D. 1947, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds at Halifax in Book 985, Page 153, Walter C. Day and Harriet J. Day did convey certain lands and premises at Murchyville in the District of Middle Musquodoboit unto the Overseers of the Poor for the Poor District of District No. 24 of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, a body corporate;

"And whereas John B. Archibald, Harry McFatridge and Henry McCurdy are at present the Overseers of the Poor for the said Poor District and have asked authority to sell the said lands for the benefit of such Poor District;

"Therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax do hereby authorize said Overseers to sell and convey such lands unto Warren T. White for the sum of Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$620.00)."
Carried

Councillors Cruikshank and Naugle moved that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities be requested to use its good offices in having the Lands and Forests Act amended to provide that any Municipality may pay bounties which will be set by their respective Councils for the snouts of foxes and racoons.

Councillor Gates following a brief explanation of the motion by Deputy Warden Cruikshank said that he was not in favor of destroying foxes. It was his opinion that the fox was an aid in the destruction of some of nature's pests. He pointed out that up to recent years the fox was entirely protected by legislation.

Councillor Burris said that the fox was a definite menace to poultry and gave several instances of destruction. Councillor Ferguson said that a few years ago fox pelts were of real value and he thought that it was not impossible that that time would return again. There was no fox menace in his District, he said, and he feared that the provision of bounties would destroy the fox completely.

Councillor Evans supported Councillor Burris in his remarks regarding the fox menace to poultry, and added that racoons were also destructive. Councillor Naugle maintained that the resolution provided only that the Council could provide for paying a bounty on fox snouts. He saw no harm in passing the resolution and thus bringing it to the attention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, where views from the whole province could be obtained.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank declared that the present law is creating outlaws, forcing many farmers to take the law into their own hands to protect their property. Councillor Archiblad pointed out that the fox was not only a destroyer of farm poultry, but also was a menace to game, especially partridge and rabbits.

Councillor Fraser felt that there were fair arguments on both sides and suggested that the Lands and Forests Department could co-operate to control a menace of this kind where some action was definitely needed in a specific community.

Councillor Settle feared that by passing the resolution it would be generally interpreted that Council was definitely in favor of providing a bounty on the killing of fox and racoons. He did not think that the resolution should be adopted until Council knew whether the fox was more harmful than helpful in a community. He feared that the complete elimination of the fox might disturb the balance of nature.

Councillor Slaunwhite told Council that foxes were no menace in his District; his people were more concerned with the dogfish menace. Councillor Dauphinee agreed with Councillor Fraser that possibly the Department of Lands and Forests could provide the remedy where it was needed in a particular community. Councillor Lomas brought Council's attention to the menace of a bird known as the shag, which was a great destroyer of fish in his District. He suggested that Council might bring this to the attention of the Fish and Game Association for further action. It was suggested by Mr. Fielding that it might be wise for Council to invite Mr. G.W.I. Creighton of the Lands and Forests Department to address Council on the whole problem. Council agreed.

Warden Dowell then put the motion and declared it carried.

Councillor Turner asked Council to consider increasing the bounty on bears to \$20.00 and the Warden suggested that he refer this matter direct to the By-laws committee which would be bringing in a Report.

Councillors Cruikshank and Naugle moved that the Law Amendment Committee be instructed to draft legislation to present at the next session of the Provincial House, to provide security and protection for our Municipality by ensuring, that in the event of any district breaking away from the Municipality, the said District will still be responsible for its proportionate part of the amount of the Municipality's investment in paying for the establishment and maintenance of public services and also for its share of the outstanding bonded indebtedness.

Councillor Slaunwhite agreed that such a resolution would prove a safeguard for the future. Councillor Settle said that it was his understanding that such a

matter would be decided by regular channels of arbitration, but he was in favor of the adoption of the resolution, Councillor Naugle agreed that it would be a move to protect the ratepayers of the Municipality. Councillor Spracklin said that as a matter of equity it was a fair and just resolution. Councillor Gates agreed that it was only fair that the Municipality be reimbursed for installation of services, but he expressed doubt whether the County would claim the District's share of the bonded indebtedness. Councillor Settle thought that the Legislature would require consideration by the Union of Municipalities on such a matter before passing it because of the province wide implications of the motion. Councillor Naugle urged that the resolution be passed and sent direct to the Legislature. Councillor Burris favored the resolution, stating that it would be wise to know the District's responsibilities in this regard before Council committed itself to too heavy expenditures in the provision of services. Councillor Fraser considered the resolution sound and urged its adoption.

The Warden then put the resolution and declared it carried.

The Municipal School Board Revenue and Expenditure Statement was taken up, and various phases of the statement were explained to Councillors by the Municipal Clerk and Councillor Naugle.

Regarding the costs of transportation for school children, Councillors Gates and Ferguson opposed the provincial regulation that busses were not permitted to carry children who lived within $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles of the school. Councillor Lomas agreed, pointing out that this matter had been questioned in this District. Councillor Slaunwhite inquired about the policy of transportation, stating that there was no such service in his District., and that there were some children who had to be carried by ferry and were then three miles from the school. Councillor Evans said that he had the impression that school transportation was only provided in connection with consolidated schools. Councillor Naugle pointed out that transportation costs were borne by government funds, and great problems arose in the provision of the necessary transportation. The Clerk added that some difficulty had been experienced in obtaining the necessary busses. Councillor Ferguson said that money spent for carrying children long distances to school would be money well spent.

Councillor Archibald praised the establishment of central High Schools in the Musquodoboit Valley and St Margaret's Bay areas, and said that this principle should be carried further toward the consolidation of lower grade schools. Warden Dowell agreed on this point. Councillor Burris recalled that it was ten years ago that the matter of consolidation had been proposed and discussed to some length in Upper Musquodoboit, but nothing had come from the proposal.

Councillor Slaunwhite said that he was in favor of the proposal that there be a single school unit for the whole County. Councillor Fraser said that there were many things to consider, particularly the matter of finance, and he could not support the proposal at the present time. In reply to Councillor Lomas, Councillor Naugle said that local boards of trustees could never be dispensed with even with the one school unit proposal. He could not favor the proposal at the present time.

Regarding the question of school maintenance in the various school sections, Councillor Evans raised the question of School Board policy in regard to surpluses. Councillor Evans maintained that if a particular school was able to live within its budget and show a surplus on the year's operations that this surplus should not be taken away from that school. It should be retained and used where required by the school trustees. He said that the whole question of economy was involved and believed that it was poor business to deprive a school section because of its economy of operation. Councillor Gates and Councillor Settle agreed. Councillor Naugle said that on the matter of maintenance the Municipal School Board

operated really under the direction of the Department of Education. The Clerk, Solicitor and the Deputy Warden also entered the discussion explaining that any rural school that did not spend the minimum amount of \$125.00 received credit for the difference between the amount expended and the \$125.00, and such balance stands to the credit of the section for use in future years for school maintenance purposes.

The Municipal Clerk read a statement of schools which had shown credit balances in the past year with the amounts. On motion of Councillors Myers and Webber the Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow so that Committees may work during the afternoon.

NINTH DAY—MORNING

Friday, March 4, 1949

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 Slaunwhite.

Councillors Ferguson and Spracklin 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 Settle and Webber 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 Highways Act, Chapter 75, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, for the year 1949, and to do such acts as are necessary to effect such a loan."

Councillors Gates and Slaunwhite 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 so do certify."

Councillor Gates said that if it was the wish of the Council he would present and speak on the Report which the Special Committee was making in regard to proposed amendments to the Town Planning Act. Copies of the Report with recommended amendments were distributed to all Councillors.

Councillors Chisholm reported to Council that Councillor King-Myers was ill and it was doubtful whether either Councillor Myers and Councillor King-Myers would be present at this morning's session. He suggested that the discussion on the matter be deferred for the present. Council consented.

Councillors Fraser and Turner moved that Council adjourn to go into committee of the whole. Carried.

Council reconvened. Roll called.

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

NINTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Friday, March 4, 1949

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

Ex-Coun. Dennis Williams of Musquodoboit Harbor was present in the Chamber and on invitation by the Warden addressed the Council. In his brief remarks Mr. Williams referred to the progressive strides that had been taken by the Municipality in past years, and predicted greater responsibilities for Councillors in the future. He reminded Councillors that the County represented an area greater than the whole of Prince Edward Island. He congratulated the Warden and the Councillors for the stand that had been taken on the question of Woodside, and expressed the hope that the County would extend these services to the village. He urged that Council take steps in the near future to improve penal institutions in the Province, particularly in regard to the problem of juvenile delinquency.

Councillors Gates and Chisholm complimented Mr. Williams on his address.

Councillor Gates presented a Report of the Special Committee re Amendments to the Town Planning Act and gave explanations of sections dealing with (1) the proposed elimination of jurisdiction of town and city over the county and (2) relaxation of provisions in the present Act regarding controls over more remote or urban areas in the Municipality at distances greater than two miles from the Town of Dartmouth and three miles from the City of Halifax.

Mr. George Bates, planning consultant to the Town Planning Board, read sections of the Act with recent amendments and gave explanations of the various sections as they applied to the County.

Councillor Naugle said that the proposed amendments cover the needs of the Municipality at the present time, particularly to rural areas which are experiencing hardship under the present regulations. Councillor Myers protested that Council should have more information and should have been supplied with a brief on the matter by the Committee.

Questioned by Deputy Warden Cruikshank, the Solicitor said that the proposed amendment could not become effective until adopted by the Legislature. Councillor Slaunwhite felt that Councillors were now acquainted with the necessity of amendment and urged that the matter be voted upon.

Councillors Naugle and Bonn moved that the Report of the Special Committee re Amendments "Town Planning Act" be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Dauphinee requested that District 7 be excluded from the provisions of the Town Planning Act. Mr. Fielding advised that the various members of Council should confer with a Special Committee on the matter of having either whole districts or sections excluded from the provisions of the Act. Councillor Fraser was of the opinion that the whole Municipality would share the costs of County Planning whether certain districts were excluded or not. Councillor Myers expressed the opinion that any new councillors coming to Council next year would come to "down" the Town Planning Board, and that they would do this by refusing to vote any money for carrying on the operations of the Board. The Solicitor advised that if the Planning Board was eliminated it would mean that many special meetings of Council would be necessary at great expense. Failing to carry on its duties would mean that not one parcel of land could be legally sold in the County.

Councillor Chisholm agreed with the proposed amendments, and again drew to Council's attention the fact that neither the Council nor the County Planning Board was responsible for present regulations governing sub-divisions. Deputy Warden Cruikshank thought that it might be wise that the proposed amendments

specifically state that such amendments should apply to Halifax County only. The Solicitor doubted whether the Legislature would approve if this stipulation was made.

In regard to Councillor Myers remarks on doing away with the Planning Board and the provisions of the Act, Councillor Naugle said that Councillors should be reminded of their oath of office that they were sworn to uphold the laws of the Province.

Councillor Gates then presented the Report of the County Planning Board clause by clause.

Councillor Myers asked for a statement of expenditures of the County Planning Board for the past year, and inquired whether the \$5,000 recommended to carry on the work of the Board was an "additional" \$5,000. The Warden replied that it was not. In reply to a question by Councillor Myers, Councillor Gates said that expense in future years would depend on general development in the County. On the request of Councillor Dauphinee Mr. Bates gave a brief summary of his duties in connection with county planning and his meetings during the year with the County Planning Board.

In reply to the request by Councillor Myers the Municipal Clerk stated that the Planning Board had spent \$3,496.97 during the year past and gave a breakdown of the total.

Councillors Naugle and Spracklin moved that the Report of the County Planning Board be approved subject to the amount required being referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

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

TENTH DAY—MORNING

Saturday, March 5, 1949

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 Dauphinee.

A delegation, representing a group of ratepayers of the Spryfield Ratepayers and Community Association presented a petition requesting Council to give consideration to a change in the District II and District 12 boundary lines. Mr. Pigot presented the petition to Council and Mr. Roche spoke briefly regarding the difficulties experienced in the area concerned.

In reply to Councillor Spracklin, Mr. Pigot said that the purpose of the petition and proposed boundary change was to consolidate the community which at present was split into two separate sections. Services were required in the area, including fire protection. Councillor Spracklin after questioning Mr. Pigot on the intentions of the proposed change, declared that he personally was in sympathy and certainly would not oppose the future development of the community, and asked that the Warden appoint a Special Boundary Committee to consider the petition.

A group of residents of Halifax County, along with several teachers, and educational authorities gathered in the Council Chamber for what Warden Dowell termed "an historic occasion," the presentation to four successful County students scholarships made available by the Municipal Council.

The four young students, who were presented to the Warden and the Chairman of the Municipal School Board for presentation, were Ronald Butcher, North Section, Middle Musquodoboit, Catherine Webber of Upper Lakeville, Leslie Stewart of Greenwood Section, Upper Musquodoboit, and Percy Cox of Henry School Section, Upper Musquodoboit.

Presiding during the presentation was Mr. W. L. Harper, Chairman of the School Board, who in his opening remarks stated that the scholarships were provided by the County Council for the best scholastic records of all students attending one, two and three room schools in the County. He congratulated them on their achievements, and Warden Dowell presented the scholarships. Mr. B. C. Silver, Inspector of Schools for the County, gave a brief resume of each students attainment before presentation. Following the presentation each student thanked the Warden and Council and outlined their plans for the future.

Among those present and invited to address Council were the Misses Ferguson, teachers and daughters of Coun. P. S. Ferguson, Mrs. Jennex, teacher of Oyster Pond Jeddore, Miss Elizabeth Orchard, Supervisor of Curriculum, Inspector Nason of the Department of Education, Ex-Councillor Butcher of Middle Musquodoboit, Deputy Warden Cruikshank, and Councillor Ferguson. All speakers congratulated the successful scholars and expressed the hope that the Council would continue the awarding of scholarships to encourage the students in County schools.

On motion of Councillors Slaunwhite and Myers the Council adjourned until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

ELEVENTH DAY—MORNING

Monday, March 7th, 1949.

The Council met at 11 o'clock. Roll called.

The Minutes of the previous day's Session were read and on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Burris were adopted.

Councillor Chisholm stated that at a meeting of the ratepayers in Woodside they had voted unanimously to appoint a solicitor to represent them in connection with the question of boundaries of the proposed new town of Woodside. He said that Mr. R. A. Donohue had been appointed and had presented a bill of \$625.00 that had not as yet been paid. Councillor Chisholm felt that Council should approve payment of this account.

Councillor Naugle stated that Council would have to consider whether it was in the best interests of the County to approve payment of a bill of this nature incurred by a District. Councillor Settle said that each District has funds to look after the interest of the District concerned and that he thought that District interest must also be in the interest of the Municipality. He feared approval of this bill would be setting precedent for other Districts to do likewise. He also questioned the support of the whole District as there were only 195 votes cast in favour of incorporation. Councillor Myers said there had been much controversy over Woodside and questioned the right of Council to withhold payment when the ratepayers had voted to employ a solicitor.

Councillor Burris asked if it was a regularly called meeting of the ratepayers to which Councillor Chisholm replied that it was.

The Municipal Solicitor on being questioned on the matter stated that District Funds may be spent for purposes approved by the Council. In this case a meeting was called, views of a number of ratepayers were presented and they voted to hire a solicitor. Had a Town been established he had no doubt this bill would be a charge for the new town. He stated the bill had not been paid because it was not known

whether there would be a new town or not and secondly it was felt that approval of Council would be necessary if the new town was not established. He pointed out that there were other bills arising out of the Woodside situation. He said that Mr. R. T. Donald had represented a group of ratepayers who were against incorporation. He felt both were entitled to payment by someone. He also added that as Municipal Solicitor he, himself, had done much extra work for which he could submit a bill, however, he assured Council that this would not be done.

Councillor Settle stated that we were not through with this matter yet as now Woodside is considering amalgamation with the Town of Dartmouth.

The Solicitor said there would be another bill for the holding of the Plebiscite from the Sheriff. Councillor Naugle asked what the Sheriff's fees were and the Clerk advised that they were in the vicinity of \$80.00.

Councillor Lomas stated that he did not see why these other Solicitors should be paid if the Municipal Solicitor was not paid for the work he had done. Councillor Slaunwhite asked Councillor Chisholm if there were any representatives from Imperial Oil at the meeting and was told that some of the employees were present.

Councillor Dauphinee asked the question that if Council did not pay these accounts, who would? To which the Solicitor advised the individuals who hired them. Councillor Ferguson thought the bill should be paid as each Councillor was entitled to pay for other items effecting their own District out of District funds. Councillor Fraser also felt the bill should be paid.

Councillor Myers remarked that each Councillor did not have to ask permission of Council to pay other District accounts and felt that these accounts regarding Woodside fell into the same category. Councillor Naugle stated that the motion should cover all the costs involved and not just the account of R.A. Donahue and Councillor Chisholm asked that if this were done that a limit be placed on the amount of Mr. Donald's bill in case it was exorbitant.

It was suggested by the Warden and the Solicitor that Mr. Donald's bill could be obtained very quickly and the matter be deferred until the afternoon Session. Council concurred in this.

Councillor Gates moved and Councillor Naugle seconded that the Council go into Committee of the whole and re-convene at 2:30 P.M.

ELEVENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

March 7th, 1949.

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

The Clerk reported that the amounts of the accounts rendered in connection with the boundaries of the proposed Town of Woodside were as follows: R. A. Donahue \$625.00, R. T. Donald \$50.00, Sheriff Bauld \$84.65. Councillors Chisholm and Cruikshanks moved, "the following accounts for services rendered in connection with the Plebiscite last Fall be paid out of the funds of District No. 28: R. A. Donahue \$625.00; R. T. Donald \$50.00; Sheriff Bauld \$84.65. Carried.

It was moved by Councillors Dauphinee and Spracklin that the thanks of the Councillors be tendered the Kiwanis Club of Halifax for their hospitality today." Carried.

The Clerk read letters dated January 20th to Mr. Gordon Isnor, M.P. and Mr. John Dickey, M.P. pointing out that there is only one source of revenue available in the Municipality, taxation on real and personal property, and that the Federal Government controlled various large areas in the County, particularly

along the shores of Bedford Basin and the Harbour. The letter pointed out that some of this land would be available for establishing homes or industries were it not owned by the Federal Government, and suggested that the Federal Government had a definite responsibility in rendering financial assistance to the Municipality. The Warden reported that he had attempted to meet with Messrs. Isnor and Dickey but they had departed for Ottawa before this could be arranged. The Warden read a reply from Mr. Isnor where he suggested that the County should prepare a Brief of their case in the same fashion as had the City of Halifax.

Councillor Naugle stated that he felt the letter received from Mr. Isnor was worth following up and suggested that a survey should be made of the situation and the Brief presented. Councillor Dauphinee pointed out that this matter was touched on in the current issue of "Municipal Affairs." Councillor Cruikshanks asked whether the City of Halifax got any grant in lieu of taxation, and Councillor Gates answered that the amount being something over \$300,000.00. There were also certain properties that were not longer needed for Defence purposes that had been handed over to the City.

The Solicitor pointed out that the City's case with the Federal Government with regard to Federal properties being exempted rested on the fact that the City was giving certain services to these properties although the situation with respect to the C. N. R. was somewhat different. He pointed out that where the County was not providing any services to the Dominion Government. The Municipality's only claim is that we are losing revenue from real and personal assessment on properties the Federal Government is using.

Councillor Settle said that he felt there was a reasonable basis to ask for something in lieu of taxes. He pointed out, however, that in the proposed new housing development at Tuft's Cove, it was proposed that the Federal Government not only supply their own services but would even provide their own school. Mr. Fielding commented that if this is the case in his opinion the Municipal School Board would be well advised to create this new development as a separate school district. Councillor Naugle concurred.

Councillor Slaunwhite asked who owned the City of Halifax watershed, and was advised that the City of Halifax did and that no taxes were paid thereon. Councillor Lomas pointed out this was the same situation that exists on the Dartmouth side of the Harbour where the Town of Dartmouth is presently expanding its watershed property.

It was moved by Councillors Naugle and Cruikshanks, "that the Finance Committee together with the Solicitor take up the matter of loss of assessable property in the Municipality being taken over by the Federal Government." Carried.

It was moved by Councillors Ferguson and Spracklin 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.

It was moved by Councillors Settle and Webber 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 1949, and to do such acts as are necessary to effect such a loan. Carried.

It was moved by Councillors Gates and Slaunwhite 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.

It was moved by Deputy Warden Cruikshanks and seconded by Councillor Chisholm THAT

WHEREAS at the Annual Session of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities on September 11th, 1947 the following Resolution was unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED that the voters' lists for town and other municipal elections should be revised at least thirty days before such elections, and that a voter whose name has been omitted from the list should be entitled to vote after being sworn by the Presiding Officer and proving his qualifications therefor and after being vouched for by some other voter whose name is on the list.

And that in town elections there should be two weeks between nomination day and election day, and that the annual town elections should be held on the first Tuesday in December, and the newly elected Council take office at the first regular meeting in January.

And that the necessary amendments in the law should be made therefor."

AND WHEREAS this Resolution was brought to the attention of the Provincial Government at a conference between the Executive of the Union and the Government in the Spring of 1948 which resulted in legislation being enacted at the last Session of the Legislature whereby Chapter (3) of the Acts of 1941 "The Towns Incorporation Act" Section 130 was amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

"Any person who is qualified to vote at an election for Mayor or Councillor and is, on polling day, resident in the town may, notwithstanding that his name does not appear on the list of voters for the town, vote in the appropriate ward or polling division, provided:

(a) such person is vouched for by a voter whose name appears on the list of voters for the town and who is ordinarily resident therein and personally attends with him at the polling place and takes an oath in the Form L; and

(b) such person takes an oath in the Form M.

The Poll Clerk shall make such entries in the poll book as the presiding officer directs him to make including the name of the voter, the name of the person who vouched for him and such other information as is required by the provisions of this Act."

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to introduce legislation at the coming Session of the Legislature providing for similar amendment to the Franchise Act and permitting polling districts of rural Municipalities to have the same rights as towns in connection with voters at the Municipal elections.

Councillor Fraser asked if a non-resident owned a summer cottage could he and his wife vote. The Solicitor advised that a non-resident must be assessed \$300.00 and that only the person assessed had a right to vote.

Councillor Chisholm thought it was strange that under the Poor Laws a person must be a resident for five years before he can draw relief, but can run for Councillor if a person is a resident. Councillor Settle pointed out that settlement depended on other things as well as the matter of residence. Councillor Lomas

quoted from the Franchise Act of 1923 and pointed out the reference in the Act to the voting rights of non-residents.

The motion was then put and was carried.

Councillor Dauphinee reported on one election day a candidate, his opponent, was actually taking ballots from the box and taking the count. The Solicitor advised that it was the responsibility of the presiding officer. Councillor Staunwhite reported that in his District one poll had been closed an hour early in the last Municipal election.

The Clerk then read a clipping from the press where Mr. C. L. Beazley, Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs had said "the Municipalities are wallowing around with an antiquated Act but they don't know what changes are required to bring the Act up to date." It was pointed out that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities had brought this to the attention of the Department on many occasions.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Bonn Council adjourned until tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

TWELFTH DAY—MORNING

Tuesday, March 8, 1949.

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 Naugle and Turner.

Warden Dowell announced that the annual visit to the County Home had been arranged for today.

Councillors Bonn and Turner moved "that Council adjourn to go into Committee Work until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, in order that the members of the Council may pay their annual visit to The Halifax County Home and Mental Hospital." Carried.

THIRTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, March 9th, 1949

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called. Minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Ferguson and Dauphinee.

The Clerk read letters from the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs explaining that Provincial—Municipal financial arrangements were still being studied but the Province this year would increase its grants in lieu of income tax and the bank tax. He also announced that Municipalities would be relieved of the responsibility of paying any portion of the Poll Tax to the Department of Highways. This will mean an improvement in our position this year of \$2,304.55 in cash and a saving of \$6,317.00 in the Highway Poll Tax which makes a net improvement of \$8,720.55.

Councillor Naugle stated that though we may be better off in this regard the Province had increased V. G. Hospital fees by \$1.00 per day and because of this our hospital accounts are considerably increased.

The Clerk read an invitation from the Honorable Geoffrey Stevens for Council to attend the Opening of the Legislature this afternoon. Deputy Warden Cruikshanks, Councillors Myers, Bonn, Isenor and others expressed the opinion that Council had too heavy an agenda to take the required time.

The County Planning Board sub-division regulations were taken up. Councillor King-Myers said the picture in this regard in the future was not clear and that until the situation became clear she would not support anything in connection with Town Planning. Councillor Dauphinee also stated that he was not in favour of Town Planning. Councillor King-Myers further explained that she was in favour of Town Planning as long as it applied only to areas that wanted it.

Warden Dowell remarked that the Amendments to the Town Planning Act that had been drawn up by a special Committee should clarify the situation. The proposed Amendments were read by the Clerk.

Councillor Naugle stated that he felt that most of the Councillors understood the nature of the Amendment and said he had every confidence that the Board would not prosecute every violation and pointed out that the Minister of Municipal Affairs must concur in any prosecution. He said that being removed from the suburban area he would expect to be able to sell one lot but that if he were developing a large sub-division he would require approval of the Board. Councillor Fraser said that parts of his District needed planning but he would like to see some method worked out whereby the cost of planning would be borne by areas desiring it.

Mr. George T. Bates, Town Planning Consultant, stated that there could be no thought of imposing zoning By-laws without the consent of the people of the District. Taking Eastern Passage as an example he said that under the Act, any zoning By-laws for that area must be advertised and that the people of the area could throw them out if they did not want them. He pointed out further that the present Act applied to the whole County and that the sub-division regulations only included regulations already laid down in other Provincial laws, with the exception of lot sizes. This is the only thing which the County is imposing. He stated the Board had the problems of the more remote areas in mind and felt something of a satisfactory nature would be worked out.

Councillor Myers asked if the whole Board had to approve action being taken against any individual and Councillor Gates answered that only one prosecution had taken place and that with the consent of the whole Board and the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Councillor King-Myers said she was concerned with the fact that people even in remote areas, could not sell their own land without first having the approval of the Board. She felt this was unfair particularly to older people. Mr. Bates quoted from various Acts and pointed out that under these Acts plans must be submitted drawn up according to the Registry Act whether there is a Town Planning Board or not. Councillor King-Myers stated she was criticizing the Acts concerned rather than the Board and stated that her support last year was on the understanding that the Act would only apply to Districts which required it as is the case with the Building Act.

Councillor Fraser felt that each District should get the opinion of the rate-payers, possibly by petition. Councillor Myers stated that he had been criticizing Provincial Acts rather than the Board and felt that at last year's Session the matter had been rushed through too quickly. He felt that the Council would not have voted for Town Planning if it had understood the situation at that time. He agreed with Councillor Fraser and said it should be up to each District to decide for itself.

Councillor Slaunwhite remarked that a vote had already been taken on Amendments that were intended to cure the present difficulties.

Councillor Spracklin felt that these regulations would be good for suburban areas and gave Council a problem in his District of zoning the Herring Cove Road for delivery purposes which he had taken up with the County Planning Board and he felt no satisfactory solution had been offered. Councillor Gates replied that a

solution had been offered as it had been pointed out that if the Department of Highways were not willing to erect signs then the District could out of its District funds, and explained that his District would be willing to co-operate in the matter.

Councillor Settle said that we are often subject to laws over which we have no control. This is particularly so with roads. He brought the Council's attention also to the fact that the Town of Dartmouth had appealed to the Minister of Lands and Forests with regard to cutting trees on the Dartmouth Watershed. The property owners in his District were effected and asked that the Solicitor give an opinion. Councillors Lomas and Naugle moved that the regulations proposed by the County Planning Board be adopted.

Councillor Chisholm asked that the Chairman of the Board explain the circumstances of the prosecution that had been mentioned and Councillor Gates did so. He pointed out that there had only been one prosecution, although there was one more pending, but many violations had been brought to the attention of the Board. Councillor Gates went on to say in connection with Planning that he was not in agreement with the Department of Highways and their policy regarding roads. He stated that at a meeting with this Department it had been stated by them that the sub-divider should not only provide for 66 ft. rights of way but that the owner should build the whole road before a single lot is sold. He pointed out that the Department still collects the Highway Tax, the Gasoline Tax and License Fees, and in his opinion they must do more towards taking over and maintaining roads. He said he felt the width asked for by the Department was too great in many cases and pointed out that even in the City the Streets were only 40 ft. in width. He remarked that if the decision of Council was to throw out the County Planning Board then the responsibility would be on the Council itself.

Warden Dowell substantiated all Mr. Gates had said and stated that at the Conference with the Minister of Highways there was even suggestion of the Municipality having its own Department of Highways. He pointed out this was the case in Ontario but there was no need of it here. He felt that if the regulations were not approved, it would weaken the hand of the Council in pressing for amendments to the Act.

Councillor Settle agreed and again stated the responsibility of the Department. He felt the Municipality should not accept deeds for roads but that this should be a matter between the sub-divider and the Department. He also felt that the Department was lax in its responsibility of taking over and maintaining roads.

The Clerk pointed out that no deeds for roads had been accepted as yet. Councillor Gates stated in further conversation with the Minister he had stated that he would not deal with private individuals but would only accept deeds from the Municipality.

The motion was then put and carried.

Councillors Bonn and Fraser moved that we adjourn until 2 o'clock.

THIRTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 9th, 1949.

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The Clerk read petitions from West Petpeswick and Mooseland, which were referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee. The Clerk was instructed to answer a letter from Roy Harnish, Proprietor of the Shore Club at Hubbards, in connection with his application for a permit to sell beer and wine.

A letter from the Rockwood Community Association was read and referred to the Public Services Committee.

A letter from a ratepayer at Sober Island was read regarding snow removal.

Councillor Chisholm stated that during the last snow storm he had taken the responsibility for plowing the roads in his District and stated that he expected to pay this out of his District Funds. He remarked that no Snow Funds had ever been allotted to District No. 28 at the time it became a new District. Councillor Settle pointed out that District No. 14 now had the burden of relief for the Industrial Area to the North of Dartmouth and said he felt that District No. 28 had been treated more than fairly in the distribution of the Poor Funds.

Councillor Fraser reported that last year the bills from men turned out by the Road Overseers for removing snow had amounted to more than the District Snow Fund could bear. He stated that this year he himself had purchased an Angle Dozer and that it had been used to plow every by-road in the District. He asked if there should not be some remuneration for use of his personal equipment for this purpose, and was advised to consult the Solicitor on this point.

Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee moved that we adjourn to go into Committee of the whole. Carried.

FOURTEENTH DAY - MORNING

Thursday, March 10th, 1949.

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called. Minutes of previous day's Session were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Turner and Isenor.

A delegation from Tuff's Cove consisting of Mr. Gerald Rogers, President of the Road Improvement Committee, Mr. Wilfred Hurd, Mr. James Pratt, Rev. Father Pepper and others appeared before Council to take up the matter of road improvement in that area.

Mr. Rogers stated that following a meeting with County officials last November the Committee had interviewed the Minister of Highways who had advised them that Catherine Street, Farrell Street and Courtney Road would be taken over by the Department if the County Planning Board concurred in this matter. Mr. Hurd read correspondence from several firms complaining of the difficulty of deliveries in the Tuff's Cove area and the high cost to them of servicing the trucks which served this area.

Councillor Settle stated that these roads were established in 1945 and at that time it was reported that they were graded and in good condition. This was before the County Planning Board had been established and Council had not heard of having to accept deeds to rights-of-way and the County, in turn, deeding same to the Crown. He felt that the Department wanted the Municipality to assume responsibility for proper grading and suggested that if the County accepts deeds to these roads there should be an undertaking from the Department that they will take them over. Councillor Gates stated that these people originally referred to road improvement and stated that if we wanted to speed the issue Council should be willing to accept the deeds as soon as possible and pass the property to the Crown.

Councillor Settle said the Department had to decide what grading would be satisfactory. Existing roads are supposed to be taken over on their merit. If the County accepts deeds and the Government does not take the road over he asked who would maintain them. He felt the Municipality would then be responsible.

Councillor Gates felt that where the procedure of taking over roads has been laid down the Council should not hesitate to deal with the matter immediately. Otherwise, he said, there is danger of these people having to wait until the next Annual Session of Council before action is taken. Councillor Chisholm agreed with Councillor Gates.

Councillor Naugle felt that if the County accepted the deed it also accepted responsibility of putting the road in condition, before the Highways might be willing to take it over.

Father Pepper said that it was time something definite was done and said the people of Tuft's Cove were not getting much of the taxes they paid. He pointed out that Tuft's Cove is a new community and there is talk now of greater expansion and stated that the people expected co-operation.

Councillor Ferguson agreed that the roads in question are bad and that something must be done. He felt it was a Department of Highways matter but Council would do anything it could to assist.

Councillor Gates pointed out that the County Planning Board could not dictate to the Department of Highways. The Department have laid down a policy in respect to the taking over of roads which includes the Municipality accepting a deed. He said that if Council would not accept this responsibility the people in Tuft's Cove would be held up on the whole matter because the Minister has stated he will not deal with individuals but only with the Municipality. In this case the Highways had assured the people that the roads would be taken over if proper procedure was followed. He did not think it necessary to have an undertaking from the Department in writing. Councillor Settle stressed caution stating that there were many roads in similar condition in the County. He warned Council against establishing a precedent and pointed out that if the County accepted deeds and had to grade roads to the satisfaction of the Department before they were taken over this could lead to large expenditure.

Mr. Hurd stated the Department had said the Planning Board would obtain deeds in connection with roads and Councillor Gates pointed out that this is not the case.

Warden Dowell spoke for the Chairman of the Roads and Bridges Committee and explained that they would look into this matter and consult with the Minister regarding it.

Councillor Settle pointed out the difficulties in obtaining deeds. Councillor Gates agreed and stated it was his hope that some permissive legislation would be allowed the Department of Highways whereby existing roads could be declared public highways without the necessity of having deeds prepared and passed first to the County and then to the Crown.

Councillor Turner said he felt the Council should be willing to accept deeds, if this were required by the Department.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said that very often the Department of Highways purchased rights-of-way and there was no question of deeds being passed to the County, to which Councillor Gates replied this is true in the case of main roads.

Mr. Rogers thanked the Council for hearing the delegation and Councillor Settle expressed his appreciation to the delegation for appearing. Councillor Gates assured the delegation of the co-operation of the County Planning Board.

The report of the Committee on Veterinary was read and Councillors Settle and Burris moved that the report of the Veterinary Committee be adopted.

Councillor Naugle stated that he felt the area mentioned was too great to expect good service. Councillor Settle explained that the Committee had in mind the smaller area but the Doctor had claimed that the fee for this would be \$900.00 and only an additional \$100.00 to cover the whole area.

Councillor Fraser stated that there was only about one-third of the number of cattle in his District than there used to be, but that if his District was to help pay for the service, they would certainly make use of them.

The Solicitor said that under the Act, the County can levy a tax on the whole Municipality for Veterinary Services, or by By-law a special tax can be imposed in respect to any District or Districts. The Board may make regulations with the approval of the Minister in respect to zones, fees, etc.

Councillor Gates stated that a Veterinary was not needed in his District and raised some objection to this being a County charge. Councillor Settle remarked that there are many remote areas of the County that do not need water and sewer and yet they were willing to contribute for such services. Councillor Dauphinee also spoke along the same line. Councillor Burris said that the Committee is at least making a start and pointed out that there is great difficulty in obtaining the services of Veterinaries. He said the larger area is too large to be covered by one man but at least the Doctor had indicated the willingness to try. Councillor Chisholm said that he would support the Committee as he felt it was important to the outlying areas. Councillor Myers drew a comparison of the cost of services of a Veterinary and a Medical Doctor and suggested that Council should possibly subsidize the latter.

Warden Dowell pointed out that cattle are being infected in this Province with Bangs disease. It is now possible to inoculate against this disease and this would be one of the important functions of the proposed Veterinary Service.

Councillor Ferguson stated that the services along the shore were very necessary.

Councillor Gates stated that he would not vote against the report, even if it were a County charge and also pointed out that when the remote areas were voting to support expenditures regarding the establishment of services, it was partly for the purpose of holding the County together.

Councillor Archibald said that this matter effected the whole County, as even in the more thickly populated areas people used large quantities of milk. He said the first thought of the Committee was to try to have cattle in this County free from Bangs disease.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Chisholm, Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

FOURTEENTH DAY - AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 10th, 1949.

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called. The motion to adopt the Veterinary Act was put and carried.

Councillors King-Myers and Spracklin moved that "Until further altered the Polling Booths for Municipal Elections will be as listed on the attached schedule." Carried.

Councillor Burris asked if the Veterinary Boards should not be set up by Council.

The Warden agreed and called for nominations. Councillors Archibald and Burris nominated Mr. George S. Dickey of Middle Musquodoboit as County Representative for the larger area. Councillors Naugle and Ferguson moved that nominations cease. Carried. The Clerk deposited a ballot in favour of Mr. Dickey and the Warden declared him elected as a member of the Veterinary Board.

Councillors Ferguson and Webber nominated Mr. Thomas Bollong of Pope's Harbour as a member of the Veterinary Board for the smaller area. Councillors Settle and Naugle nominated Mr. Donald Turner of Westphal as a member of the Veterinary Board. Councillors Turner and Slaunwhite moved nominations cease. The Clerk deposited ballots in favour of Mr. Bollong and Mr. Turner and the Warden declared them elected as Members of the Veterinary Board.

The Report of the Committee on Constables was read. Councillors Naugle and Ferguson expressed dissatisfaction at the paragraph in the By-laws re dogs "running at large." Councillor Slaunwhite spoke in favour of it. Councillor Gates said that again the trouble was not so much in the outlying areas as in the more congested areas where dogs were becoming a nuisance. Councillor Spracklin felt that no Councillor could object much to the present law. Councillor Burris stated that the major complaint in his District was the method adopted in licensing dogs whereby the Constable gets 50% of the fee. Councillor Gates illustrated by stating cases in his District the necessity of occasional prosecutions. Councillor Isenor asked if the fees were to be increased and was advised that they were to remain as is. Councillor Settle felt it was not a County responsibility to prosecute cases where dogs cause damage to persons or property by running at large. All such cases should be a matter of Civil action. Councillor Chisholm thought that the By-laws should be enforced as there were many complaints in his District.

Councillor Naugle stated that at first the Constable's Department was intended to be a one-man job and asked how much it cost to collect the seven thousand dollars that had been collected. Councillor Myers stated that if there wasn't a Chief County Constable and Constables in the field there wouldn't be very much turned in. He thought it was good business to pursue the present system. Deputy Warden Cruikshanks said that just listening to the report it seemed that to collect the seven thousand it has cost the County an exorbitant amount.

Answering Councillor Naugle's question the Clerk read a statement of expenses incurred by the Chief County Constable.

Councillor Settle said it had taken time to establish the Constable's office. The overhead had to be paid and he felt its efficiency would be increased by the additions to staff. Councillor Myers pointed out that the cost of establishing the office should be spread over a period of years. Councillor Fraser remarked that collections had been good in his District but that most of the credit should go to the local Constable. Councillor Ferguson said results were not satisfactory using local Constables to serve warrants and thought the Chief Constable should be given a chance to prove the value of his office. Councillor Naugle wondered if we were making any headway in collections as tax arrears are continually mounting. Councillor Burris said that he also had good local Constables and he felt that the amount of money that was being paid out for the Constable's set-up seemed pretty high in relation to the actual amount collected. He felt the cost was too high and that it was bad business. Councillor Dauphinee pointed out that the Chief Constable is collecting accounts that are very difficult to collect and that otherwise would be uncollectable. Deputy Warden Cruikshanks asked how much of the money collected had been for Hospital Accounts and was advised that it had all been collected on County or Capital School Taxes. Councillor Archibald stated that a lot of collections could be made in his District. Mr. Archibald, the Clerk, reported that Warrants had been made up for the Musquodoboit Valley area but that before these were issued collection letters had been sent out, response to which had been so good that it was necessary to re-make these warrants. Owing to sickness of the Chief Constable in December this

was not carried out at that time. Warrants are now in readiness and will be acted upon very shortly.

Councillor Gates pointed out that the Chief Constable had to finish every warrant. He also pointed out that the Chief Constable also regulated enforcement of the Dog By-law. He stated, however, that he was somewhat worried about the future of the set-up and felt that increases asked this year would probably be greater in another year. He pointed out that this office had started with a Chief County Constable. Now there is a male clerk employed and there is a request for a Deputy with a car. He asked Council to give this matter of expense very serious consideration.

Councillor Burris stated that somewhat less than eighty percent of the current year's taxes had been collected and pointed out that some other Municipalities collected a higher percentage. Councillor Gates replied he was not satisfied with the set-up at present and stated that the County should have a man that looks after nothing else but the collection of taxes. Then collections could be speeded up. He said this applies to Hospital Accounts as well, and recited a Hospital case in his District which cost approximately \$1,000.00. Councillor Myers said that the Chief Constable had been appointed to organize local constables as well as collect taxes under warrant.

Many Councillors protested against the amount of information that was given on the Admission to Hospital slips that are sent out to them for confirmation of settlement and statement of ability to pay. It was pointed out that a special committee had looked into this matter at the last Session of Council and the late Minister of Municipal Affairs had promised to have this corrected at the Hospital. Deputy Warden Cruikshanks asked if the Constable were going to make a direct report to Council. He was advised that at present the Constable was responsible to the Constable's Committee. Councillor Gates pointed out that taxes are let go entirely too long before warrants are issued and taking District No. 16 as an example pointed out that collection here were very poor. With regard to information obtained re Hospital cases he pointed out that the City employs a man who does nothing else but find out either at the Hospital or at home the circumstances of every patient as to settlement, ability to pay etc. He asked what percentage of the V. G. Hospital bills were collected by the City and was advised that the figure was somewhere in the vicinity of forty per cent.

Councillor Myers pointed out that there were many transients in his District which made it difficult to confirm settlement on Hospital cases. Councillor Chisholm reported the same difficulty in his District. Councillor Ferguson said he agreed with Councillor Gates' remarks re the collection of taxes and said that in his opinion no person should be allowed to go more than two years. Councillors Archibald and Fraser both pointed out that local collectors in the Districts used to collect a much higher percentage of the outstanding taxes than is done today.

Councillors Gates and Archibald moved that we adjourn until ten o'clock tomorrow morning.

FIFTEENTH DAY— MORNING

Friday, March 11th, 1949.

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

Minutes of previous day's Session read and adopted on motion of Councillors Evans and Webber.

The Warden suggested that the Financial Statement be taken up and suggested that the Constable's Committee Report should be studied by the Finance Committee relative to the expenditures involved and also remarked that copies of this report would be available for all Councillors when it was next discussed. Councillor

Naugle stated that in his opinion this was a good idea and felt that all reports recommending expenditures should be referred to the Finance Committee before any decision was made. Warden Dowell added that the Finance Committee should bring these reports in at an early date, and not leave these matters until the last day when the estimates are normally considered.

Councillors Dauphinee and Lomas moved that "should the Legislature approve of the Amendment to the Town Planning Act proposed by this Council that District No. 7 be exempt from the Provisions of Part III of that Act to the same extent as Municipalities are in which no Board has been established, where a sub-division must consist of four or more parcels."

Councillor Burris asked if this meant that each District that did not want to adopt Planning would have to have a special resolution. Councillor Naugle said he felt that there should only be one resolution to cover all Districts that did not want Part III of the Act to apply and this only after the whole situation had been studied by a special committee. Councillor Gates said it might be just as well to have separate resolutions. For example he said, he would have to oppose present resolution because as Chairman of the Town Planning Board it was his opinion that parts of District No. 7, such as Hubbards and possibly Black Point, do require planning provisions. He felt the same was true of other Districts.

Councillor Dauphinee said that his District had already adopted the Building Act and Councillor Gates pointed out that there was no provision in that Act to regulate the size of lots. Councillor Dauphinee pointed out that most provisions of the Town Planning Act would still apply to his District as all he was asking for was relief from Part III of the Act re sub-divisions so that the ratepayers in his District would not have to submit plans of subdivision of land. He pointed out that his ratepayers wanted this and there were no finances involved. Councillor Spracklin stated he felt that lot sizes should be greater than that specified by the Board in all parts of the County beyond the so-called Metropolitan Area.

Councillor Gates cited the case of the Bosch property in District 7 that had originally been sub-divided into seven lots but fortunately a subsequent buyer of the whole property had not subdivided into so many lots. He pointed out that this could happen again in any District and explained the purpose of Planning was not to impose a hardship on anybody but rather to benefit the whole community. Councillor Naugle stated that the County had started something worthwhile and that Council should not move too quickly and destroy benefits already established.

Warden Dowell suggested a special committee be appointed to interview every Councillor to determine what parts of what Districts wanted to be relieved of Part III of the Act. Councillor Dauphinee preferred to see the resolution stand.

Councillors Gates and Naugle moved the following Amendment "THAT matters relating to exclusion of Districts from the provisions of Part III of the Town Planning Act be referred to a special committee of five."

Councillor Ferguson said he had often heard the expression "We are our brothers keeper" but felt this could be carried too far. He stated each Councillor should know the situation in his own District. Councillor Naugle pointed out that the report of the special committee would have to come before Council and the matter could be further discussed then. Councillor Evans asked if the Committee would consult with every Councillor and was advised that they would.

Councillor Gates said that if there was a wholesale demand by Districts to be relieved of the Provisions of Part III of the Act it would greatly weaken the County's efforts to have Amendments made to the Town Planning Act.

The Solicitor pointed out that Councillor Dauphinee's resolution did not completely exclude planning.

Councillor Gates asked if each Councillor was to decide the issue for his own District rather than the special Committee, and remarked that if that were the case, then there was not much point in setting up a Special Committee. Councillor Dauphinee also felt that this Committee would be useless.

The Solicitor pointed out that a few years ago, when the District boundaries were changed, a Special Committee had been set up to hear each Councillor's views on the subject and then reported back to Council. It was thought at the time that that was the most expeditious way to handle the situation. He thought that the situation now was very similar.

Councillor Myers spoke in favor of a Special Committee and Councillor Evans asked if they would have the authority to bring in a final report. He was advised that the Committee would bring in its recommendations but that final decision in the matter was up to Council. Councillor Slaunwhite also thought that the appointment of a Special Committee would save time.

The amendment to the resolution was put and carried.

Councillor Gates asked that he not be appointed to this Committee.

The Clerk read a letter from the Town of Dartmouth, suggesting that a Committee from the Dartmouth Town Council might be appointed to visit the Dartmouth patients at the County Home.

Councillors Naugle and Settle moved that "the suggestion in the letter from Mayor Pettipas that a Civic Committee from Dartmouth be appointed to make periodical visits to the County Home, be accepted." Carried.

Councillor Dauphinee quoted from the By-laws and stated that he felt he should have been allowed to speak again on his resolution.

Warden Dowell named the Special Committee to deal with matters relating to the exclusion of Districts from the provisions of Part III of the Town Planning Act, as follows:-

Deputy Warden Cruikshanks

Councillors Burris

Settle

Fraser

Webber

The Financial Statement was taken up, with the Clerk going over each item and offering explanations where necessary.

Councillors Myers and Bonn moved that Council adjourn until 2 o'clock.

FIFTEENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Friday, March 11, 1949.

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

Councillors Naugle and Turner moved that we adjourn to go into Committee Work.

SIXTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Saturday, March 12th, 1949.

Council met at ten o'clock. Roll called.

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

Councillor Gates asked if the Finance Committee could meet this morning as there were many important items to be considered by that Committee.

Warden Dowell reported on a meeting he and Councillor Gates had attended the previous day at the Department of Industry. Representatives of the Nova Scotia Research Foundation, the Department of Municipal Affairs, the Department of Mines, the Senior Board of Trade and the Junior Board of Trade of Halifax were also in attendance. The Warden explained that in most places in Canada Municipal offices have information available to answer the many questions that Industrialists require answers for when they are considering the location of a new plant. Large industries must have accurate information as to sites, availability of water, power, labor, housing etc when they are considering the location of a new plant. He stated that all people represented at yesterday's meeting were co-operating for the development of an industrial survey which would include mapping the whole area from Musquodoboit Harbour to Terrance Bay. He stated that Dr. Cooper, Deputy Minister of Industry and Mr. Fraser of the Nova Scotia Research Foundation would address Council on the matter before the end of the Session.

Councillor Gates pointed out that the survey map would cover an area of 200 square miles and would be on a scale of two hundred feet to the inch. The mapping would include a large part of the County and would therefore be of more benefit to them than anybody else, he said. This cost to the County would be small, probably less than two percent of the cost involved if the County proceeded to do the same thing on its own account. He also pointed out that an accurate map of the area showing five-foot contours could be put to many other uses in the County. He suggested that Council should give the matter favourable consideration.

Councillor Naugle agreed and said that he could see right away that maps of that nature would be of great help for Assessment purposes - particularly with the Assessment of Timber lands.

Councillor Gates cited the case of one industry that had been making inquiries about the availability of a site within the County during the last year and reported that we had had very little detailed information to offer.

Councillor Gates then announced that there is a film in the City showing the plans of the future development of Ottawa. This is a Community Planning Association of Canada film and he said arrangements could be made with the Board of Censors to have a private showing of the film if Council desired to see it. It was decided that eleven o'clock Monday would be an opportune time.

Mr. Fielding invited the Council to view a film showing recent rural high school development in Maine. He said the schools dealt with in this picture would be very similar to the rural high schools to be established in our County. It was decided to view this film along with the Planning Film on Monday.

The Financial Statement was taken up and the report of the Auditors was read. It was moved by Councillors Gates and Burris that "the report of the auditors be adopted" Carried.

It was moved by Councillors Dauphinee and Burris that "the Financial Statement of the Municipality for the year 1948 including Revenue Fund Balance Sheet,

Consolidated Fund Balance Sheet, Adjustment of Current and Capital Surplus, Revenue and Expenditure Statement, Revenue and Expenditure (Joint Expenditure Board), Revenue Fund and Capital Fund Balance Sheets (Joint Expenditure Board,) be adopted. Carried.

It was moved by Councillors Ferguson and Webber that "the various exhibits of the Treasurer re Municipal finances be filed." Carried.

It was moved by Councillors Slaunwhite and Lomas that "the Financial Statement of the Municipal School Board, and auditors report be adopted." Carried.

It was moved by Councillors Naugle and Webber that "the Financial Statement of the Halifax County Home and Mental Hospital for 1948 be adopted and the various exhibits relating thereto be filed." Carried.

It was moved by Councillors Spracklin and Fraser that "the report of the Finance Committee re Sinking Funds be adopted." Carried.

It was moved by Councillors Fraser and Archibald that the Council go into Committee work until eleven o'clock Monday morning.

SEVENTEENTH DAY - MORNING

Monday, March 14, 1949

The Council met at 11 o'clock. Roll called.

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

Councillor Bonn was reported ill at his home and would be unable to attend today's session.

On motion of Councillors Fraser and Naugle the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock in order to view the film on Rural High Schools.

SEVENTEENTH DAY — AFTERNOON

Monday, March 14, 1949.

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

The Report of the Assessment Survey Officer, Mr. H. S. MacGlashen, to the Assessment Committee was presented in full to Council.

Councillor Naugle, Chairman of the Committee, and the Warden expressed a favourable opinion of the Report and said that it would be necessary to obtain something definite regarding the appointment of the Provincial Assessment Board by the Provincial Government.

Councillors Naugle and Gates moved that the Report of Mr. H. S. MacGlashen, Assessment Survey Officer, to the Assessment Committee be filed for information of Council. Carried.

Councillor Gates said that it was essential that Council take some definite action as recommended by the Report to have the Board appointed. Councillor Naugle agreed. The Warden said that he had spoken with the Minister, the Hon. Malcolm Patterson, and had been assured very recently that something would be done. Councillors Spracklin, Ferguson, Slaunwhite and Evans agreed that the matter should be taken direct to the Minister.

Councillors Gates and Burris moved that immediate steps be taken to have a conference with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and get a clear cut statement as to what will be done by the Government re Assessment Board. Carried.

Councillor Gates reported to Council that he had a conference with Mr. J. E. Dudley, Administrative Office Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and that the Government wants a statement of policy from Council regarding "planning" especially in the Eastern Passage district, where considerable development was underway and additional plans were being made for future development. He said that Mr. Dudley expressed fear that property value would be seriously depreciated without proper planning and control in Eastern Passage.

Councillor Myers was of the opinion that the Dominion Government should be concerned over their own property, not property belonging to individuals.

Councillor Ferguson severely criticised the condition of the Eastern Shore Highway over the past weekend. He declared that something should be done immediately to remedy this condition as it was impossible to travel the highway safely and without damage to property.

Councillor Webber spoke strongly in favor of Councillor Ferguson's opinion, pointing out that Eastern Shore people were promised a paved highway 16 years ago but that not a square yard was yet paved. He said that the present condition of the road was not only deplorable but disgraceful. Councillor Evans agreed.

Councillor Fraser pointed out that road conditions as described on the Eastern Shore was "seasonal", resulting at periods in the year when the frost was coming out of the ground. He believed that this condition would not be properly remedied until paving was complete.

Councillor Chisholm drew Council's attention to the poor condition of roads in the village of Woodside. He said that the maintenance of these roads was a responsibility of the Department of Highways and should be looked after.

Referring to the appointment of the Provincial Assessment Board, Mr. Fielding said that he had consulted with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and had been assured that either the Board would be appointed or the legislation amended before May 1, 1949.

Regarding office space required for an assessment office and suitable space for council and committee meetings in the Courthouse, Councillor Gates said that the building had been surveyed and it was found that alterations proposed last year were not feasible due to the structure of the building. He felt that the real solution for the future was to build an addition, which would mean a new Council Chamber and Committee rooms, leaving the present Council Chamber for the assessors.

Councillor Naugle suggested that a Committee make a thorough survey along with the Courthouse Commission. The Solicitor said that the present courthouse is inadequate to meet present day needs, and pointed out that the Municipality was not the only party which found that space was inadequate. He suggested that the Provincial Government and possibly the City of Halifax would be favorable to additional space.

Councillor Dauphinee requested the Warden to bring Councillors to order who had spoken more than twice on the same question. The Warden gave Council his interpretation of rules of Council and asked the Solicitor for his opinion on several points.

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

EIGHTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Tuesday, March 15, 1949

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

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

Councillor Evans asked an addition to the minutes regarding his opinions on the Eastern Shore highway and the Assessment Survey Report. The additions were made.

Councillor Myers asked that Council invite Mr. J. E. Dudley to appear before the Council and to voice any opinion that he might have in reference to Eastern Passage. Councillor Gates said that Mr. Dudley was desirous of appearing before the County Planning Board not the Council.

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

Councillors Myers and Naugle moved that Mr. Dudley of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation be invited to address Council before Council adjourns. Carried.

Councillor Settle questioned whether the procedure of the Assessment Survey Report being made out to the Assessment Committee instead of the Council was correct. The same question applied to the Chief County Constable's Report.

Councillors Naugle and Gates thought that the procedure was proper as the Committees concerned were directing both assessment and matters pertaining to constables. The reports were invariably attached to Committees' reports when they were made to Council.

Councillors Slaunwhite and Myers felt that the public had received the wrong impression due to remarks made by the Deputy Warden appearing in the fourteenth day minutes regarding the cost of collection of taxes by the Chief County Constable. They felt that this impression should be corrected.

On motion of Councillors Lomas and Spracklin the Council adjourned to go into Committee of the whole.

EIGHTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 15, 1949.

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

Dr. J. J. MacRitchie, Divisional Medical Health Officer, presented his annual report to the Council.

In reply to a question by Warden Dowell, Dr. MacRitchie said that school work was included in the duties of the public health nurses, but they were not known as "school nurses". Councillor Spracklin sought information regarding the future plans of the Province in expanding public health services to the rural sections of the County. Dr. MacRitchie said that he had no information to divulge at the present time.

In reply to Councillor Chisholm, Dr. MacRitchie said that a large number of tubercular deaths were in the higher age groups. Councillor Slaunwhite asked particulars of the two deaths of Terrance Bay people, and Dr. MacRitchie said that this detailed information could be supplied later when he had access to complete

records. Councillor Spracklin inquired regarding new accommodation for patients and Dr. MacRitchie said that a new hospital of 200 beds had opened in Cape Breton and several patients from Halifax County had received accommodation there. Councillor Naugle asked if it was the intention of the Department of Health to improve and enlarge that N.S. Sanatorium at Kentville. Dr. MacRitchie replied that he had no information on this subject. In reply to a second question by Councillor Naugle, Dr. MacRitchie said that there was no accommodation in a Provincial institution for mentally insane T.B. patients and expressed the hope that the County Home would be enlarged as it was being overcrowded. If the condition continues it would in future be classed as "sub-standard."

Councillor Evans and Turner moved that the Report of Dr. MacRitchie be filed. Carried.

At the request of the Warden the Deputy Warden presided.

The Report of the Jail Committee was read.

Councillors Myers and Lomas moved that the Report of the Jail Committee be adopted. Carried.

The Estimates for the Commissioners of the Courthouse, County Jail Estimates, and Joint Expenditures were given by the Clerk. In reply to Councillor Gates the Clerk said that the Municipality was responsible for one-eighth of the totals under joint estimates.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that the Estimates of the County Jail, Courthouse Commission and Joint Expenditures for 1949 be adopted. Carried.

The Clerk requested all Councillors who had not already done so to file copies of their District Officers for 1949.

Dr. D. L. Cooper of the Department of Industry and Publicity addressed Council, explaining what action his Department was taking to encourage the establishment of new industry in Nova Scotia. He pointed out the necessity for industrial survey and the procuring of large scale maps. The Department had adopted a policy of co-operating with and assisting Boards of Trade and Municipal Councils in surveys. The area in Halifax County which had been proposed as a start included all that area from Musquodoboit Harbour to Terrance Bay.

In reply to Councillor Settle, Dr. Cooper said that among the factors which industry was interested in were (1) available land (2) its location (3) its cost (4) water supply and its cost, (5) power supply and its cost, (6) labour supply, its skill and cost and (7) raw materials.

Dr. Cooper said in reply to Councillor Settle that he could not answer questions pertaining to the Acadia Sugar Refinery as he was not familiar with that plant or its possible future operation.

In reply to Councillor Slaunwhite, Dr. Cooper said that the co-operation of people in any particular community was necessary while a survey was in progress. Warden Dowell asked if the maps when completed would be available to the Municipality and its Districts. Dr. Cooper replied in the affirmative. Councillor Dauphinee expressed regret that the survey would not include the St. Margaret's Bay area where industry was needed. Dr. Cooper said that the St. Margaret's Bay area had been photographed, but that the resulting maps would not be on as large a scale as that proposed for the Terrance Bay-Musquodoboit Harbor area.

Councillor Gates said that the maps would serve many useful purposes, and recalled that a year ago a British industry had sought certain important data. This information was lacking and a possible industry was lost.

Warden Dowell inquired as to the cost of the survey. Dr. Cooper replied that the whole survey was still in the "estimate" stage, but he believed that the photo and mapping costs would be \$1,000 per square mile. He said that the Department of Municipal Affairs would probably put up half the cost of photography, and that it had been indicated that the Department of Mines would make its staff available for the mapping work. He estimated that \$5,000 would be the balance that would have to be borne by other interested parties including the Municipality. Councillor Ferguson inquired as to the time that the survey would require.

Dr. Cooper replied that it was necessary to have the photography completed before the leaves came on the trees and that the whole job including mapping could be completed by the Fall.

Councillor Fraser said that industry was badly needed in Halifax County and felt that any moderate expenditure to encourage industry would be money well spent. Councillor Gates said that most Councillors would be vitally concerned as to the cost of the survey to the Municipality. The amount proposed was \$2,000.00.

Councillor Chisholm related in some detail the failure of several industries on the eastern side of Halifax Harbor in the past 30 years, but agreed that everything possible should be done to re-establish industry as well as encourage new ones.

Councillor Myers declared that an oil company plan to establish in the Woodside area had been "killed" by the Provincial Government. Councillor Lomas spoke briefly on the Duncan Report and freight rates in the Maritimes and agreed with Dr. Cooper that the province was favored in some respects but not in others.

Councillor Spracklin spoke on the possibility of manufacturing gypsum products in the province instead of shipping the raw materials out. Dr. Cooper said that it was possible that this might be done in the future.

Warden Dowell and Councillor Gates thanked Dr. Cooper for his address to Council.

The Report of the Municipal Building Board was read.

Councillors Spracklin and Chisholm moved that the Report of the Municipal Building Board be adopted.

Referring to the Report, Councillor Spracklin said that he would like to see the Act regarding chimneys amended as trouble in this respect was developing in his District. Councillor Myers said that the 16 foot regulation respecting buildings was an impossibility, but Mr. W. J. Ward, Chairman of the Board pointed out that this regulation specifically stated "dwellings" not "buildings."

Councillor Gates declared that regulations regarding chimneys needed clarification, and read sections of the Act. He was of the opinion that the regulations were clear in this respect, and asked his building inspector, Mr. Edward Gardiner to cite several cases that he had come in contact with. Councillor Gates said that if an amendment was necessary then steps should be taken to secure the same and he called upon the Solicitor for an interpretation of the Act. The Solicitor agreed that the Act was clear and that prosecution could follow. He said that he believed that the Council's policy was to prosecute in the case of new buildings. This had been done. But the Act was adequate to compel others to have safe and proper chimneys. Councillor Gates indicated that it was his intention to remedy the situation by prosecution if necessary as there were many fire menaces in his District, which were a threat to life and property, not only to the owners and their families but to others. Others who entered the discussion on building regulations were Councillors Naugle, Chisholm, Slaunwhite and Spracklin. Mr. W. J. Ward answered several questions by Councillor Myers.

The motion that the Report of the Building Board be adopted was put by the Deputy Warden and declared carried.

The Solicitor spoke briefly on the matter of the Town of Dartmouth, and its water supply. He explained the authority which the town enjoyed through statutes of 1902, but was of the opinion that it had no authority to go beyond the watershed without obtaining new legislation. Councillors Chisholm, Naugle, Gates and the Warden entered the discussion and Councillor Settle outlined the reasons why 18 ratepayers were concerned over the watershed. He said that the property value of these people was affected and that the Municipality should also be concerned from an assessment and tax standpoint.

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

NINETEENTH DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, March 16, 1949

The Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called. Deputy Warden Cruikshank presided.

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

The Report of the Finance Committee was read. Councillors Naugle and Fraser moved that the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Councillor Settle suggested to Council that it might be wise to establish a minimum and maximum salary in connection with the appointment of a new Clerk and Treasurer, along with a scale of automatic increases.

Warden Dowell thought that it would not be possible to follow Councillor Settle's suggestion at the present time, and doubted whether a competent official could be found to accept the responsibility at less salary than the amount stated in the Report. Councillor Settle stated that he was not questioning the qualifications of the appointee, simply the question of salary and a sound business arrangement for the future. Councillor Lomas explained salary in connection with the policy of the C. N. R. Councillor Gates declared that the adoption of the Report would enhance the position of the Municipality, and that Council would be paying a salary commensurate with the responsibility of the office. He said that the County was not ready yet to set up a scale of salaries and pensions for officials.

Councillor Chisholm supported the adoption of the Report pointing out that the \$200,000 outstanding taxes would show an improvement under the proposed set up. Councillor Slaunwhite agreed that the Report was sound and should be adopted.

The motion to adopt the Report of the Finance Committee was put and declared carried.

Warden Dowell nominated Mr. R. G. Hattie as Clerk and Treasurer at the salary recommended in the Report. Councillor Spracklin seconded the nomination. Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that nominations cease. Carried. On motion of Councillors Naugle and Ferguson the Deputy Warden instructed the retiring clerk, Mr. Martin Archibald, to deposit a ballot in favor of Mr. Hattie and declared Mr. R. G. Hattie elected as Clerk and Treasurer for the Municipality.

In accepting the office Mr. Hattie in a few brief remarks to Council expressed his appreciation for the confidence that the Councillors had shown in him. He re-

marked that it would not be an easy task to fill the position vacated by the retirement of Mr. Archibald, but that he would do everything possible to justify the confidence that had been shown in him and carry out the work to the best of his ability. Mr. Hattie then retired to be sworn into office.

Copies of the Constables' Committee Report were distributed to all Councillors and on the suggestion of Councillor Myers the report was taken up and discussed clause by clause. All Councillors entered into the detailed discussion of clauses in the report.

By vote of Council, Deputy Warden Cruikshank declared that Clause 8 re the control of dogs was deleted from the Report. By a second vote by Council the Deputy Warden declared that the clause dealing with the allowance of \$500.00 expenses to the Chief County Constable carried. Councillor Burris stated that he wished to be recorded as voting against this clause.

Councillors Dauphinee and Myers moved that the Report of the Constables' Committee be adopted as amended. Carried. Councillor Gates in a statement to Council said that he voted against the adoption of the Report because of the deletion of the clause respecting the control of dogs. He warned Council that it was the failure to adopt such measures which would eventually result in the breakaway of District 12 from the Municipality and that he would not oppose such a breakaway in future.

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

NINETEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 16, 1949

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

The Reports of the building inspectors for Districts 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14G, and 28 were read.

Councillor Gates inquired the reason why assessment in District 28 showed only \$125 increase exclusive of the Imperial Oil plant, when considerable building was reported in the District during the past year. Councillor Naugle said that it was within the power of Council to make an improvement as it was the Council not the District Councillor who appointed the assessor. Councillor Gates read a statement by the District 12 assessor and building inspector, which accounted for the difference between the building inspector's figures and the assessor's.

Councillors Dauphinee and Fraser moved that the Building Inspectors Reports for Districts 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14G and 28 be received and placed on file. Carried.

A letter re the Butler Bros. subdivision in District 12 in reference to a railway crossing was read. At the request of the Warden, Councillor King-Myers recalled the problems of railway crossings and how they were dealt with in her District.

Councillors Gates and Cruikshank moved that an application be made by this Council to the Halifax Board of Railway Commissioners for a highway crossing between Sections A and B of Fairmount sub-division at or near the same place where the existing farm crossing now exists, the expense to be borne by Butler Brothers. Carried.

The Report of the Public Property Committee was read. Councillors Naugle and Gates moved that the Report of the Public Property Committee be adopted.

Councillor Myers asked that the Report be considered clause by clause. Regarding the purchase of a new tractor and the disposal of an older piece of equipment, Councillors Naugle and Evans explained the details of the sale and purchase, stating that the County had obtained a good bargain. Councillor Myers was of the opinion that when public property was to be disposed of it should always be advertised for sale. Councillors Fraser and Ferguson agreed. Warden Dowell and Councillor Gates related the procedure followed in disposing of a car, and in this latter case the tenders were much lower than they should have been. Councillor Bonn was of the opinion that it was not good business to dispose of a piece of old equipment to a dealer and then purchase new equipment from the same dealer. Stating that although he was out of town at the time of the transaction, Councillor Gates said that he was of the opinion that the Public Property Committee had made an excellent buy and had obtained a good price for the old equipment. Councillor Burreis agreed that the price obtained for the old tractor of \$1,500.00 was adequate considering the service obtained from the equipment and the depreciation.

In reply to Councillor Lomas, the Warden stated that it was desirable to change the name of the Halifax County Home and Mental Hospital to the Halifax County Hospital. Councillor Naugle explained that many old people objected to going "to the Home", and felt that it would be better to have the institution known as "Hospital".

The Warden agreed with Councillor Lomas that the time was favorable to erect a new building. Councillor Naugle stated that if the Council proceeded with plans for a new building the architect would draw the new plans and would not charge for the "addition plans" drawn last year. Councillor Naugle said that there was need of quarters for the staff and segregation of patients. He urged that the Council adopt the Report of the Public Property Committee.

The Deputy Warden recalled that years ago when the Council planned a County Home plans were drawn, never used and the money was lost.

Councillor Ferguson referred to the building of a new hospital as "a large project" and that the County faced an expenditure of \$350,000. He was of the opinion that the Council should look after the needs of its own people first, and that perhaps this is the time for other Municipalities to care for their own people. If others took advantage of the same offer of the Dominion and Provincial Governments to build institutions the County of Halifax might find later that it had "a white elephant" on its hands.

Councillor Myers recalled that Council 12 years ago had built a Home which it was expected, would care for the people of the County for many years. If the present institution was not large enough to care for the people of Halifax County, Councillor Myers said, he would vote for it, but he would not vote for a new building to care for people from other Municipalities.

Warden Dowell said that the Municipality was well paid for outside patients and as a result the cost of caring for Halifax County people was much less than it would be otherwise.

Councillor Slaunwhite pointed out that the Dominion and Provincial Governments would pay two-thirds of the entire cost of the new hospital. It was an opportunity that should not be lost and declared that he would support it.

Councillor Ferguson drew attention to the possible withdrawal from the County of Woodside and Armdale, and suggested that this may have a serious effect on the future financial structure of the Municipality.

Councillor King-Myers said that she was not in favor of a new building. She favored finishing payment on the present institution and the looking after of Halifax County people only. She said that it was overcrowded by patients from other

parts of the province. In reply to a question by Councillor Lomas, the Clerk said that there were about 100 patients from outside points.

Councillor Naugle felt that the proposal to erect a new building was sound business, and pointed out the great financial aid from the Governments which previously was not available. He predicted that the rate for Halifax County patients would jump to \$8.00 if the outside patients were excluded. Councillor Bonn said that he thought it was poor business to add to the present debt of the County Home.

Councillor Chisholm suggested that the policy of other municipalities be obtained in respect to the possible erection of similar institutions. Councillor Lomas said that the "two-thirds" offer by the Governments was open now, but doubted whether the same offer would always be there. He urged acceptance without delay.

Councillor Evans pointed out that last year the Council had voted \$225,000 to build a necessary addition to the County Home. Under the present proposal, he said, the County would get a new 200 bed hospital, alterations to the old building and necessary furniture for \$350,000. He thought it was good business to go ahead.

In reply to a question by Councillor Webber, the Warden said that if outside patients were disposed of there would still not be enough room for staff and segregation. Councillor Webber then declared himself in favor of the new hospital.

Councillor Gates stated that the financial position of the County Home had been improved by caring for outside patients and added that this was proved by figures. He said that the Halifax County Home had been a benefit, not only to Halifax County but to other municipalities who sent patients there. He was of the opinion that the \$225,000 voted for additions last year would not have been adequate, and that under the present plan the Municipality could get a complete new 200 bed hospital for no more than an addition would have cost last year. He stressed that the \$350,000 would include necessary alterations to the present building and the furnishing of the new building. He suggested the possibility that the offer of the Dominion and Provincial Governments to grant \$3,000 per bed might not last forever and this meant a total saving of \$600,000.00 for the Municipality. With a new hospital, adequate staff quarters would be provided; there would be more suitable accommodation and segregation of old age pensioners and mental cases; and that accommodation for a future overflow would be provided.

Councillor Settle felt that the offer of the Dominion and Provincial Governments to pay two-thirds of the cost was generous and should not be turned down. He regretted that the present situation insofar as Woodside and Armdale was concerned was unsettled, and it was difficult to make a decision because of this unsettled condition. He urged that the Municipality decide to stick together and then build the new hospital with the least possible delay.

Warden Dowell recalled that the first vote that went through the old Council to build the present County Home was for \$175,000. Councillor Spracklin supported the building of the new hospital to improve health conditions and the general welfare of the people. Councillor Slaunwhite pointed out that even if the Districts mentioned incorporated or amalgamated they would still require accommodation for their people. In reply to Councillor Myers, the Clerk said that there were about 40 old age pensioners from Halifax County in the County Home at the present time.

Councillor Myers said that if the County built the new hospital the debt on the Home would jump to over half a million dollars. The Warden in reply to a question said that over \$13,000 was paid off the County Home indebtedness the past year. Councillor Settle agreed that the County Home was paying for itself despite a deficit shown this year. Councillor Bonn said that there was not a hospital in Nova Scotia which was paying its way, and he couldn't understand how Halifax County expected to make a profit. Councillor Myers said that the Nova

Scotia Hospital was planning an expansion and asked how this would effect building plans in Halifax County.

In reply to a question by Councillor Burriss, the Warden said that there was no guarantee that other Municipalities would not build similar institutions. But the Warden said that when present money is used there may not be any more for this particular purpose. Councillor Ferguson questioned this statement and said that if there was a change of Government the offer might possibly be increased.

In reply to a question by Councillor Fraser, the Warden said that there never had been a Halifax County patient turned away at the County Home, but people from other Municipalities at various times could not be taken in.

Regarding the policy of the Provincial Government, Deputy Warden Cruikshank said that the Government is 100 per cent in favor of Halifax County accepting patients from other Counties and expanding its present facilities. It was true that this policy might change but he thought it unlikely. The present Home, which had been built for 232 now had 297 patients, and even if all outside patients were let go there would remain only accommodation for 30 more from Halifax County. The Deputy Warden thought that the time was opportune to take advantage of the Governments' assistance and build a new hospital. In reply to a question by Councillor Turner, the Warden said that no budget had been prepared regarding rate increase.

The motion to adopt the Report of the Tenders and Public Property Committee was laid on the table until tomorrow.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved:

"THAT notice of motion be given that the Tenders and Public Property Committee be authorized to engage an architect to prepare plans and specifications for a new building for 200 beds on the same property as the present County Home and Mental Hospital;

'AND 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 \$350,000 to include furnishings and alterations to the present building;

'AND further resolved that applications be made at once through the Provincial Government for grants available for such building as laid out in various Orders in Council of the Federal Government for hospital construction."

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

TWENTIETH DAY—MORNING

Thursday, March 17, 1949

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

The minutes of the previous day's session were read. Councillors Naugle and Spracklin moved that the minutes of the previous day's session be adopted.

Referring in the minutes to remarks he made in connection with the motion to adopt the Report of the Constables' Committee, Councillor Gates asked that if it was possible within the by-laws that he would like Council to reconsider that section of the Report which deals with the control of dogs within the Municipality. After referring to the by-laws Warden Dowell expressed the opinion that it would

not be possible to reconsider, but that the matter could be taken up with the Solicitor for advice. The motion to adopt the minutes was then put and declared carried with Councillor Gates voting against.

Councillor Myers inquired as to the procedure for admitting a patient to the County Home and Mental Hospital, and asked if it was necessary that the patient post a bond. Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle replied that it was necessary to have the patient admitted through the Overseers of the Poor, otherwise the patient was considered a "private patient" and a bond could be required. Councillor Myers also inquired as to medical attention at the Home and related a case that had been brought to his attention, where it had been stated that the doctor was not in attendance at the Home on Saturdays and Sundays. Councillor Settle was of the opinion that the statement was serious enough to merit full attention by the Council and it was decided that the Committee would confer with the Superintendent regarding the question of medical attention.

The Deputy Warden presided.

Councillors Naugle and Turner moved that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the regular banking form for signing officers in connection with the Municipality's Bank Accounts and that Rudd G. Hattie, Treasurer, or Martin Archibald, Collector, be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the Municipality. Carried.

Councillors Evans and Spracklin moved:

"THAT the form of Lease and Rules, Regulations and Conditions applicable to the rental of the safe deposit box in the vaults of the Royal Bank of Canada, be and the same are hereby approved and that Rudd G. Hattie be and he is hereby authorized to sign the said agreement and to have access to and control of the contents of such safe deposit box with full power to appoint a substitute or substitutes in his place and stead, and the present resolution shall apply not only to the said safe deposit box but to any other safe deposit box that may be leased by this Municipality, and that the present resolution be communicated to the Bank and remain in force until notice in writing to the contrary be given to the Manager of the Branch of the Bank in which any box is leased and receipt of such notice duly acknowledged in writing." Carried.

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

TWENTIETH DAY—AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 17, 1949

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

A letter re "Town Planning" from Mr. MacAulay Banks of Port Wallis was read and filed.

Councillors Evans and Dauphinee moved that the annual poll tax for 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 1949. Carried.

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

Councillors Evans and Burris moved that there be no half-yearly meeting this year. Carried.

The Report of the Assessment Committee was read and taken up clause by clause. Councillor Naugle, Chairman of the Committee, said that he was not in agreement with the first clause of the Report regarding a refund to Steadman Young. Councillor Gates also objected to the refund on the grounds that it was establishing a dangerous precedent. Councillor Dauphinee supported the refund on the grounds that he believed the assessment was incorrect and unjust, and explained the Young case along with Councillor Fraser, who also supported the refund. In reply to Councillor Burris the Warden said that the Council, but not the Committee, had the power to refund taxes to ratepayers. Councillor Settle explained that the Committee had made the recommendation for refund on the grounds that it was of the opinion that the assessment was unjust. Councillor Gates and Ferguson said that the Council would be bombarded with similar requests from the County. Councillor Spracklin related a case of assessment in his own District. Referring to the assessment rolls for the years involved, the Clerk said that the personal property for those years was not assessed to Mrs. Young but to Mr. Young and that it was in the past year that Mrs. Young was assessed for both real and personal and that Mr. Young was then dropped from the roll. By vote of Council the clause recommending a refund in the Young case was deleted. The remainder of the clauses were agreed upon.

Referring to assessment in District 28 Councillor Chisholm said that the Stevens \$4,000.00 assessment had been lost as the property was taken over by the Provincial Government and was therefore exempt from taxation.

The Clerk then laid the assessment roll for 1949 before Council in compliance with the statute.

Councillors Naugle and Webber moved that the Report of the Assessment Committee be adopted as amended. Carried.

Councillor Myers inquired if anybody was censoring the press reports that appeared in connection with the County Council. He was very critical of press reports at the present session, and declared that the reader would infer by reading yesterday's reports that nobody was opposed to the building of the new County Hospital. Councillor Evans agreed that the press reports had been incomplete. The Collector, Mr. Archibald, stated that he wanted it clearly understood that the Municipal Office had nothing to do with any reports referred to by Councillor Myers. Councillor Gates declared that he tried in no way to influence press reports.

Councillor Fraser referring to statements made in the press by Councillor Gates re Armdale's possible withdrawal, felt that something definite should be decided before making any great decisions on the expenditure of public funds. Councillor Slaunwhite agreed with Councillor Myers regarding his comment on the press reports.

Warden Dowell pointed out that before Armdale was separated from the Municipality that a vote of the ratepayers would be necessary. Councillor Archibald stated that the issues that resulted in the present trouble were small ones. But he criticized Councillor Gates for his threats of his support of Armdale's withdrawal from the County.

Councillor Gates reminded Council that he had worked in the interests of the Municipality and had fought hard to retain Woodside. But he maintained that he had a perfect right to express his own opinion. He pointed out that there was now a request from Armdale ratepayers for a survey to show how much in taxes was collected and how much spent for the benefit of that community.

Councillor Burris said that Councillor's Gates statements had not been consistent, pointing to press reports where withdrawal was threatened and at the same time moving a notice of motion to spend \$350,000 for a new hospital.

Councillor Settle praised the work accomplished by Councillor Gates on behalf of the Municipality in the past, but expressed doubt whether the District 12 Councillor had a right to make such statements in view of his oath of office. Councillor Settle said that he found it extremely difficult to make a decision on the building of a hospital in light of the possibility of the loss of one or more Districts. He felt that Councillor Gates owed the Council an apology, and that it be given the same publicity as his statements yesterday. He urged Councillors to settle their differences and work for the benefit of both their own Districts and the Municipality at large.

Councillor Gates declared that he had a right to his opinion and that he would not apologize. He said that he would withdraw his notice of motion and if "goaded" further would withdraw from the various committees and resign from Council. Councillor Evans urged Councillor Gates to be calm and reconsider as he had been a valuable addition to Council. Councillor Chisholm said that he had stood firmly behind the Municipality in the past, but had not agreed with a proposal that would have meant a loss of revenue to the District.

The Clerk, Mr. Hattie, read the Councillor's oath of office and Warden Dowell said that he was of the opinion that Councillor Gates had not violated his oath of office.

Councillor Slaunwhite expressed regrets that such a controversy had started, and said that he believed that the trouble could be attributed to press reports. Councillor Gates said that the trouble had started earlier when he had jokingly referred to the Veterinary Plan, but the real trouble broke out on the question of "dog control." The Deputy Warden urged that Council go on with the business at hand. Councillor Fraser said that the matter was a serious one that needed settlement. Councillor Settle declared that Council could not make important decisions with any threat hanging over its head.

Councillor Ferguson urged that the notice of motion given yesterday be dealt with, and Councillor Myers suggested that if the Council could not get down to business then it should adjourn and go home.

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

TWENTY-FIRST DAY—MORNING

Friday, March 18, 1949.

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

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

Mr. G. W. I. Creighton of the Lands and Forests Department addressed Council on the work and policy of the Department dating from 1926, and discussed with Councillors various problems and answered questions directed to him by Council members.

Councillor Settle inquired regarding the recent survey that the Department had made for the Town of Dartmouth in connection with the cutting of trees on the watershed. He explained that 18 ratepayers were quite concerned and feared that their property rights would be infringed upon. Mr. Creighton stated that the Department had undertaken a survey at the request of the town, but that the survey concerned only land owned by the Town of Dartmouth, not private land. He said that his Department had recommended against any heavy cutting. In regard

to the Small Tree Act he explained that this legislation did not apply to small woodlot owners, but to larger operators cutting over 100,000 feet.

Councillor Settle asked if a private property owner could apply for this service, and Mr. Creighton said that the Department would do anything to assist within reason. Councillor Turner asked if any charge was made for this survey service and Mr. Creighton replied in the negative.

Councillor Ferguson asked if the Department of Lands and Forests had been successful in determining what was causing the destruction of the birch in Nova Scotia. Mr. Creighton replied that the blight applied to many other provinces and states besides Nova Scotia, and efforts were still being made to determine the cause and find the remedy.

In reply to a question by Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Mr. Creighton said that it was his own personal opinion that it would be unwise for the Council to place a bounty on the fox. He said that it was quite possible that the fox could become very valuable. But the fox had been taken off the protective list and the farmers who were menaced by the fox had power to destroy them where they were creating or about to create damage. Councillor Isenor said that he agreed that it would be unwise to pay bounties on fox. In reply to Councillor Lomas, Mr. Creighton said that a great many leases of woodland had expired and the land had gone back to the crown. He added that there had been a great change in policy in this regard in recent years.

In reply to a question by Councillor Fraser, Mr. Creighton said that "spraying" killed game and that the Department of Lands and Forests did not advocate widespread spraying or dusting of trees. Mr. Creighton in reply to Councillor Spracklin said that the Department did investigate many reports of dogs destroying game and in an average year 150 dogs were destroyed. Councillors Dauphinee, Gates, Fraser, Ferguson and the Warden also engaged in discussion with Mr. Creighton on matters of interest. The Warden expressed the thanks of Council to Mr. Creighton for the time that he had given along with the information which was of interest to all.

A petition from a group of ratepayers to have the boundary between District 11 and 12 changed was referred to the Assessment Committee.

Councillor Gates advised that his ratepayers wishes be determined in this regard, stating that at a meeting of ratepayers last night the desire had been expressed to have the representation of the present District 12 increased because of the great population and assessment. Councillor Gates said that it would be advisable for Council to consider this matter, and suggested that the solution might be the splitting of the present District 12 into two districts. He said that at the meeting last night he had advised against amalgamation with the City of Halifax and that he was opposed to the Municipality paying for the proposed economic survey in connection with District 12.

The Warden told Council that at the meeting at City Hall which he and Councillor Gates attended yesterday it had been decided to seek "permissive" legislation, which would permit an agreement on water and sewerage between city and county if Council decided such agreement was desirable.

Council decided to view the "Town Planning" film, and on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Fraser adjourned until 2 o'clock.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON

Friday, March 18, 1949.

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

Councillors Archibald and Burris moved that a grant of \$500.00 per annum 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 of Chapter 54 RS NS 1923 and that Councillor Roy Archibald shall be a representative upon the governing board of such hospital. Carried.

Councillors Turner and Ferguson moved that a grant of \$500.00 per annum 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 Carl Turner shall be a representative upon the governing board of such hospital. Carried.

A Report signed by Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle, Council representatives on the Commissioners of the Courthouse, was read. Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that the Report of the Commissioners of the Courthouse be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Lomas and Gates moved that a grant of \$500.00 per annum be paid to the Hospital at Musquodoboit 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 F. C. Lomas shall be a representative upon the governing board of such hospital. Carried.

Mr. Frank Covert addressed Council on behalf of the Children's Hospital. Mr. Covert appealed for financial assistance, and asked that Council consider a donation to the capital fund for expansion as well as an annual grant to the Hospital. Last year, Mr. Covert said, there were 844 patients from the County of Halifax exclusive of the Town of Dartmouth and City of Halifax. He referred to the overcrowded conditions at the hospital and great need for expansion.

Mr. Covert answered questions from various Councillors including the Warden, Councillors Slaunwhite, Gates and Lomas.

Warden Dowell thanked Mr. Covert for addressing Council and assured him that the Finance Committee would consider his request.

A Report of the Special Committee on Town Planning was read.

Councillors Dauphinee and Fraser moved that the Report of The Special Committee on Town Planning be adopted. Councillor Naugle stressed that the recommendations made in the Report would not become effective until the Legislature amended the Act. Councillors Lomas and King-Myers spoke on the interview which the Roads and Bridges Committee had with the Minister of Highways today and stated that the Report would be made to Council on Tuesday.

The motion to adopt the Report of the Special Committee on Town Planning was then put and declared carried with Warden Dowell and Councillor Gates voting against.

Councillors Webber and Bonn moved the following notice of motion:

"THAT whereas the greater volume of public business has occupied the attention of Councillors for a longer session than in past years;

"AND whereas the individual Councillors, due to the extra days, have been put to extra expense;

"THEREFORE be it resolved that all Councillors receive \$5.00 per day in addition to the usual remuneration for each day over 15 days and that this apply only to the present session."

Warden Dowell suggested that the Solicitor examine the notice of motion as there was a possibility that it might conflict with present By-laws of the Municipality. This was agreed.

On motion of Councillor Myers and King-Myers the Council adjourned to go into committee work until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY—MORNING

Saturday, March 19, 1949

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 Chisholm.

Warden Dowell advised Council that the notice of motion of Councillors Webber and Bonn re extra remuneration for Councillors for the present lengthy session conflicted with the by-laws and was being redrafted, and would be presented later for Council's consideration. Councillor Webber then withdrew the notice of motion given yesterday.

Councillors Dauphinee and Gates gave notice of motion: that on a future day they would move for authority to borrow \$12,000 for fire fighting purposes payment of which to be rated and levied as a District charge on District No. 7 for a 12 years period.

Councillors Webber and Bonn moved:

"Notice is hereby given that after the expiration of one day the Council will move to amend the by-laws by the following motion:

"Resolved that Chapter 22 of the By-laws of the Municipality dealing with payment of Councillors be amended by adding the following paragraph:

In addition to the aforesaid remuneration the members of the Council including the Warden shall be paid for their attendance at the 1949 annual meeting of the Council because of the unusual length of the session a further sum of Fifty dollars."

A Special Report of the Assessment Committee re proposed change in the Boundary line between District 11 and 12 was read. Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that the Special Report of the Assessment Committee re boundaries between Districts 11 and 12 be adopted. Carried.

The Report of the Marketing Committee was read.

Councillors Bonn and Dauphinee moved that the Report of the Marketing Committee be adopted. Carried.

The Special Report of the Public Services Committee was read. Councillors Gates and Chisholm expressed the opinion that the matter of the Fire Marshal's Report in connection with the Loyola Hall at Bedford should be given further

consideration. In light of the Warden's explanation and that of the Building Inspector for District 8, Councillors Gates said, a further explanation should be required because if a disaster occurred it would reflect on the County Council. Councillor Ferguson agreed and suggested that the Warden appoint a Special Committee to view the Loyola Hall. Councillor Naugle suggested that a letter be directed to the Fire Marshal calling for a complete explanation. Councillor Turner thought that it was possible to clear the matter up with a phone call direct to the Fire Marshal. Councillor Settle asked that the Fire Marshal, the Building Inspector concerned and Father Lanigan be invited to be present when the Committee made its investigation. This was agreed.

Councillors Dauphinee and Myers moved that the Special Report of the Public Services Committee be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Turner moved that a Committee be appointed to visit the Loyola Hall at Bedford, and report back to Council re the Fire Marshal's Report of October 24, 1948; and that the Fire Marshal, the Building Inspector and Father Lanigan be requested to accompany the Committee. Carried.

In reference to the request that Council petition for a tavern plebiscite, which had been referred to full Council by the Public Services Committee, Councillors Myers and Slaunwhite moved that the Council request a plebiscite on the establishment of taverns in this Municipality.

Councillor Spracklin said that the people requesting the plebiscite were people who were interested in selling beer. He said that he was against the establishment of beer taverns in District 11.

Councillor Dauphinee pointed out that even a petition was unnecessary, the Council on its own could request the Provincial Government for a plebiscite. In reply to a question by the Councillor the Solicitor explained the Act regarding the holding of plebiscites.

Councillor Ferguson declared that if the people were in favor of taverns then they should petition, but he was opposed to entertaining this petition which came from people interested in selling beer. Councillor Webber expressed the fear that if the vote was favourable then taverns would be forced on the various Districts whether the people in that District wanted them or not. The Warden said that he believed that it was with the powers of the Taverns Licensing Committee to decide the location of the taverns if the plebiscite was favourable to taverns. Councillor Turner said that he was wholeheartedly opposed to beer taverns in Halifax County. Councillor Slaunwhite was of the opinion that it was a democratic right of the people themselves to decide whether they wanted the system. He urged that Council seek a plebiscite. Councillor Ferguson was of the opinion that beer taverns would cause a great deal of grief and sorrow for the rural communities. He said that he did not wish to see the County dotted with taverns and said that he would oppose taverns.

Councillor Naugle related the faults of taverns in the city and said that taverns in the County would not be a credit to the Municipality. He declared that the people who were seeking the plebiscite were out for gain, and suggested that if they wanted taverns they could carry petitions through the County themselves.

Councillor Myers said that a system of licensed taverns would be better than the present system of illegal bootleggers, who were charging exorbitant prices. He maintained that there would be no more drinking under a legal taverns system than what exists today, and that it was an attraction for the tourist industry.

Councillor Gates said that he was opposed personally to taverns and that the situation that had developed in Halifax was disgraceful. He feared for the youth of the County with a system of taverns. But he stated that he felt that the people

had a right to decide this issue for themselves and favored asking for a plebiscite. He was of the opinion that the people of the County would vote against taverns.

Councillor Myers maintained that communities which voted against taverns would not have them forced upon them by the Provincial Government. Councillor Settle felt that if Council sought a plebiscite it would be going out of its way to make unnecessary trouble. He stressed again that the applications made for a plebiscite were not from the people but from individuals who were interested in selling beer and making a profit.

Councillor Fraser said that he was opposed principally because of the dangers which would be created for the public on the roads and the results that a wholesale system of taverns would have on the youth of the land. Councillor Slaunwhite declared that there were too many bootleggers making huge profits and that a system of taverns would be a saving in his community to the people.

Councillor Evans declared that the taverns in Halifax City were a disgrace, and that the results of these taverns were apparent to all. He declared that he could support nothing which would aid in the destruction of the youth of the country. Councillor Archibald said that he didn't want taverns extended to the County as he had seen enough of the results of taverns in the city. Councillor Lomas urged that Council allow the people to decide for themselves. Councillor Ferguson felt that it would be doing a great harm to place liquor within the easy reach of the young people. Councillor Chisholm agreed with Councillor Ferguson and said that he would vote against it. Councillor Spracklin said that he was opposed on moral grounds and in addition felt that money for liquor could be spent to better advantage in education and hospitals. Establishment of taverns, he said, would create extra expense for the Municipality in maintaining law and order. Warden Dowell said that a great many fatal motor accidents had been caused by liquor on the Bedford Road and he was opposed to them being established. Councillors Gates and Myers again declared that it was a democratic right of the ratepayers to decide the issue. Councilor Dauphinee agreed with Councillors Gates and Myers on this point.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said that the attitude of Council should be to keep its hands clear of the tavern business and declared that he was very much opposed to beer parlors in Halifax County. Councillor Isenor also said that he would vote against them. Councillor Gates asked for a recorded vote. The Warden then put the motion and declared it defeated. The vote follow:

For: Councillors Dauphinee, Slaunwhite, Gates, Myers, Bonn, Lomas, and King-Myers

Against: Warden Dowell, Councillors Fraser, Spracklin, Settle, Naugle, Evans, Webber, Ferguson, Turner, Archibald, Cruikshank, Isenor, Chisholm.

The Warden appointed the following Committee to inspect Loyola Hall, Bedford, Councillors Myers, Chisholm, King-Myers, Burris, and Settle.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee gave notice of motion as follows:

TAKE NOTICE that on a future day Council will be moved to amend Chapter 10 of the By-laws of the Municipality of the County of Halifax as follows:-

1. **RESOLVED** that Paragraph 1 of Chapter 10 of the By-laws of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, as passed on the 14th. day of March, A. D. 1947, be amended by deleting the word "May" in the first line of said Paragraph 1 and substituting the word "June."

2. **FURTHER RESOLVED** that Paragraph 3 of said Chapter 10 be repealed.

3. FURTHER RESOLVED that Paragraphs 3 to 7 be re-numbered, so that Paragraph 4 becomes Paragraph 3, Paragraph 5 becomes Paragraph 4, Paragraph 6 becomes Paragraph 5 and Paragraph 7 become Paragraph 6.

4. FURTHER RESOLVED that a new Paragraph 7 be added to the Chapter as follows,- Licenses other than Kennel Licenses, may be transferred from one owner to another, when the Dog is sold or given to a new owner. Such transfer shall become effective when and not before notice thereof has been given to the Chief County Constable.

5. RESOLVED that a new Paragraph numbered 9, as formerly contained in the By-laws of the Municipality, passed by the Council at the 1926 Annual Meeting thereof, be added to the present By-laws as follows,-

9. For the purpose of these By-laws, the word "Dog" shall include "Bitch" and the word "Owner" shall include a person who keeps, harbours or possesses a dog and a person on or about whose premises, or in whose control or company a dog is usually to be found."

On motion of Councillors Bonn and Isenor the Council adjourned until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

TWENTY-THIRD DAY—MORNING

Monday, March 21, 1949.

Council met at 11 o'clock. Roll called.

The Deputy-Warden presided due to the illness of Warden Dowell.

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

Councillors Dauphinee and Gates moved:

"THAT 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 up to Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for the purpose of acquiring, purchasing or improving land or buildings for equipment of a fire department in District No. 7 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 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) as hereinafter 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 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) 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 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000);

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

"THAT the said debentures be numbered consecutively 49A1 to 49A12, both inclusive, be dated the First day of June A. D., 1949 and be payable as follows:

Debenture Number 49A1	One year from the date thereof;
Debenture Number 49A2	Two years from the date thereof;
Debenture Number 49A3	Three years from the date thereof;
Debenture Number 49A4	Four years from the date thereof;
Debenture Number 49A5	Five years from the date thereof;
Debenture Number 49A6	Six years from the date thereof;
Debenture Number 49A7	Seven years from the date thereof;
Debenture Number 49A8	Eight years from the date thereof;
Debenture Number 49A9	Nine years from the date thereof;
Debenture Number 49A10	Ten years from the date thereof;
Debenture Number 49A11	Eleven years from the date thereof;
Debenture Number 49A12	Twelve 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 Webber and Bonn moved that Chapter 22 of the By-laws of the Municipality, dealing with payment of Councillors, be amended by adding the following paragraph:

"In addition to the aforesaid remuneration, the members of the Council including the Warden, shall be paid for their attendance at the 1949 annual meeting of the Council, because of the unusual length of the session, a further sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)". Carried

Councillors Burris and Archibald requested a recorded vote. The vote follows:
For: Councillors Dauphinee, Slaunwhite, Spracklin, Gates, Myers, Settle, Naugle, Evans, Bonn, Lomas, Webber, Ferguson, Turner and Chisholm.

Against: Councillors Burris, Archibald, Cruikshank and Isenor.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved:

"THAT Paragraph 1 of Chapter 10 of the By-laws of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, as passed on the 14th day of March, A. D. 1947, be amended by deleting the word "May" in the first line of said Paragraph 1 and substituting the word "June;"

"FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Paragraph 3 of said Chapter 10 be repealed;

"FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Paragraph 3 to 7 be re-numbered, so that Paragraph 4 becomes Paragraph 3, Paragraph 5 becomes Paragraph 4, Paragraph 6 becomes Paragraph 5 and Paragraph 7 becomes Paragraph 6;

"FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a new Paragraph 7 be added to the Chapter as follows,- Licenses other than Kennel Licenses may be transferred from one owner to another, when the Dog is sold or given to a new owner. Such transfer shall become effective when and not before notice thereof has been given to the Chief County Constable;

"RESOLVED THAT a new Paragraph numbered 9, as formerly contained in the By-laws of the Municipality, passed by the Council at the 1926 Annual Meeting thereof, be added to the present By-laws as follows:-

9. For the purpose of these By-laws, the word "Dog" shall include "Bitch" and the word "Owner" shall include a person who keeps, harbours or possesses a dog and a person on or about whose premises, or in whose control or company a dog is usually to be found.

"FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the word "and" in the second line of paragraph 7 (new paragraph 6) be deleted and the word "or" be substituted." Carried

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

TWENTY-THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON

Monday, March 21st. 1949.

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

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

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY—MORNING

Tuesday, March 22, 1949.

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 Webber.

The Report of the Special Committee re Loyola Hall, Bedford, was read and Councillors Myers and Settle explained various phases of the Committee's investi-

gation. Councillors Settle and Myers moved that the Report of the Special Committee to investigate complaints of the Provincial Fire Marshal re Loyola Hall at Bedford be adopted. Carried.

The Report of the Committee on Jury Lists was read. Councillors Turner and Webber moved that the Report of the Committee on Jury Lists be adopted. Carried.

The Report of the Committee on Insane was read and adopted on motion of Councillors Cruikshank and Slaunwhite.

The Report of the Committee on Arbitration was read. Councillors Burris and Evans moved that the Report of the Committee on Arbitration be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Myers and King-Myers moved that the Minister of Highways be requested to re-open the old road from Cole Harbour Station to Cow Bay. Councillor Myers pointed out the necessity for the re-opening of this road, stating that from the Cole Harbour Station to Cole Harbour Dyke was less than a mile. It would be a great convenience to the people of his District for getting to the railway station and the County Home and Mental Hospital. Councillor Settle agreed. Councillor Naugle asked Councillor Myers to include the bridging of the dyke Cole Harbour Dyke in the resolution, but it was agreed that a separate resolution would be submitted in this regard. Councillor Lomas spoke in favor of the resolution, and Councillor Ferguson urged more action regarding the Eastern Shore highway. Councillor King-Myers also spoke in favor of the re-opening and repairing of this old thoroughfare. The motion was put by Warden Dowell and declared carried.

Councillors King-Myers and Myers moved that the Chief County Constable be instructed to have signs erected on either side of the location of the old Cole Harbour Bridge carrying a warning to bathers that swimming is dangerous because of heavy currents and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay all expenses in connection with the erection of said sign; and that the Department of Highways be requested to close the road on either side of the approaches to the old bridge until the construction of a new bridge, and the feasibility of such construction be examined as in the opinion of this Council such bridge would be desirable. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Lomas moved:

"RESOLVED That the Tenders and Public Property Committee be authorized to engage an architect to prepare plans and specifications for a new building for 200 beds on the same property as the present Halifax County Hospital and to call for tenders for its construction.

"AND 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 Council, not to exceed the sum of \$350,000.00, to include furnishings and alterations to present building.

"AND FURTHER RESOLVED that applications be made at once through the Provincial Government for grants available for such building as laid out in various Orders in Council of the Federal Government for hospital construction."

The Solicitor addressed Council briefly offering legal advice as to the procedure of planning and financing the proposed new Halifax County Hospital. Councillor Gates pointed out that it was necessary that the plans be in accord with the regulations of the Department of Health, Ottawa, and said that he was sure that Ottawa would co-operate on this matter. He favored the resolution stating that if anything was to be accomplished then the Tenders and Public Property Committee would need some authority to proceed.

Councillor Naugle was of the opinion that plans for the proposed hospital should be secured at an early date, and that in the interests of economy winter construction should be avoided. He was in favor that caution be exercised in the proceedings, but felt that Council should have confidence in its Committee and delegate authority to proceed. Councillor Naugle pointed out that it would be necessary, according to the resolution to have Council's approval before tenders were awarded. Referring to the extension planned last year Councillor Dauphinee said that the plans were not used and asked if this could be avoided in the future.

Councillor Ferguson declared that the proposed expenditure of \$350,000 was a very great undertaking and required considerable thought. He said that he favored better education facilities and more industries rather than mental institutions in the County. He said that the building of the new hospital would greatly increase the County's indebtedness. He was of the opinion that health and building of institutions of this kind was a responsibility of the Dominion or Provincial governments not the Municipality. Councillor Ferguson feared that the tax rate would be increased.

Councillor Gates said that the rate would not be increased. Warden Dowell stated that the old County Home was "self-liquidating" and it was the hope of Councillors that the new hospital would be in the same category. Councillor Myers disagreed with the Warden and Councillor Gates saying that he could not understand how a large capital borrowing could be made without an increase in the tax rate.

He suggested that the Minister of Health and a representative of the Department of Municipal Affairs should be present to discuss the matter further. Councillor Myers concluded by stating that the Home last year showed a deficit.

In reply to a question by Councillor Slaunwhite the Warden said that the financing and operating of the present Home had been sound and that its obligations had been paid from year to year from operations.

Mr. Fielding pointed out that there might be a great misunderstanding regarding the description of the County Home as a "profit making institution." He emphasized that the County Home had provided better accommodation at cheaper rates than the Municipality could get by boarding its patients out. He pointed out that there was a serious shortage of such accommodation.

Councillor Fraser said that the question of building a new hospital was a serious one, and wondered if the farm at the present Home could provide for the new as well as the old. Councillor Myers asked if the Municipality was required to set up a hotel to board patients from other Counties. The Solicitor replied that the County's legal responsibility was to provide for its own. Councillor Lomas was of the opinion that the County would lose a great opportunity if the resolution was defeated stressing the fact that the Dominion and Provincial governments were to contribute approximately \$600,000 to the Municipality's \$350,000. Councillor Naugle stressed the need of improved and enlarged accommodation, the necessity for segregation of various types of patients, and the providing of accommodation for the staff.

Councillor Evans pointed out that the Council had voted \$225,000 for an addition last year, but that some Councillors were opposed to \$350,000, which would provide instead of an "addition" a 200 bed hospital. He said that he had been advised that it would be impossible to carry out the extension plan without the removal of the patients. He was of the opinion that the only alternative was to erect a new hospital.

Councillor Myers said that the money should be found before the architect was engaged and the building erected. Deputy Warden Cruikshank said that it was unfortunate that the exact cost could not be determined, and asked what the cost to the Municipality would be if the present Home did not exist and the patients were

boarded out. The Clerk provided approximate figures in reply to this question which indicated that the rate would be far in excess of the present cost.

In reply to a question by Councillor Fraser, Councillor Evans said that ten highly cultivated acres would supply the needs of the patients as far as produce was concerned. Councillor Fraser suggested that a large dwelling might answer the needs of staff accommodation. Councillor Gates estimated that the cost of a building to accommodate a staff of 35 would be in the vicinity of \$75,000. Councillor Myers said that Councillor Gates' estimate was excessive. Councillor Chisholm pointed out that the Woodside school had cost \$85,000.00. In reply to a question by Councillor Burris, Councillor Naugle estimated that there were 35-40 acres under cultivation plus pasture. Councillor Evans said that a great improvement had been shown in the farm at the Home since it was built.

Councillor Myers said that he had been advised by Dr. Cumming some years ago that it would be a waste of money to try and improve the farm land at the Home. Councillor Gates drew Council's attention to the Report which stated that the farm had produced \$26,000 in produce last year.

Councillor Archibald felt that there was a lack of information on the proposed new hospital and said that he would not vote for the resolution under such circumstances. Councillor Chisholm felt that more information should be available but said that the opportunity to build with government aid should not be thrown away. The Warden read from the farm report, and Councillors Myers, Burris and Fraser questioned the amount of produce contained in the report. Councillor Spracklin said that he had some misgiving regarding the financial aspect of erecting the new hospital but was in favor of it. Councillor Ferguson felt that there should be no rush to accept the offer of the Governments, believing that the offers would be there later. In reply to a question by Councillor Ferguson, the Solicitor said that the offer of the Governments was in existence today, but the amount was limited. If many took advantage of the offer it might not be possible to build at a later date. Councillor Settle suggested that there had been a great change in policy at Ottawa respecting national health and the Solicitor agreed.

Councillor Webber was in favor of the resolution and proceeding with the erection of a new hospital as he felt that circumstances compelled Council to act and if action was not taken the Council would not be doing its duty. Councillor Settle felt that there was a lack of essential information. Councillors Fraser and Gates asked for a recorded vote.

The Warden then put the motion and declared it carried. The recorded vote[?] follows:

For: Councillors Dauphinee, Slaunwhite, Spracklin, Gates, Settle, Naugle, Evans, Lomas, Webber, Burris, Cruikshank, Chisholm and Warden Dowell.

Against:- Councillors Fraser, Myers, Bonn, Ferguson, Turner, Archibald, Isenor, and King-Myers.

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

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 22, 1949

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

Councillors Naugle and Gates moved that the Report of the Tenders and Public Property Committee be adopted. Carried.

The Report of the Visiting Committee of the County Home was read. Councillors Ferguson and Spracklin moved that the Report of the Visiting Committee of the County Home and Mental Hospital be filed. Carried.

The Annual Report of the County Home Medical Officer was read and filed on motion of Councillors Naugle and Evans.

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

The Report of the County Board of Health was read. Councillors Dauphinee and Isenor moved that the Report of the County Board of Health be adopted.

Carried.

Councillors Burris and Archibald moved:

"THAT the Municipal Treasurer be authorized and directed to invest the sum of \$6100.00 in a first mortgage investment by taking an assignment of a mortgage dated the 28th day of October, 1947, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds at Halifax in Book 968, Page 341, and made between J. Roderick Cameron, M.D., Norman A. Dares, George D. Burris, R. Kenneth Reid and D. Archibald Hutchinson, Trustees of the Musquodoboit Valley Memorial Red Cross Outpost Hospital and Roy Archibald and J. Harold Bentley upon the property therein described.

"AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum required to provide the annual interest and to reduce said mortgage by annual payments of \$1300.00 until the said principal and interest be fully paid, be rated and assessed as district charges as follows:-

District No. 23	\$500.00
District No. 24	500.00
District No. 25	300.00

Councillors Gates, Lomas, and Naugle questioned the resolution stating that they feared that a precedent would be established and that many other Districts would wish the County to give them similar mortgage assistance. Councillor Naugle suggested that the Finance Committee deal with the matter.

Councillor Burris said that the mortgage was a legal trustee investment, and stated that there was no question as to its repayment as the Municipality would rate and levy to collect. Councillor Settle inquired if other hospitals had applied for similar assistance. Councillor Ferguson replied that the only assistance that the Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital had obtained from the Municipal Council was a grant, which was also passed to other hospitals. Councillor Turner also explained the raising of money to finance the Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital and said that the Dominion and Provincial governments jointly were giving \$34,000 under the new hospital policy. Mr. Fielding said that there was no doubt regarding the legality of taking such a mortgage and the repayment of same, but it was a question of policy for Council to decide.

The Warden then put the motion and declared it defeated.

Councillors Turner and Ferguson moved the following notice of motion, "That the fourth section of Chapter 18 of the By-law of this Municipality be amended by striking out the word "ten" in the second line of said section and substituting therefor the word "twenty."

Councillors Ferguson and Turner spoke in favor of the adoption of the resolution which would increase the bounty on bears. Councillor Turner said that the bears in some Districts were a menace to sheep. Councillor Naugle questioned whether the bears were doing damage in other Districts and whether it would be wise to double the bounty. Councillors Spracklin and Fraser also joined in the discussion.

Councillors Spracklin and Naugle moved that Purcell's Cove, Ferguson's Cove and Herring Cove as defined by their respective school boundaries be declared a building district to come under the provisions of the Building Act. Carried.

Councillor Naugle reported on an interview he and the Warden had with the Hon. Maicom Patterson, minister of Municipal Affairs, regarding changes in the present Assessment Act and said that they had been assured by the Minister that the matter would be dealt with immediately to the satisfaction of the County. Councillors Gates and Turner moved:

"THAT this Council do endorse the proposal for the early construction of a toll bridge across Halifax Harbour and authorizes the Warden and Clerk to enter into an agreement with the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth, for guaranteeing by the Municipality five percent of the bonds to be issued or the repayment of the amount to be expended for such construction, provided the remaining ninety-five percent is guaranteed by the other parties to such agreement or by such parties and the Government of the Dominion of Canada in such proportions as they may severally agree upon and further provided that the amount to be guaranteed by this Municipality shall not exceed the sum of \$360,000.00. Carried unanimously.

Reports of the Boards of Health for Districts 7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18, 19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28 were read along with Reports from the Sanitary Inspectors for Districts 12,19,20 and 28.

Councillors Webber and Evans moved that the Reports of the various District Boards of Health, and the various Sanitary Inspectors' Reports be filed. Carried.

Councillors Fraser and Dauphinee moved:

"THAT the Minister of Highways be requested to secure the assent of the owners of land along the highway hereinafter described and if obtained to set back the fences and walls so as to give a width sufficient to enable snow removal and to improve the surface of the road leading from Boutilier's Cove along the shores of that Cove out to Gates Point. Carried.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank in explaining the incomplete Report of the By-laws Committee said that the Committee had great difficulty in meeting due to the great amount of business at the present session and found it impossible to meet and discuss proposed amendments at length with the Solicitor. The Warden suggested that the Council could have the amending of the By-laws set aside and that during the year the Committee could work with the Solicitor. Councillor Ferguson recalled that some years ago the Department of Municipal Affairs had signified their intention to set up "model by-laws" and that nothing had been accomplished for this reason in recent years by any of the Committees. He suggested that it was time the Council did something to amend out-dated regulations. Councillors Myers and Slauswhite also recalled work of the By-Laws Committee when nothing tangible was accomplished. Councillor Naugle agreed. Councillor Gates urged a complete study and re-drafting of By-Laws by the Committee with advice of the Solicitor during the coming year. Councillors Spracklin and Lomas agreed.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that the By-Laws Committee be authorized to engage the services of a Solicitor in the re-drafting of the By-Laws of this Municipality.

The Solicitor spoke on the question of revising the By-laws and recalled that no determined action had been taken by Committees in the past few years as the Department of Municipal Affairs had engaged a competent man to draft "model by-laws" which might serve as a valuable guide for all Municipalities in Nova

Scotia. He pointed out that the Council could, (1) find whether the Department's intention was to complete this work, (2) make a piece-meal job of amendments by the Committee, or (3) do a complete job by the Committee engaging and consulting with a competent solicitor.

Councillor Gates urged again that the Council hesitate no longer but to do the job itself through its By-Laws Committee. Councillor Naugle urged that Council press upon the Department of Municipal Affairs the importance of action in this regard. If this course failed he was in favor of the County doing its own job. Mr. Martin Archibald then reported to Council that he had contacted the Department of Municipal Affairs and had been told that the work would not be undertaken for at least another year.

Warden Dowell then put the motion of Councillors Gates and Lomas and declared it carried.

A letter re road conditions at Glen Margaret from Mr. L. J. Isnor was read and referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee.

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

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, March 23, 1949.

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 Webber and Dauphinee.

Councillors Myers and Bonn moved that the authority given this Council to request the Minister of Municipal Affairs to approve a capital borrowing of \$225,000 for the extension of accommodation at the Halifax County Home and Mental Hospital as passed by resolution March 10, 1948 be rescinded. Carried.

Councillors Settle and Naugle gave notice of motion: that on a future day they would move for authority to borrow \$12,000 for fire fighting purposes in District 14, payment of which to be rated and levied as a District charge on District 14 for a 12 year period.

The Report of the Committee on Poor was read. Councillors King-Myers and Dauphinee moved that the Report of the Committee on Poor be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Myers and Fraser moved that the Town Planning Board shall consist of Councillors Gates, Settle, Chisholm, Mr. R. S. Allen, Head St. Margaret's Bay, Mr. R. F. Tolson, Bedford, and Mr. Hector Montgomerie, Purcell's Cove.

Councillor Settle wondered why Mr. Anderson was being replaced by Mr. Montgomerie on the Board, and stated that in his opinion Mr. Anderson was a good man. Councillor Gates replied that it had been found that Mr. Anderson had "extravagant" ideas regarding Town Planning and did not believe the Council would be prepared to spend any large and unnecessary amounts. Councillor Settle said that he believed that Councillor Gates had misinterpreted Mr. Anderson's ideas and gave his interpretation of how differences arose on various matters in connection with Town Planning. The Warden then put the motion and declared it carried.

Warden Dowell appointed the following Special Committees:

Metropolitan Area Committee.

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

Public Services Committee.

Councillors Gates, Naugle, Myers, Settle, Chisholm, Dauphinee, and King-Myers.
On motion of Councillors Evans and Bonn the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock.

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 23 1949.

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

Councillors Settle and Turner moved that the Warden appoint a Special Committee of two to act with other governments and organizations in relation to industrial development and to be called the Industrial Committee. Carried.

Warden Dowell appointed Councillors Gates and Myers as members of the Industrial Committee.

A delegation from Tuft's Cove, composed of Mr. Gerald Rogers, Mr. Hurd and Mr. George Holmes appeared before Council on the question of taking over roads in the Tuft's Cove area. Councillor Gates explained to the delegation the policy of the Department of Highways regarding the acceptance of deeds and the taking over of rights of way, and read a letter from the Minister on this matter. Councillors King-Myers and Lomas spoke of an interview which the Roads and Bridges Committee had with the Minister of Highways, and stated that a recommendation was contained in the Report regarding the matter of taking deeds for roads before assurance was given by the Department of Highways that it in turn would accept a deed from the Municipality. Councillor Slaunwhite urged that the Report of the Roads and Bridges Committee be read.

The Report of the Roads and Bridges Committee was read. In reply to a question by Councillor Gates, Councillor King-Myers said that the Committee had consulted with the Solicitor before completing its Report. She said that it was her interpretation of the Minister's remarks that the Department would consider the taking over of old roads individually on their merits. She explained the "six months" clause in the Report re the taking over of roads and added that the Department of Highways wanted assurance that either the sub-divider or the Municipality would be responsible for suitable sub-grading. Councillor Gates was of the opinion that if the Council adopted the Report as it stood the people of Tuft's Cove as well as people in his District could expect little or no satisfaction regarding improvement to roads. Councillor Slaunwhite declared that the Committee had decided on policy in making up its report, and had consulted the Solicitor. In reply to a question by Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Councillor Gates said that the Minister of Highways would not guarantee taking over any road within six months. Councillor Myers was opposed to the Municipality accepting deeds for roads, declaring that in his opinion this was a Department of Highways responsibility. Councillor Lomas said that the Minister wanted the Municipality to assume some control regarding roads.

Mr. Rogers, Mr. Hurd and Mr. Holmes pointed out to the Council that they had approached the Minister and had been assured that if the Municipality accepted the deeds that the Department of Highways would take over. They urged that the matter be cleared up. Councillor Settle pointed out that the issue involved was one of "responsibility." The present policy of the Department was to take over roads

of 66 feet width, and old roads were considered individually. He said what the Department was seeking was to have the Municipality assure the Department that the subgrading of these roads by the sub-divider would be adequate and up to standard. Councillor Settle was of the opinion that the County Planning Board should approve plans subject to the approval of roads by the Department of Highways. He thought that the Planning Board had moved too swiftly in many instances when sub-divisions were approved.

Councillor Gates stated that the suggestion that Councillor Settle made had been tried by the Planning Board and it had proved unsuccessful because the Highway Department apparently did not have enough engineers to inspect all roads. The Minister, Councillor Gates declared, was insisting that the planning and the taking over of roads must be tied in with the Municipality through its County Planning Board.

In reply to a question by the Tuft's Cove delegation the Warden suggested that it take the matter to its member in the Provincial Legislature as it was beyond the power of the Municipality.

Councillor Spracklin urged that the "six months" clause in the Report be extended to one year. Councillor King-Myers said that she was personally not in favor of accepting deeds from sub-dividers at all, but that she would abide by the wish of the Council. Councillor Turner asked that the period be extended to 18 months as it was an impossibility for the Department of Highways to take over all roads at the same time. Councillor Bonn was of the opinion that the deeds should go direct to the Department of Highways. Councillor Lomas suggested that the Committee might extend the term to six months before the deed would be returned to the sub-divider. Councillor Myers said that the Municipality should not assume responsibility of roads as the County might find itself in the position of shovelling gravel where in the past it had to shovel snow. Councillor Gates reading from the Statutes of Nova Scotia pointed out that the Municipality was not relieved of the responsibility of roads and said that some Councillors had an incorrect impression in this regard. Councillor Slaunwhite urged the adoption of the Report of the Roads and Bridges Committee.

Councillors King-Myers and other members of the Roads and Bridges Committee agreed to withdraw the Report and have it amended to conform with the opinion that was expressed by Council. Councillor Isenor said that he was of the opinion that deeds should go direct to the Department of Highways, and Councillor Dauphinee asked that Council "throw out" the Town Planning Board. Councillor Lomas said that the suggestion of Councillor Dauphinee was impossible. It was agreed that the Roads and Bridges Committee consider changes in regard to the recommendation to the taking over of roads. The Committee then withdrew its original Report.

Councillors Turner and Ferguson moved that the Fourth Section of Chapter 18 of the By-Laws of this Municipality be amended by striking out the word "ten" in the second line of said section and substituting therefore the word "twenty".

Councillor Ferguson spoke in favor of the motion which would increase the bounty on bears from \$10.00 to \$20.00, stating that bears in some Districts were a menace to livestock and that if the bears increased the people in the rural sections might find that the bears were a menace to their children. Councillor Webber doubted that the bears were a menace to property or life. Councillor Naugle did not believe that the bears were a menace. The Warden then put the motion and declared it carried.

The amended Report of the Roads and Bridges Committee was then submitted. Councillors King-Myers and Bonn moved that the Report of the Roads and Bridges Committee be adopted. Carried.

Councillors King-Myers and Evans 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 1949 to the office to which they are named in the said lists. Carried.

Councillors Spracklin and Ferguson nominated Mr. J. R. McMahon as Clerk of Licenses. Councillors Naugle and Chisholm moved that nominations cease. Carried. Councillors Burriss and Fraser moved that the Clerk deposit a ballot in favor of Mr. McMahon. Carried. The Warden then declared Mr. McMahon elected as Clerk of Licenses.

Councillors King-Myers and Lomas nominated Mr. Lester R.E. Umlah as Chief County Constable. Councillors Spracklin and Lomas moved that nominations cease. Carried. Councillors Naugle and Gates moved that the Clerk deposit a ballot in favor of Mr. Umlah. Carried. The Warden then declared Mr. Lester E. Umlah elected Chief County Constable.

Councillors Chisholm and Turner nominated Chief County Constable Lester E. Umlah as Inspector of Licenses. Councillors Ferguson and Naugle moved that nominations cease. Carried. Councillors Spracklin and Lomas moved that the Clerk deposit a ballot in favor of Chief Constable Umlah. Carried. The Warden then declared Chief Constable Umlah elected.

Councillors Gates and Naugle nominated Mr. F. E. Smith, C.A., and Mr. W. A. Stech, C.A., as auditors. Councillors Spracklin and Turner moved that nominations cease. Carried. Councillors Ferguson and Isenor moved that the Clerk deposit a ballot in favor of Mr. Smith and Mr. Stech. Carried. Warden Dowell then declared Mr. Smith and Mr. Stech elected as auditors.

Councillors Spracklin and Webber nominated Dr. Hugh MacKinnon as Jail Physician. Councillors Ferguson and Isenor moved that nominations cease. Carried. Councillors Naugle and Spracklin moved that the Clerk deposit a ballot in favor of Dr. MacKinnon as Jail Physician. Carried. The Warden then declared Dr. MacKinnon elected.

Councillors Naugle and Ferguson nominated Dr. Hugh MacKinnon as County Health Officer. Councillors Spracklin and Isenor moved that nominations cease. Carried. Councillors Ferguson and King-Myers moved that the Clerk deposit a ballot in favor of Dr. MacKinnon as County Health Officer. Carried. The Warden then declared Dr. MacKinnon elected.

Councillors Ferguson and Webber nominated Mr. G. L. Monk as a member of the Board of Appeal for Halifax East. Councillors Naugle and Gates moved that nominations cease. Carried. Councillors Lomas and Webber moved that a Clerk deposit a ballot in favor of Mr. Monk as a member of the Board of Appeal. Carried. The Warden then declared Mr. Monk elected.

Councillors Spracklin and Fraser nominated Mr. Charles Fraser as a member of the Board of Appeal for Halifax West. Councillors Naugle and Turner moved that nominations cease. Carried. Councillors Spracklin and Gates moved that the Clerk deposit a ballot in favor of Mr. Fraser as the Appeal Board member for Halifax West. Carried. The Warden then declared Mr. Fraser elected.

Councillors Isenor and Chisholm nominated Mr. E.E. MacDonald as a member of the Appeal Board for Halifax Centre. Councillors Archibald and Burriss nominated Mr. A. D. Burriss as a member of the Board for Halifax Centre. Councillors Naugle and Gates moved that nominations cease. Carried.

The Warden appointed Councillors Lomas and Archibald as scrutineers in the balloting. Following the counting of ballots the Warden declared Mr. A.D. Burriss elected as a member of the Board of Appeal for Halifax Centre.

Councillors Webber and Bonn moved that the undermentioned be appointed as Pound Keepers for District 19: Mr. Harold Newcombe, Ship Harbor; Mr. Charles Siteman, Lower Ship Harbor; Mr. Verner Stevens, Owls Head; Mr. Frank Stoddard, Clam Harbor; and Mr. Irvin Webber, Oyster Pond. Carried. unanimously.

At the request of Councillor Ferguson, who spoke for all members of the Council, the Warden presented to Councillors King and King-Myers a beautiful set of dishes to mark the occasion of their marriage. Councillor Myers replied to the Warden's address, thanking the members for their gift on behalf of himself and his wife, Councillor King-Myers.

Councillor Archibald referred to Council a matter of a family in undesirable circumstances which had been referred to the County Board of Health by Dr. MacKinnon. Councillor Gates stated that the case mentioned had been under consideration for some time; assistance was still being given; and that the question of "settlement" would be decided between the City of Halifax and the Municipality. Councillors Bonn, Lomas, Fraser, Myers, Slaunwhite, and Spracklin also spoke on the problem of destitute families and settlement.

The Warden appointed the following:

Municipal Building Board.

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

Commissioners of the Courthouse:

Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle

Councillor Settle requested that another petition bearing 133 names which he had just received in connection with demands for adequate marketing facilities in the City of Halifax be attached to the Report of the Marketing Committee. This was agreed.

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

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY—MORNING

Thursday, March 24, 1949.

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 Burris and Evans.

Warden Dowell appointed the following 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.

HOSPITALS ACT

Councillors Cruikshank, King-Myers, Settle, Spracklin and Chisholm.

MUNICIPAL HEALTH

Councillors Cruikshank, Spracklin, Ferguson, Burris and King-Myers.

REPORTING AND PRINTING

Warden Dowell and the Clerk

TRANSPORTATION

Councillors Dauphinee, Fraser, King-Myers and Gates.

VETERINARY ACT

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

Warden Dowell appointed the following as voting delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities convention this year: Warden Dowell, Mr. R. M. Fielding, K.C., M.L.A., Mr. Martin Archibald, Councillors Gates and Naugle. Others who will attend are: Councillors Fraser, Myers, King-Myers, Lomas, Settle, Turner, Cruikshank, Chisholm, Bonn and Dauphinee.

Councillors Myers and Naugle 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.

Councillors King-Myers and Turner moved that the Municipal Council express its sorrow at the death of Councillor H. B. Anderson, which occurred after the Councillors had been summoned to meet in session, and direct the Clerk of the Municipality to send a copy of this resolution to his family; further resolved that as the election of Councillors will be held on the third Tuesday of October next, it is inadvisable to call a by-election to replace the deceased Councillor. Carried.

Ex-Councillor Roy Hutchinson was present in the Council chamber and on invitation addressed the Council briefly.

Councillor Ferguson criticized remarks contained in the Halifax-Mail-Star by the Hon. Harold Connolly, M.L.A., Minister of Industry and Publicity re the establishment of the Fairey Aircraft Corporation plant at Eastern Passage. Councillor Ferguson declared that the general public would interpret from the Minister's statement that the Municipality had done nothing to encourage industry in the County and that the Minister seemed to be seeking all the glory for himself. Councillor Myers pointed out that a special session of Council had been called regarding the establishment of the industry, and the Council had made concessions re taxation to assist in the establishment of the plant here. Councillor Slaunwhite remarked that the Minister when he made his remarks had the election in mind. Councillor Naugle agreed with Councillor Ferguson's statement, and Councillor Gates stated that the Minister had taken all the credit for himself and had disregarded the valuable services of the Research Foundation and the generous assistance that the Municipality had given by its assessment and tax concessions. Councillor Gates suggested that the Hon. Mr. Connolly would be well advised to concentrate his efforts on the re-opening of the Acadia Sugar plant in Woodside.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to make arrangements with the City of Halifax for taking depositions of patients in the various hospitals in order to determine settlement. Carried.

Councillors Settle and Naugle moved:

"THAT 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, 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 up to Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) for the purpose of acquiring, purchasing or improving land or building and for equipment of a fire department in District No. 14 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 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) as hereinafter mentioned will be necessary to raise the aforesaid sum;

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that under and by virtue of said the Municipal Affairs Act and 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 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) 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 Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000)

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

"THAT the said debentures be numbered consecutively 49B1 to 49B12, both inclusive, be dated the 1st day of June A. D., 1949 and be payable as follows:

- Debenture Number 49B1 One year from the date thereof;
- Debenture Number 49B2 Two years from the date thereof;
- Debenture Number 49B3 Three years from the date thereof;
- Debenture Number 49B4 Four years from the date thereof;
- Debenture Number 49B5 Five years from the date thereof;
- Debenture Number 49B6 Six years from the date thereof;
- Debenture Number 49B7 Seven years from the date thereof;
- Debenture Number 49B8 Eight years from the date thereof;
- Debenture Number 49B9 Nine years from the date thereof;

Debenture Number 49B10 Ten years from the date thereof;

Debenture Number 49B11 Eleven years from the date thereof;

Debenture Number 49B12 Twelve 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, provided however, that such issue shall not be sold until a certificate is filed with said Warden and Clerk by the Councillor for District No. 14, that the expenditure of such sum has been requested by the ratepayers by petition or public meeting in numbers to his satisfaction, and that it meets the approval of such ratepayers." Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Evans moved that the thanks of Councillors be extended the management of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald and the Halifax Mail-Star for supplying copies of the daily papers during the sessions. Carried.

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

The Finance Committee retired to complete its Report.

The Report of the Finance Committee was submitted to Council by the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Gates, and the Clerk read the Estimates for 1949 as prepared by the Committee.

In reply to a question by Councillor Lomas, Councillor Gates said that the Committee had not estimated for a surplus. In reply to Councillor Slaunwhite, the Warden said that there was no change regarding poll tax.

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

Councillor Myers said that as a member of the Finance Committee he was opposed to the \$2,000.00 for an industrial survey. Councillor Gates replied that the maps would be invaluable, not only for the encouragement of industries but for assessment work. Councillor Myers was of the opinion that industries had not been lost in the past for lack of maps. The Warden spoke in favor of the industrial survey and mentioned what similar surveys had accomplished for other places in Canada. Councillor Fraser was doubtful whether the maps would be of great value. Councillor Naugle spoke strongly in favor of the survey, which would take in the entire area from Terrance Bay to Musquodoboit Harbor this year. He said that the move was a progressive one, and could be followed in other Districts in later years. Councillor King-Myers expressed disappointment that the \$500 grant to the Children's Hospital was not more.

Councillor Gates was of the opinion that it would be unfair to the Municipality to have Councillor Myers continue as a member of the Industrial Committee because of his attitude on the matter of a necessary survey. Councillor Myers said that

he opposed \$2,000.00 for the proposed survey and that he would resign if it was the wish of the Warden. Councillor Slaunwhite said that he was in favor of the survey. Councillor Ferguson expressed disappointment that the survey was not extended to take in the Eastern Shore beyond Musquodoboit Harbor, but if the survey would accomplish anything for the people in the areas concerned then he would favor it. Councillor Webber also urged that the survey be extended to other areas including the whole Eastern Shore in future years. Councillor Gates, in reply to Councillor Fraser, said that adequate maps were not available in the County, and added that if such maps had been available last year the Municipality would not have had to bear such heavy survey expenses. Councillor Spracklin said that if Halifax County was to be promoted as a potential industrial site it was necessary that information and maps be made available. Councillor Lomas agreed that an industrial survey would prove of benefit.

In reply to Councillor Settle, Councillor Gates said that there were no Estimates for Public Services projects and that money expended was from surplus which was recoverable. In reply to another question by Councillor Settle the Clerk said that authority for these expenditures had been given by resolution of Council at a previous meeting.

The motion to adopt the Report of the Finance Committee was then put by the Warden and declared carried. Councillor Myers asked that he be recorded as voting against the recommendation regarding the industrial survey.

In reply to Councillor Settle, Councillor Gates assured Council that the matter of providing funds for the veterinary service in the County would be adequately attended to.

The Solicitor spoke briefly on the matter of legislation of interest to the Municipality.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that the Solicitor together with the Warden and Clerk be authorized to negotiate for some assurance that no change in boundaries would be affected before the next meeting of Council and failing such assurance that they will draft legislation to be presented to the session of the House of Assembly protecting the Municipality in the event of any change in territorial extent. Carried.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank presided.

Warden Dowell and Councillors Spracklin moved that the Municipality of the County of Halifax extend a warm and hearty welcome to Newfoundland as it enters into our confederation as the tenth province of Canada and the fourth Maritime Province, and that our future relations, cultural, commercial and social will bring mutual prosperity to all entering into the Union. Carried.

The minutes of the day's session were read. Councillors Bonn and Webber moved that the minutes of today's session be adopted. Carried.

Warden Dowell in closing the meeting of Council thanked all Councillors for their co-operation and work during the lengthy session.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee the Council adjourned sine die. God Save the King.

AUDITORS' 1948 REPORT

His Honor the Warden and Members of the County Council,
Municipality of the County of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S.

We have examined the books and vouchers of the following:-

The Municipality of the County of Halifax for the year ended December 31, 1948.

The Halifax County Home and Mental Hospital for the year ended December 31, 1948.

The Municipal School Board for the fiscal year ended July 31, 1948.

The transfer made in 1948 of certain old arrears of taxes to a deferred record requires your approval.

We have been furnished with all the information and explanations we have required and, in our opinion, the Balance Sheet of the Municipality of December 31, 1948, submitted herewith is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Municipality and also the Statement of Revenue and Expenditure is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct summary of the operations of the Municipality for the year under review, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Frank E. Smith, C.A.

Walter A. Stech, C.A.

Halifax, N. S.,

February 21st, 1949.

Adopted March 12th, 1949.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Municipality of the County of Halifax, Balance Sheet, December 31, 1948

ASSETS

Cash on hand or on Deposit.....	\$ 2,469.97	
Royal Bank of Canada Current Account.....	122,673.65	
Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Savings Account	13,244.36	
Nova Scotia Savings Loan & Building Society Savings Account.....	23,937.30	
Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation Savings Account.....	31,218.12	
Royal Bank of Canada (Coupon Account).....	123.75	
	<u> </u>	\$ 193,667.15

Investments

Dominion of Canada Bonds 3% 1962, 1963, 1966	70,000.00	
Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Co., Debenture, 3%, 1949.....	30,000.00	
Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Co., Debenture, 3%, 1949.....	25,000.00	
	<u> </u>	125,000.00

Accounts Receivable

Sundry.....	7,270.21	
Grace Maternity Hospital Accounts (Fully Reserved, (See Contra).....	7,237.20	
Victoria General and other Hospitals (Fully Re- served, See Contra).....	162,910.62	
	<u> </u>	177,418.03

Due from other Funds

Commissioners for Fire Protection Woodside.....	1,575.84	
Armdale Service Commission.....	394.07	
	<u> </u>	1,969.91

Taxes Receivable

Municipal Taxes			
1940.....	\$ 299.64	1945.....	\$ 15,153.84
1941.....	617.96	1946.....	23,439.41
1942.....	4,773.21	1947.....	44,737.80
1943.....	6,382.10	1948.....	96,884.04
1944.....	10,576.23	(See Contra Reserve).....	\$ 202,864.23
			<u> </u>
			202,864.23

Property acquired at Tax Sale

Vested Property.....	1.00	
	<u> </u>	1.00

Other Revenue Fund Assets

Prepaid expenses of Surveys.....		4,720.00
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Total

\$ 705,640.32

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Other than below).....\$		\$	40,634.79
Due to Provincial Government			
Victoria General Hospital.....	2,666.00		
Director of Child Welfare			
Re Vocational School.....	5,055.78		7,721.78
Due to Other Governments			
City of Halifax (City Home).....	207.00		207.00
Debenture Interest			
Coupons not presented for payment.....	123.75		123.75
Other Revenue Fund Liabilities			
Due to Districts or Local Sections:			
For Capital School Taxes.....	48,685.53		
For Snow Removal Fund.....	5,382.65		
For Armdale Fire Service.....	30.74		
For Armdale Garbage Service.....	164.38		
For Bedford Fire Service.....	6.82		
For Bedford Fire Protection.....	2,085.95		
For Bedford Street Lighting Service.....	1,313.15		
For Woodside Fire & Street Lighting Service.....	845.36		
For School Section No. 34 Halifax West			
Ratepayers Association.....	1,799.91		
For District Poor Relief.....	40,777.88		
For District Credits other than Poor.....	108,120.95		
For Joint Expenditure Board.....	2,736.20		
For Commissioners of Court House.....	9,304.40		
For New Road School Section.....	5,351.35		
			226,605.27
Reserves			
For uncollectable Taxes (See Contra Taxes			
Receivable.....	97,127.52		
For Hospital Accounts (See Contra Accta. Rec.)	162,910.62		
For Grace Hospital Accta. (See Contra Accta.			
Receivable).....	7,237.20		
			267,275.34
Special Reserves for Future Expenses			
For Lien Law Expense.....	1,684.92		
For Board of Revision.....	375.50		
For Municipal Elections.....	1,785.55		
For Revisor's Voters' Lists.....	1,416.00		
For Board of Health.....	467.47		
For Bonus for Permissive Teachers.....	5,000.00		
For Vocational School.....	477.22		
For Town Planning.....	1,142.95		
			12,349.61
Surplus			
Balance December 31, 1947.....		159,562.77	
Deduct Adjustments.....	1,019.44		
Deduct Deficit for Year.....	7,820.55	8,839.99	150,722.78
			<u>\$ 705,640.32</u>

**CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL AND TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET
(EXCLUSIVE OF JOINT EXPENDITURE)
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1948**

ASSETS

General Fixed Assets			
Office Furniture.....		\$	4,565.94
Halifax County Home & Mental Hospital			
Farm.....	\$	1,500.00	
Equipment.....		363,811.24	
			365,311.24
Armdale District No. 12			
Borrowings for Fire Purposes.....			60,000.00
Court House Commission			
Borrowings for Repairs			40,000.00
			\$ 469,877.18
Trust Funds		TRUST FUNDS	
Deposits			
Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Company			
Savings Account.....	\$	2,336.37	
Royal Bank of Canada Savings			
Account.....		235.76	
Investments			
Dominion of Canada Bonds.....		300.00	
			2,872.13
Tax Sales Trust			
Deposit Royal Bank of Canada			
Savings Account.....		2,191.32	
Investment Dominion of Canada			
3% Bonds 1957.....		1,350.00	
			\$ 3,541.32
			6,413.45
			<u>\$ 476,290.63</u>

**CONTINUITY OF CURRENT SURPLUS
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1948**

Balance December 31, 1947.....		\$	159,562.77
ADD			
Rebate 1947 Accounts.....		149.45	
Taxes for years 1938-1945 recovered		8,415.07	
Hospital Accts. Collected for prior years.....		4,522.87	
Grace Hospital Accts. Collected for prior years.....		122.00	
Transferred from Reserve Bonus for Teachers.....		1,151.90	
			14,361.29
DEDUCT			
Grant to N.S. Home for Colored Children.....		500.00	
Assessment Survey		11,189.79	
Alteration to Constable's Office.....		570.65	
Office Equipment.....		3,120.29	
Deficit for year.....		7,820.55	
			23,201.28
			<u>\$ 150,722.78</u>

**CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL AND TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET
(EXCLUSIVE OF JOINT EXPENDITURE)
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1948**

LIABILITIES

Debenture Debt Unmatured

Halifax County Home & Mental Hospital Serial Debentures 3½% 1949-1969 (Balance).....	\$ 60,000.00
Armdale District No. 12 Serial Debentures 3% 1949-1959.....	60,000.00
Court House Commissions 3% 1948-1958.....	40,000.00

Other Capital Liabilities

Dominion of Canada Loan M.I.A. Act 2% 1949-1970 (Balance).....	157,737.38
Investment In Capital Assets (Capital Surplus)	
Balance December 31, 1947.....	\$ 125,159.74
Additions 1948.....	26,980.06
	152,139.80
	469,877.18 \$ 469,877.18

TRUST FUNDS

Trust Fund Reserves

For patients in Halifax County Home & Mental Hospital.....	\$ 2,636.37
Appropriation for Capital Purposes for Halifax County Home & Mental Hospital.....	235.76
	2,872.13
Lien Law Surplus.....	3,541.32
	6,413.45

Total	\$ 476,290.63
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**CONTINUITY OF INVESTMENTS IN CAPITAL ASSETS (CAPITAL
SURPLUS) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1948**

Balance December 31, 1947.....	\$ 125,159.74
Additions to Plant & Equipment, Halifax County Home and Mental Hospital.....	\$ 16,201.74
Serial Bonds matured.....	2,000.00
Principal Payment M.I.A. Act.....	5,658.03
Additions to Office Equipment.....	3,120.29
	26,980.06
	\$ 152,139.80

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE (GENERAL SECTION)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1948.**

TAXATION:

Revenue

Municipal Purposes (including Poor and District Rates):

Real and Personal Property.....	\$ 269,807. 81	
Poll Tax.....	31,077. 54	
		\$ 300,885. 35
School Purposes.....		124,243. 30
		\$ 425,128. 65

Licenses & Permits:

Dog Taxes.....	6,982. 25	
Pedlers' Licenses.....	165. 00	
		7,147. 25

Law Enforcement:

Fines Magistrate's Court.....		87. 00
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Investment Earnings:

Interest, Bank Deposits and Investments.....	4,509. 08	
Interest Tax Arrears.....	4,687. 46	
		9,196. 54

Service Charges:

Commission for collection of District and Capital School Rates.....	6,101. 63	
Municipal School Board for Administration.....	6,000. 00	
		12,101. 63

GRANTS AND RECOVERABLES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS:**Provincial Government:**

In lieu of Income Tax.....	\$ 4,132. 10	
In lieu of Bank Tax.....	675. 00	
In lieu of C. N. Railway Grant.....	1,843. 85	
		6,650. 95

From other Cities and Towns:**Municipal School Fund:**

City of Halifax (See Contra Education).....	99,540. 06	
Town of Dartmouth (See Contra Education).....	8,255. 69	
		107,795. 75

Unclassified:

Maritime Tel. & Tel. Co. Ltd.....	614. 57	
Recovery from Halifax County Home and Mental Hospital for Debt charges.....		
Serial Bond Redeemed.....	2,000. 00	
Interest on Serial Bonds.....	5,658. 03	
Principal Payments M.I.A. Act.....	2,158. 33	
Interest Dominion Loan M.I.A. Act (See Contra Debt Charges).....	3,239. 75	
		13,056. 11

Transfer from Reserves

for Vocational School.....	1,055. 78	
for Assessment Survey.....	1,899. 75	
for Town Planning.....	1,046. 47	
		4,002. 00

Total**Deficit for year****Grand Total**

\$ 17,672. 68
\$ 585,780. 45
7,820. 55
<u>\$ 593,601. 00</u>

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive, Legislative and Administrative

Salaries, Honorariums, Fees, etc.:

Warden.....	\$ 600.00	
Councillors.....	7,526.50	
Committees.....	784.90	
Clerk and Treasurer.....	5,500.00	
Office Assistants.....	16,931.90	
Extra Salaries.....	1,899.50	
Superannuation.....	900.00	
	<u>\$</u>	34,142.80

Assessors' Fees, Mileage and and Postage.....	5,091.37	
Assessment Survey.....	6,899.75	
Auditors.....	1,000.00	
Commission Pedlars' Licenses.....	33.00	
Tax Collection Expense.....	174.83	
Solicitor.....	1,000.00	
Chief County Constable.....	2,000.00	
Expense Constable's Office.....	1,347.04	
Deputy County Constable.....	556.39	
Fees to Constables re Dog Tax.....	3,490.75	
Expense re Dogs.....	754.41	
	<u></u>	22,347.54

Office Expenses:

Postage.....	2,885.67	
Printing and Stationery.....	2,004.01	
Reporting and Printing Annual Reports.....	1,077.41	
Telephone.....	330.71	
Surety Bonds.....	283.82	
Contingencies.....	429.90	
Revisors' Voters Lists.....	84.00	
	<u></u>	7,095.52

Other General Government Expenses:

Board of Appeal.....	68.00	
Convention.....	1,043.85	
Unemployment Insurance.....	106.31	
Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes.....	22,000.00	
Public Services.....	593.94	
Town Planning.....	3,496.97	
	<u></u>	27,309.07

Provision for Future Expenses:

Lien Law	200.00	
Election	200.00	
Revisors' Voters Lists.....	416.00	
	<u></u>	816.00
	\$	91,710.93

Protection of Property and Persons:**Law Enforcements:**

Coroners' Inquests.....	366.25	
Correctional Institutions Less Receipts on 1947 Accounts.....	5,108.61	
		5,474.86

Other Protection:

Bounties - Bears.....	320.00	
Wildcats.....	226.00	
	546.00	
Sheep Act Claims and Fees.....	219.95	
		765.95
		\$ 6,240.81

CONSERVATION OF HEALTH:

Health Officer, Salaries and Expenses.....	572.68	
Registrars Vital Statistics.....	348.40	
		921.08
		\$ 921.08

EDUCATION:

Municipal School Fund (See Contra Revenue).....	122,656.00	
Municipal School Board Total School Board Requisition	124,243.30	
Provision for Teachers' Bonus 1949	5,000.00	
Fire Marshall Inspections.....	50.26	
Municipal School Board for Scholarships.....	100.00	
Vocational School.....	5,055.78	
		257,105.34
		257,105.34

COMMUNITY SERVICES:**Grants**

Halifax County Exhibition.....		150.00
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PUBLIC WELFARE:

Poor Relief, Patients at Co. Home.....	3,417.94	
Less Receipts on 1948 Accounts.....	88.46	
		3,329.48
Child Welfare, Child Aid Societies,	13,006.49	
Less Receipts on 1948 Accounts.....	364.60	
		12,641.89
Hospitalization, Medical Service, Indigent Sick.....	63,418.87	
Less Receipts on 1948 Accounts.....	24,212.79	
		39,206.08
Maternity Hospital.....	2,281.50	
Less Receipts on 1948 Accounts.....	884.00	
		1,397.50

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Harmless Insane.....	20,468.37	
Less Receipts on 1948 Accounts.....	288.71	
		20,179.66
Insane.....	34,521.47	
Less Receipts on 1948 Accounts.....	957.01	
		33,564.46

Grants to Private Charitable Organizations:

Canadian Red Cross	400.00	
Canadian National Institute for the Blind.....	500.00	
Halifax Dispensary.....	75.00	
Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.....	100.00	
		1,075.00
		111,394.07

DEBT CHARGES:

Debenture Debt Charges:

Principal Installment Serial Debentures.....	2,000.00	
Interest on Serial Debentures (See Contra Unclassified Revenue).....	2,158.33	
		4,158.33

**Payments under the Municipal Improvements
Assistance Act:**

Principal Payments.....	5,658.03	
Interest.....	3,239.75	
(See Contra Unclassified Revenue).....		8,897.78

Temporary Debt Charges:

Exchange and Bank Charges.....	108.35	
		13,164.46

Joint or Special Expenditures:

Joint Expenditures (Municipal Proportion).....	5,690.76	
Provincial Highway Tax.....	41,539.13	
District Poor Rates.....	8,922.93	
District Rates.....	39,546.92	
Bedford Fire Protection Service.....	4,362.88	
Bedford Street Lighting Service.....	2,670.86	
Woodside Fire and Street Lighting Service.....	5,155.10	
Armdale Street Lighting Service.....	2,665.85	
Ratepayers' Association School Section No. 34.....	2,359.88	
		\$ 112,914.31

GRAND TOTAL

\$ 593,601.00

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
(JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1948**

REVENUE

Apportionment of Joint Charges			
Municipality of the County of Halifax.....	\$	5,690.76	
City of Halifax.....		38,519.04	
Town of Dartmouth.....		3,191.53	
			47,401.33
Other Revenue			
Surplus from 1947.....		1,528.67	
	\$		1,528.67

\$ 48,930.00

**REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET (JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1948**

ASSETS

Due by Municipality.....	\$	2,736.20
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**CAPITAL FUND BALANCE SHEET (JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1948**

ASSETS

Borrowings for Court House 1931.....	\$	67,000.00	
Borrowings for Court House 1933.....		15,000.00	
			\$ 82,000.00
Sinking Funds			
1931 Loan			
Investments.....	\$	34,392.50	
Savings Bank.....		2.32	
Accrued Interest.....		10.15	
			34,404.97
1933 Loan			
Investments.....		11,585.60	
Savings Bank.....		1.66	
			11,587.26
			45,992.23
	\$		127,992.23

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE
(JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1948**

EXPENDITURE

Commissioners of Court House.....	\$	12,849.99
Interest Court House Loan 1931.....		3,350.00
Interest Court House Loan 1933.....		750.00
Sinking Fund Installment 1931.....		1,300.00
Sinking Fund Installment 1933.....		500.00
County Jail.....		11,740.87
Juries.....		2,767.70
Sheriff.....		1,886.00
Clerk of Crown.....		669.60
Printing and Stationery.....		1,883.55
Criminal Prosecutions.....		5,582.34
County Court Criers & Stenographer.....		2,483.75
Municipal Treasurer.....		430.00
	\$	46,193.80
Surplus.....		2,736.20
	\$	48,930.00

**REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET (JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1948**

LIABILITIES

Surplus.....	\$	2,736.20
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**CAPITAL FUND BALANCE SHEET (JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1948**

LIABILITIES

Debentures 1931 Loan, due June 1, 1961 - 5%.....	\$	67,000.00
Debentures 1933 Loan, due April 1, 1953 - 5%.....		15,000.00
	\$	82,000.00
Sinking Fund Reserves		
1931 Loan.....	\$	34,404.97
1933 Loan.....		11,587.26
	\$	45,992.23

\$ 127,992.23