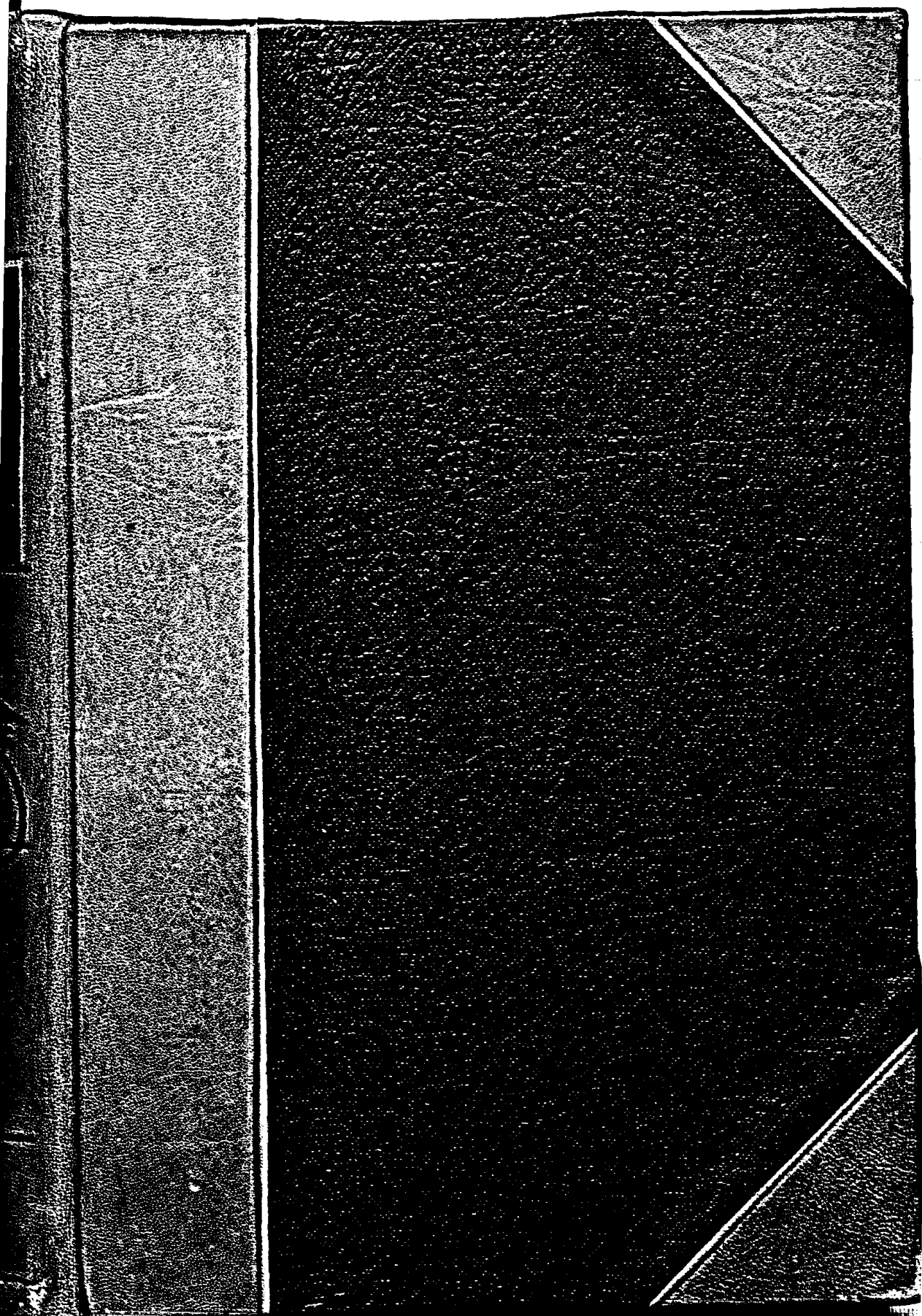
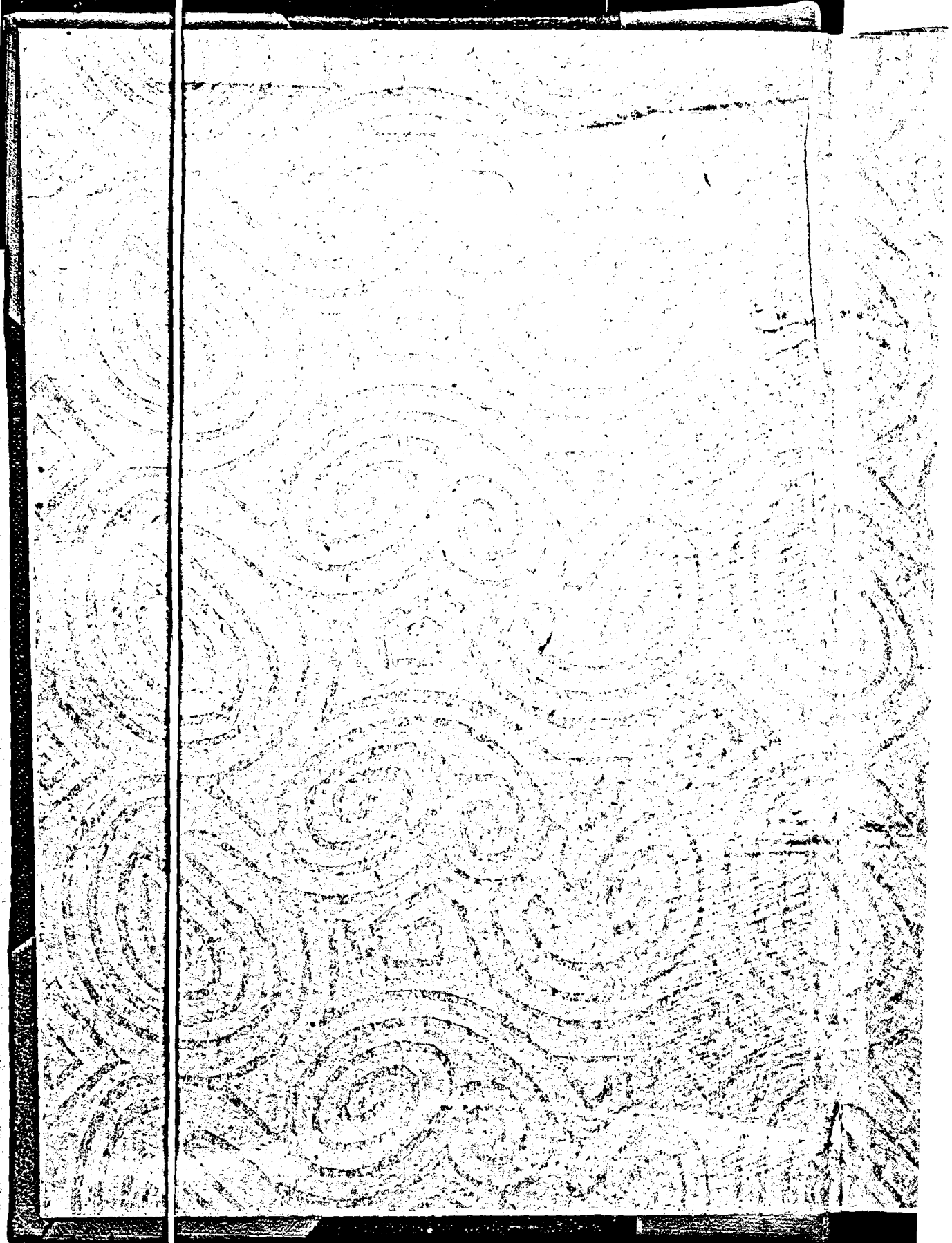


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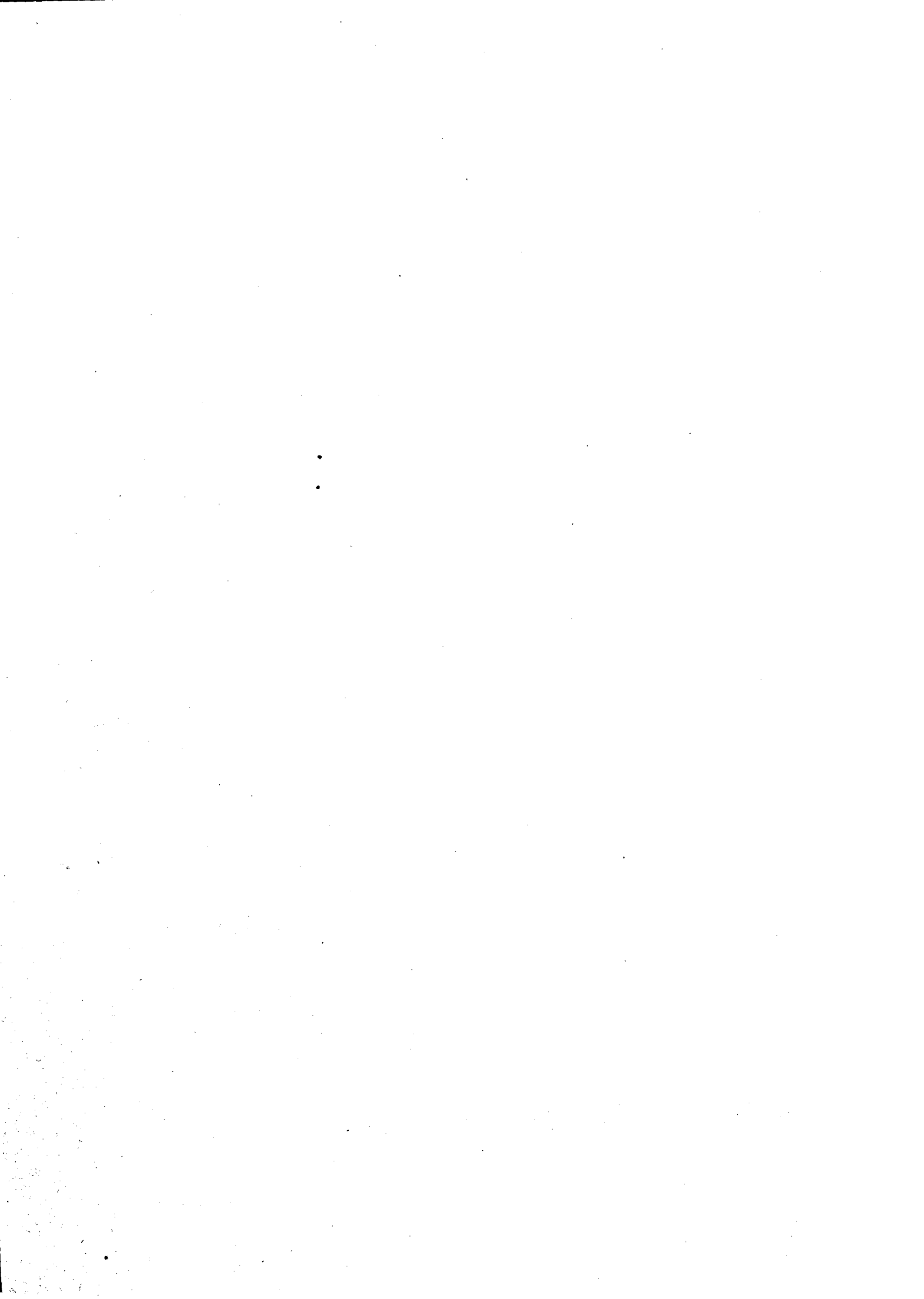
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## MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

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Warden — W. J. Dowell.

Municipal Clerk and Treasurer — Rudd G. Hattie.

Municipal Collector — Martin Archibald.

Municipal Solicitor — R. Graham Murray, LL.B.

Municipal Health Officer and Jail Surgeon — Dr. J. H. Charman, M.D., C.M.

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

Clerk of Licenses — J. F. R. McMahon.

Inspector of Licenses — Lester E. Umlah.

Chief County Constable — Lester E. Umlah.

Board of Revision and Appeal — Boyd Prest, Mooseland; Major T. C. Stevens, Armdale; Roy Hutchinson, Upper Musquodoboit

Halifax County Hospital — Superintendent — Edward V. Smith.  
Matron — Mrs. Edward V. Smith.

Medical Officer — Dr. F. P. Malcolm.

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 Harbour.

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

Municipal School Board — Councillor George D. Burris, Councillor Edgerton S. Allen, Councillor M. H. Naugle, appointed by Council, Hector Montgomery (1953); B. J. Doyle, Sheet Harbour (1951); and Gerald Spears (1952); appointed by Governor-in-Council, Rudd G. Hattie, Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, appointed by Statute.

County Planning Board — Councillors Gates, Dauphinee and Chisholm; 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 Bollong, Pope's Harbour;  
Donald Turner, Westphal.

## STANDING COMMITTEES

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FINANCE COMMITTEE — Councillors Gates; Myers; Hutchinson; Evans and Dauphinee.

TENDERS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY — Warden Dowell; Councillors Naugle; Evans; Dauphinee and Ferguson.

LICENSES — Councillors, Ferguson; Webber; Chisholm; Allen and Mosher.

ROADS AND BRIDGES — Councillors Turner; Isnor; Redmond; Smith; and Lomas.

ASSESSMENT — Councillors Naugle; Burris; Cruickshank; Settle and Turner.

INSANE — Councillors Lomas; Webber; Rodgers; MacMillan; and Redmond.

LAW AMENDMENTS — Councillors Settle; Allen; MacMillan; Rodgers; and Isenor.

JURY LISTS — Councillors Settle; Isenor and Turner.

POOR — Councillors Lomas; Smith; Redmond; Hutchinson; and Myers.

ARBITRATION — Councillors Gates; Dauphinee and Burris.

JAIL — Councillors Chisholm; Myers and Settle.

## SPECIAL COMMITTEES

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COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH — Councillors MacMillan, Hutchinson; Rodgers; Turner; and Isenor.

HOSPITALS ACT — Councillors MacMillan; Burris; Settle; and Mosher.

VETERINARY SERVICES — Councillors Settle; Burris; Hutchinson; Cruickshank; Isenor and Allen.

PUBLIC SERVICES — Councillors Gates; Naugle; Dauphinee; Chisholm; Myers; Settle and Cruickshank.

PRINTING AND REPORTING — Warden and Clerk.

COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE — Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle.

UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES — VOTING DELEGATES — Warden Dowell, Councillors Gates; Naugle; Redmond and MacMillan.

CONSTABLES COMMITTEE — Councillors Rodgers; Webber; and Mosher.

SPECIAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE — Councillors Gates; MacMillan and Burris.

## HALIFAX COUNTY COUNCILLORS FOR 1950

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Dist. No.	Name	Post Office Address
7	Ross E. Dauphinee.....	Boutilier's Point
8	W. J. Dowell.....	(Bedford) 644 Barrington St., Halifax
9	Granville Mosher.....	Glen Margaret
10	William L. Smith.....	Terence Bay
11	Seymour J. Rodgers.....	Harrietsfield
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	Clyde V. Redmond.....	Head Chezzetcook
18	F. C. Lomas.....	Musquodoboit Harbour
19	Nelson A. Webber.....	Upper Lakeville
20	P. S. Ferguson.....	Tangier
21	Dr. Duncan MacMillan.....	Sheet Harbour
22	Carl Turner.....	Moser River
23	George D. Burris.....	Upper Musquodoboit
24	Archibald Hutchinson.....	Middle Musquodoboit
25	Norman Cruikshank.....	Elderbank
26	Blair Isenor.....	Dutch Settlement
27	Edgerton S. Allen.....	(Lakeview) 43 Argyle St., Halifax
28	Alex J. Chisholm.....	Woodside

## HALIFAX COUNTY WARDENS

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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
1938-1950.....	W. J. Dowell

# First Annual Meeting of the Thirtieth Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax

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## FIRST DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, February 22, 1950

The first annual meeting of the thirtieth Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax opened in the Law Courts, Halifax, at 11 o'clock.

The Rev. J. Milton Fraser of Bethany United Church, Armdale, opened the session with a prayer asking blessing on the deliberations of Council.

The Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. R. G. Hattie, presiding, called the roll. All recently elected Councillors were present with the exception of Councillor Burris, absent due to the death of his father, Ex-Councillor A. D. Burris of Upper Musquodoboit.

Councillors were sworn into their office by the Municipal Clerk.

Councillors Hutchinson and Gates nominated Councillor W. J. Dowell as Warden of the Municipality. Councillors Ferguson and Evans moved that nominations cease. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee moved that the Clerk deposit a ballot in favor of Warden Dowell, and the Clerk declared Councillor Dowell elected. The Warden then took the oath of office and presided.

Warden Dowell thanked Council for its confidence in electing him to this responsible office, and stated that he would do all in his power to carry out his duties for the betterment of the Municipality. The Warden welcomed new Councillors and mentioned the great changes that had occurred in recent years and the growth that had taken place.

Councillors Naugle and Isnor nominated Councillor Norman Cruikshank as Deputy Warden. Councillors Lomas and Myers nominated Councillor W. A. Gates as Deputy-Warden. Councillors Ferguson and Chisholm moved that nominations cease. Carried.

Warden Dowell named Councillors Ferguson and Dauphinee as election scrutineers. Following the balloting the Warden declared Councillor Cruikshank elected, and he immediately took the oath of office as Deputy Warden.

Councillor Gates congratulated Deputy-Warden Cruikshank, and the elected Deputy Warden in reply expressed his thanks both to Councillor Gates and the Council.

Councillors Cruikshank and Naugle moved that a Committee of two be appointed to meet with the Warden and Clerk to draw up an agenda for each day's session. Councillors Settle, Redmond, and Dauphinee spoke briefly on the motion. The motion was then put and declared carried.

Applications for the position of Solicitor for the Municipality from Messrs N. D. Murray, P. J. O'Hearn, R. A. Donahoe, F. W. Bissett, Gordon M. Graham, Leonard Mitchell, C. F. Loughey, and R. Graham Murray were submitted to Council by the Clerk.

Councillors Dauphinee and Gates moved that all applicants for the position of Solicitor be nominated and that all names be placed on a single ballot. Carried.

The following tenders for the reporting and printing of the Council session and reports were received and opened: Allen Print \$5.50 per page plus \$5.00 per day for a reporter; Patriot Press, \$5.50 per page.

Councillors Gates and Ferguson moved that the tender of Allen Print for the printing and reporting the Annual Report and Minutes be accepted at the tender price of \$5.50 per page plus \$5.00 per day for reporting. Carried.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank moved that the Clerk be instructed to write Councillor George Burris and family expressing the sympathy of the Council at the passing of his father, Ex-Councillor A. D. Burris. The motion was seconded by Councillor Evans. Carried.

Councillors Lomas and Gates moved that the Clerk be instructed to write the Hon. R. M. Fielding expressing the sympathy of Council on the passing of his mother. Carried.

On motion of Councillors Gates and Myers the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

### FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, February 22, 1939

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Mr. Graham Murray was elected as solicitor for the coming year, replacing Mr. R. M. Fielding who resigned at the end of the last year. Mr. Murray in being elected by the council had a majority of seven votes over Richard Donahoe. In the preceding ballot no candidate had a clear majority so that the two highest, Murray and Donahoe, were then voted upon.

Dr. Duncan MacMillan and Councillor Rogers were appointed as scrutineers by Warden Dowell.

On motion of Councillors Hutchinson and Chisholm it was moved that Mr. Graham Murray, newly elected solicitor be paid the sum of \$1,500. An amendment proposed by Councillor Gates and seconded by Councillor Reimann was voted out by the Council.

Regarding the matter of the salary of the solicitor Councillor Settle asked that a minimum and maximum salary be set, and that the solicitor start work at the minimum and be raised to the maximum in due course. Councillor Ferguson gave his idea that the new solicitor should be paid the full salary of \$1,500 since he is expected to do the work which was being done by the person who preceded him on the job. Councillor Lomas then gave the opinion that the New solicitor should be paid the full salary only after he has gained satisfactory experience with the Council. The motion was then put and carried.

Warden W. J. Dowell appointed the agenda committee which is to be made up of Councillor Ferguson and Deputy Warden Cruikshank.

Warden Dowell appointed the following councillors to the nominating committee: Naugle, Evans, Ferguson, Dauphinee and Deputy Warden Cruickshanks.

The Report of the County Jail Surgeon was then presented to the Council and was adopted on motion of Deputy Warden Cruickshanks and Councillor Hutchinson.

The report of the County Health Officer was read to the Council and this brought about considerable debate before being adopted. Councillor Ross E. Dauphinee reported that he felt something wrong with the tuberculosis x-ray plan in the province. To back this statement he reported an instance in his district which he thought was not being correctly attended to. Councillor Dauphinee then asked what were the duties of the public Health Officer. He also reported that it had taken from 2-3 months for the father of a family to get to the hospital due to the conditions which are prevailing. Councillor Lomas then also reported the same situation in his district.

Councillor Settle then took up the fact that visitors to patients in the Sanitorium in Kentville could travel for half fare on the Dominion Atlantic Railway. He asked why this was not possible in travelling to Sydney via the Canadian National Railway System. He reported that he had made contacts with the Dominion Atlantic Railway and found that they had made an agreement with the Kentville Sanitorium while in contacting the Canadian National System he found that no such agreements were prevailing.

Deputy Warden Cruickshanks then asked Councillor Dauphinee why the children of the family mentioned by Dauphinee were attending school. Councillor Dauphinee replied that they had all been x-rayed but had showed negative signs. He stated that since that time one of the children had been admitted to the Kentville Sanitorium.

Warden Dowell then spoke of a case to his knowledge of a family of six living in a two room house which had formerly been used as a cabin in a lumber woods. The family he reported have been ordered to move from that building.

The report of the County Health Officer was then adopted on motion of Councillors Ferguson and Turner.

The annual report of the County Jailor was then read to the Council. The report was adopted with little discussion. The report was adopted on motion of Councillors Evans and Myers.

The report of the Board of appeal was read to the Council. On motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Myers the report was adopted.

At this point Mr. Murray arrived at the Council and gave his remarks to the council. Warden Dowell outlined the work to be done by Mr. Murray during his term of office and expressed his satisfaction with the election of the new solicitor.

Councillors Myers and Naugle moved that the Council adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow. Carried.

## . SECOND DAY—MORNING

Thursday, February 23, 1950

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called. Deputy Warden Cruickshanks presided in the absence of Warden Dowell who was absent through illness.

The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted as corrected on motion of Councillor Dauphinee and seconded by Councillor Turner.

The report of the nominating committee was then read to the Council; it is as 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, Myers, Hutchinson Evans and Dauphinee.
TENDERS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY -	Warden Dowell, Councillors Naugle, Evans, Dauphinee and Ferguson.
LICENSES -	Councillors Ferguson, Webber, Chisholm, Allen and Moser.
ROADS AND BRIDGES -	Councillors Turner, Isnor, Redmond, Smith and Lomas.
ASSESSMENT -	Councillors Naugle, Burris, Cruickshank, Settle and Turner.
INSANE -	Councillors Lomas, Webber, Rodgers, McMillan and Redmond.
LAW AMENDMENTS -	Councillor Settle, Allsn, McMillan, Rodgers and Isenor.
JURY LISTS - POOR -	Councillors Settle, Isenor and Turner. Councillors Lomas, Smith, Redmond, Hutchinson and Myers.
ARBITRATION - JAIL -	Councillors Gates, Dauphinee and Burris. Councillors Chisholm, Myers and Settle. Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

Following the report Councillor Gates addressed the Council on the work that he had been doing in his district and expressed the fact that he wished to be dropped from the chairmanship of the committees on which he had been placed.

Councillor Settle then expressed the opinion that any Councillor should be obligated to work in the interests of the municipality as well as in the interests of his district. He said that he realized that Councillor Gates had an exceptionally large area to represent and knew that his work in regard to his district was great.

Councillor Gates then replied that he was elected to work for the people who elected him only. He also expressed the fact that he wanted the newer members to be put on the major committees.

Councillor Myers stated that some councillors have been in council for as many as 13 years and have not yet been nominated to any of the major committees of the council.

Councillor Gates then asked that a rotation of the councillors be made in regard to the work on the committees.

Councillor Ferguson, speaking on behalf of the nominating committee stated that he had done what he thought best for the municipality in nominating as he did.

The request that old nominating committee reports be gone over from year to year when making up the committees to assure rotation was put up by Councillor Lomas.

Councillor Naugle then asked that Councillor Gates should not direct his remarks to the nominating committee but to the chair.

Councillor Dauphinee brought out the fact that the nominating committee had full power as to who shall be placed on the various committees.

Councillor Evans then stated that such action on the part of any councillor was the first to his knowledge in 20 years of service. He stated that a new nominating committee should be appointed if the present one is unsatisfactory.

Councillor Lomas asked why he should be placed on four committees.

Councillor Gates in reply to Councillor Evans stated that Councillor Evans had served for 16 years as a Councillor before being nominated to a major committee.

Councillor Naugle then stated that he had served for eight years before being nominated to a committee and since that time has served two terms on the finance committee. He also brought out the fact that up until this time his work with the Council had not been questioned by any party.

Councillor Turner asked Councillor Gates to reconsider his actions and act on the committees on which he had been placed.

Councillor Settle proposed an amendment to the motion that the report be adopted. He asked that the slate of officers be referred back to the Nominating committee and that the committee report back to Council at the earliest possible time, with copies of the report to be supplied to all councillors.

The amendment was defeated by a vote 11 - 7. The motion was then voted upon and was passed by a vote of 11 - 7.

Various letters were read to the Council and these were referred to the various committees concerned.

On motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Naugle the Council accepted the invitation of the Kiwanis Club to attend a luncheon on February 27.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Ferguson the meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

Thursday, February 23, 1950

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called. Warden Dowell absent through illness. The Council was asked by Deputy Warden Cruickshanks to refrain from conversing while the speaker is standing and addressing the chairman.

The by-laws committee report was read to the Council. Councillors Ferguson and Gates moved that the report be brought before the council for discussion.

Councillor Lomas asked if the dates of meetings could be changed on amendment of the municipal act on request. It was replied that this is possible.

The Council proceeded to further consider the proposed By-Laws.

A vote was taken on the by-law which states that the Council shall adjourn at 4.00 p.m. The result of the vote carried the proposal.

A vote was taken to change the by-law which states that no speaker may speak more than once during a single debate to allow the speaker to speak twice during such debate. The vote carried the proposal by a large majority.

Councillors Dauphinee and Naugle proposed a motion that the Council go into committee of the whole to discuss the by-laws. Carried.

Councillors Turner and Dauphinee proposed a motion that the Council reconvene from committee of the whole. Carried.

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

### THIRD DAY—MORNING

Friday, February 24, 1950

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called. Warden Dowell still absent through illness.

The minutes of the previous session were read. On motion of Councillors Evans and Turner they were adopted as corrected.

Two letters were read to the Council and were referred to committees concerned.

Councillor Dauphinee asked to have the term "pound district" explained to the Council.

Councillor Naugle states that the Council is wasting time in discussing matters that will be brought up in committee meeting.

Councillor Dauphinee replied that he was seeking information that would clear up the matter for those who were uncertain of what was meant by the term "pound district".

Councillor Lomas stated that he understood that all sections were open sections and the matter was brought up in provincial legislation and was referred to the Council.

Councillor Naugle stated that according to the highway act all districts are closed districts.

Councillor Hutchinson asked that the Council continue with further business.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Webber Council resolved into committee of the whole.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Mosher Councillor Gates became chairman of the committee.

Councillor Dauphinee asked that the press be allowed to remain through the committee meeting to familiarize himself with the by-laws of the Council. The press correspondent was voted from the room however.

On motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Redmond the Council reconvened from Committee of the whole.

On motion of Councillor Naugle the Council adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

## THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON

Friday, February 24, 1950

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillors Mosher and Smith moved that the Council go into committee of the whole until 3 p.m. to further discuss proposed by-laws. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Ferguson moved that Councillor Gates be chairman of the committee of the whole. Carried.

On motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Ferguson Council reconvened from committee of the whole and went into committee work until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

## FOURTH DAY—MORNING

Saturday, February 25, 1950

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

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

Two letters were read to the Council. The petition of the Halifax County Exhibition asking for a grant was referred to the finance committee. The letter from the Halifax Visiting Dispensary asking for an audience with the Council was granted with the date to be set when it is advisable for the Council.

Councillor Ferguson stated that he thought that the press was not giving a complete enough coverage of the meeting in that the correspondent was quoting some Councillors that spoke on a subject but not all.

Councillor Gates stated that Councillor Ferguson had the same privilege of being quoted by the press as he had and should be quoted to the same degree.

Councillor Ferguson stated that he never had asked publicity but had only asked fairness from all sources.

Councillor Evans stated that he agreed with Councillor Ferguson completely.

Councillor Naugle then asked that each Councillor be given the same degree of quotation by the press.

Councillor Redmond stated that he also agreed wholly with Councillor Ferguson in his statement.

Councillor Gates stated that for the first time Councillor Evans had been given recognition of his faithful work with the Council over a long period of years by being placed on one of the major committees for the first time.

Councillor Lomas stated that some years ago he had wished to have Councillor Evans put on the Finance Committee but that Councillor Evans had declined.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Mosher the Council went into committee of the whole to further discuss proposed by-laws.

On motion of Councillors Evans and Mosher, Councillor Gates was nominated as chairman of the committee of the whole.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Webber Council reconvened from committee of the whole and adjourned until 10 o'clock Monday morning.

## FIFTH DAY—MORNING

Monday, February 27, 1950

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous session were read and on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Isenor were adopted as corrected.

A notice of motion was given by Councillors Evans and Rodgers, that the Warden and 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 of 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.

A notice of motion was given by Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee that the Warden and Treasurer of the Municipality be authorized to borrow, on behalf of the Municipality, a sum not to exceed Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for the purpose of paying the Provincial Treasurer the Taxes payable to him under provision of the Highway Act, Chapter 75, Revised Statutes for Nova Scotia, for the year 1950, and to do such acts as are necessary to effect such loan.

A notice of motion was given by Councillors Gates and Smith 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 certify.

On motion of Councillors Turner and Isenor the Council resolved itself into Committee of the whole to further consider the proposed by-laws. Carried.

Councillors Mosher and Evans moved that Councillor Gates be chairman of the Committee of the whole. Carried.

On motion of Councillors Myers and Evans Council reconvened from Committee of the whole and adjourned until 2.30 this afternoon. Carried.

## FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Monday, February 27, 1950

Council met at 2.30 o'clock. Roll called.

Mr Archibald president of the local Y.M.C.A. and Mr. Duckworth, secretary of the Association, on invitation of the deputy Warden and consent of the Council addressed the Council in their drive to raise funds for the new Y.M.C.A. building.

Mr. Archibald in his address to the Council told them of the plan of the group to sell their building on Barrington Street and to rebuild on South Park Street. One year ago they started their drive for \$1,175,000 and at present their drive has netted them approximately \$945,000 leaving some \$230,000 yet to be raised. He said that the Provincial Government had donated \$50,000.00 while the city of Halifax had given \$35,000.00 to their cause. He stated that the Council would no doubt see that benefits to the city and to the county of Halifax. He expressed the fact that no establishment is more needed today.

Mr Duckworth in his address to the Council stated that some 20 young business men had been meeting in committees for some time in an undying effort to bring about their new building. He told the Council that the old building had been built when the population of Halifax was only 46,000 and that the building had been

servng the city and province for some 50 years. He then outlined the work of the Y.M.C.A. He stated that in the past 12 years some 20 million dollars have been spent on youth facilities in North America. He outlined some of the work done by the Y.M.C.A. in swimming. He stated that there is to be a gymnasium and a swimming pool in the new building which will be open for the use of all teams and organizations of the province. He stated that the building and the organization would have the best equipment in physical and living accomodation for the building up of good character among the youth of today.

Deputy Warden Cruickshanks thanked the speakers for addressing the Council and assured them that they would receive due consideration.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that the matter of a donation to the Y.M.C.A. be referred to the finance committee. Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Ferguson moved that a letter of thanks be written by the clerk expressing our appreciation of a donation from the Sussex Gingerale Co. Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Ferguson moved that a letter of thanks be tendered the Kiwanis club of Halifax for the kind invitation to attend their luncheon meeting of today.

Councillor Burris then expressed his appreciation of a letter received from the Council during the time of grief in his family.

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

## SIXTH DAY—MORNING

Tuesday, February 28, 1950

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 Evans.

A letter from the Spryfield Service Commission was read to the Council and referred to the public Service committee.

Having been given 24 hours notice of the notices of motion they were brought before the Council. On motion of Councillors Rogers and Evans Council adopted the resolution "that the Warden and 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."

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee the Council adopted the resolution "that the Warden and Treasurer of the Municipality be authorized to borrow, on behalf of the Municipality, a sum not to exceed Thirty Five Thousand Dollars, (\$35,000.00), 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 1950, and to do such acts as are necessary to effect such loan".

On motion of Councillors Gates and Smith the Council adopted the resolution that until the next annual meeting of Council, the Treasurer be and he is hereby

authorized to pay all accounts rendered to him or to the Clerk which the Warden and Clerk deem properly payable by the Municipality and do so certify.

The Report of the Assessment Survey Officer was read to the Council by the Assessment Survey Officer, Mr. Hugh S. MacGlashen. On motion of Councillors Naugle and Burris it was received and filed by the Council.

Councillor Redmond asked what precautions have been taken to assure that all property will be assessed. Mr. MacGlashen replied to this question that in making the survey house to house calls were made, deeds were gone over, the officers had the use of the probate court and had use of the crown land maps. Councillor Redmond then asked if taxes were collectable when the deeds were not recorded. Mr. MacGlashen replied that he did assessing and that others did the collecting of such taxes.

Mr. MacGlashen then explained with the use of a survey map how the assessment system which he had outlined in his report would operate. He also explained the use of the contact man in each of the districts.

Councillor Allen asked if assessment forms had been sent out to all ratepayers and if these were useful to the assessors when filed. He also asked what would be done if none were filed. Mr. MacGlashen replied that these must be filed but that any person can later appeal to the Appeal Board. Councillor Dauphinee asked if the form were sent by registered letter to assure their reaching their destination. It was replied that they were not.

Councillor Gates then stated that the people of his district are uncertain as to what to base values of property on. Councillor Redmond then asked about the assessment of a particularly large tract of woodland. It was replied that the owners had complete records of the lots and their value and the assessors had use of these.

Councillor Redmond replied that in the past some of these woodlands had been assessed very lightly. Mr. MacGlashen replied that this depended upon the assessor.

Councillor Hutchinson asked if the proposed raising of assessment from eight million dollars to forty million dollars would be an excuse for the raising of taxes. Councillor Gates then outlined the funds paid to the Municipal School Board by each of three districts, Halifax City, Dartmouth and the Municipality.

Councillor Lomas asked that the Council should make allowance for widows without a substantial income. Councillor Gates then brought out a statement in the report where this is covered.

Councillor Lomas brought out the fact that Community Halls are property of the people and are for the benefit of the people of the community and should not be taxed. He also stated that if Community Halls should be taxed then churches too should be taxed.

Councillor Gates stated that if the halls were deeded to the Municipality then no taxes would be paid. Councillor Naugle then added that he knew of a hall which had been deeded to the Sons of Temperance and no taxes were paid on it.

Councillor Myers asked how a lower tax rate could be arrived at if the assessments were raised since there would be a corresponding rise in joint expenditures.

Councillor Evans then stated that a hall in his district is strictly for the people but from time to time must raise money in some way or another to help in the upkeep of the building.

Councillor Naugle added that the Council must go by the Assessment Act and as far as joint expenditure is concerned it is up to the Arbitration Committee. He also stated that the report was to be filed only. Councillor Lomas then added that

the Council was only trying to clear up a few matters which could be answered by Mr. MacGlashen.

Councillor Gates stated that approximately 50% of the property in the City of Halifax was exempt from taxes and that the exempting of Community Halls would be the start in the municipality. He stated that if Community Halls are for the good of the community they should be exempt, otherwise they should be taxed.

Councillor Hutchinson asked if the men named by Mr. MacGlashen in his report are to be full time men. Mr. MacGlashen replied that there will be seven for the present year and it is his plan to have two of these men in the Armdale area for this year. Councillor Hutchinson then stated that he did not think two were enough for Armdale and asked if the local assessors were necessary any longer. Mr. MacGlashen replied that they were not and that the contact men filed this position. Councillor Chisholm asked that the assessor secure the contact men with the aid of the Councillor of the district and that they be to the satisfaction of the Assessor. Councillor Myers asked if this was to continue with ten men. He also brought out the fact that the assessment is double that of 12 years ago but the tax rate is only 50c lower.

Mr. MacGlashen then stated to the Council that he never had intended that the Municipality be assessed by one man. He said that a staff of seven would be carried.

Councillor Naugle asked if these seven men would be as efficient as the 40 assessors which had been operating. Councillor Gates asked how much this new system would cost and how much it has cost to date. Naugle replied that it was difficult to estimate the cost since the field to be covered was not known at first.

On motion of Councillors Evans and Myers Council adjourned until 2 p.m.

## SIXTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Tuesday, February 28, 1950

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Dr. MacRitchie, Divisional Health Officer spoke to the Council outlining the work of the province especially in the field of tuberculosis cure. He pointed out the fact that the death rate from this disease had dropped 33.3% in the past year. 27 deaths occurred in the year of 1948 while in 1949 there were only 17 deaths. Of this number one died in a private home while the rest occurred in institutions. He congratulated the Council on their new Mental Home at Cole Harbour. He stated that he had high hopes that the Municipality would be providing a new jail in the near future.

Councillors Ferguson and Mosher moved that the report of the Divisional Health Officer be filed. Carried.

Councillor MacMillan asked Dr. MacRitchie about the overcrowded situation in the tuberculosis hospitals of the province.

Councillor Settle asked why a patient, when being sent to a hospital for treatment is quite often sent to a hospital far from his home. He stated that patients from the Municipality have been sent to Cape Breton hospitals while those from Cape Breton have been sent to Kentville which is much closer to Halifax and the surrounding district. Dr. MacRitchie replied to this that patients from Cape Breton were sent to Kentville for treatment because they required surgical operations which were not available in Cape Breton. He also stated that patients of the Halifax district are sent to Cape Breton because of lack of accommodation in the Kentville Hospital.



Councillor Burris then asked if the hospital at Kentville was the only hospital where surgical operations were carried out. Dr. MacRitchie replied that the Tuberculosis Hospital in Halifax also carried out surgical operations. Councillor Settle then asked that Halifax County patients be transferred to the hospital at Kentville. Dr. MacRitchie told the Council that this was a common practice and was done when openings prevailed.

Councillor Ferguson then asked that more funds be spent in adjusting such cases as Councillor Settle suggested. Councillor Dauphinee asked how long it takes to determine whether a person has tuberculosis after an X-ray test, and does the disease strike suddenly or not. Dr. MacRitchie replied that the disease sometimes strikes suddenly and in other cases overtakes the patient in a gradual manner.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that a vote of thanks be extended to Dr. MacRitchie for his attendance here today and the able presentation of his report.

An estimate of cost of surveying the Municipality for purposes of assessment was read to the Council.

The report of the assessment committee was read to the Council.

Councillor Evans pointed out the fact that the report is the work of the assessment committee of the past year of which he was a member and that he did not sign the report although the report states that it is signed by the committee. Councillor Settle stated that in the past the report of the Assessment Committee has always been adopted as the work of the new committee. Councillor Ferguson then stated that the old committee did the work and made the report. Councillor Evans then stated that the new assessment committee which signed the report had no knowledge of the work of the old committee. Councillor Naugle stated that the new committee had reported on the work done during this meeting only. Councillor Evans then read a section of the report which was the work of the old committee of which he was a member. Councillor Myers then stated that the old committee should be the one to sign the report, as they did the work. Councillor Lomas brought the fact that the new committee can only do that work which has been done previous to the meeting while in committees during the meeting. Councillor Burris told the Council that he had attended only one meeting of the assessment committee yet he had signed the report. He asked that the old committee be the group to sign the report. Councillor Ferguson said that the only person that has a right to sign the report is a member of the old committee and that in signing the report the new committee is signing something which is not their work. Councillor Settle pointed out the fact that it is the business of the past year that the report is based on and is the work of the old committee throughout. Councillor Gates stated that a supplementary report should have been made up, one by each group. Councillor Myers then asks how a committee can sign the work of another committee which has been done before the new committee came into existence.

Deputy Warden Cruickshanks said that the report would be split and presented at the next day's session.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Turner, Council resolved itself into committee of the whole. Carried.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee Councillor Gates was nominated chairman of the committee of the whole. Carried.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Dauphinee Council reconvened and adjourned until 10 o'clock the next morning. Carried.

**SEVENTH DAY—MORNING**

Wednesday, March 1, 1950

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous session were read and the adoption was deferred until the afternoon of the same day.

A letter from Grand Desert regarding a deed of properties was referred to the Tenders and Public Properties Committee.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Isenor the Council adjourned to go into committee work.

**SEVENTH DAY—AFTERNOON**

Wednesday, March 1, 1950

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were adopted on motion of Councillors Rodgers and Hutchinson.

The Report of the Outgoing Assessment Committee was read to the Council and on motion of Councillors Naugle and Evans it was adopted.

Councillor Dauphinee then reported the condition of Warden Dowell as being favourable.

The Report of the Incoming Assessment Committee was read to the Council.

Councillor Hutchinson asked that something be said regarding salaries in the report. Councillor Gates then said that he had asked the same thing the day previous but had received the reply that the matter would be dealt with in the financial report. Councillor Burris asked if this figure would be arrived at in conference between the two committees and he received the answer that it would be. Councillor Naugle then suggested that it would be a good idea to let the Council know what the men received for their assessment work in past years. Mr. McGlashen told the Council that the assessors now were being paid a wage of 90c per hour and had allowance for their board. He also stated that they received an allowance for their transportation while on the job. He told the Council that the wage of the contact men was 80c per hour with no allowance for board or travelling. On request of Councillor Mosher Mr. McGlashen told the Council that the assessors were allowed 10c per mile for their cars travelling both ways. There is no allotment made for trips home made by the assessors. Mr. McGlashen also stated that he was certain that all reports of time and mileage handed to him were correct as he knew each district very well. Councillor Hutchinson asked to have the wage of the contact man repeated. Mr. McGlashen repeated it.

Councillor Allen then asked if the power to appoint contact men should be in the powers of the assessor or the Councillors of the respective districts. He asked which would give the most efficiency. He also stated that Council should have the entire information of the matter before them before they passed the report as it concerned the entire Council and not the Assessment Committee alone. Councillor Gates replied that he believed that the Council must place responsibilities in the hands of individuals to get their work done efficiently. He also stated that he believed the Councillors should have no say as to who shall be the contact men in the districts.

Councillor Naugle reported that the Assessment Committee went out on two different occasions and watched the work of the assessors and that they thought it to be very satisfactory. He also believed that the appointing of the contact

men should be left in the hands of the Assessor. Councillor Hutchinson stated that he wanted the Council to be sure they were making no mistake before raising the total assessment of the County from approximately eight million dollars to forty million dollars. Councillor Dauphinee said that he thought that under Councillor Gates' idea too much burden would be thrown on the shoulders of Mr. McGlashen. Councillor Gates then addressed the Council saying that the Council has already spent money on assessment survey and asked if the Councillors were satisfied with the work that had been done in that time. He pointed out the fact that Councillor Naugle as chairman of the Assessment Committee has done a very good job. He stated that no one would be able to convince him that the money was not well spent. Councillor Allen stated that he thought that the Council should have some power over the assessment officers. Councillor Naugle in reply to this stated that Mr. McGlashen had always been under the supervision of the Assessment Committee. He said that he saw no need to worry about the work that was being done. Councillor Chisholm stated that he thought the system outlined by Mr. McGlashen to be very good and that it should have gone into effect earlier. Councillor Burris stated that he thought the new Councillors unfamiliar with the plan and that it needed some explanation. Councillor MacMillan stated that the new Councillor understood the plan but was only seeking information. Councillor Allen stated that the work being done was very good but that the appointment of the contact men should be left in the hands of the Councillors. Councillor Evans then stated that he thought that the appointing of contact men should be left in the hands of the Councillor. Councillor Burris stated that he felt that the assessor would not move contact men from one district to another. Councillor Evans agreed with this statement. Councillor Gates stated that it would be unwise to take a contact man from one district to another and that it would also be unwise to tell the assessor who shall work with him on his job. Councillor Allen said that he considered that the appointing of contact men should be done between the Councillor and the assessor. Councillor Naugle stated that the matter had never been a question before and that the Councillor should advise the assessor but the decision of the assessor be final. Councillor Redmond said that he thought that the power to select his contact men should not be placed in the hands of Mr. McGlashen as he may retire from his office as Director of Assessment. Councillor Rodgers then pointed out the fact that the position of the Councillor was no more stable than that of the Director of Assessment. Mr. McGlashen then asked Councillor Allen to repeat the question that he had asked earlier regarding the power of appointments. Councillor Allen then replied that he wanted to know who would have the power to appoint the contact men and that he understood that Mr. McGlashen had asked to retain this power in his report to the Council. Mr. McGlashen replied that it was a matter of policy and the decision was whether he was to hire local contact men or not. Even with the knowledge of the district which each represents Mr. McGlashen stated that he thought that he knew the county as well from his work in each of the districts. He also stated that he had had the co-operation of all Councillors in that past and had hopes that this co-operation would continue. He stated that since he had the responsibility of Director of Assessment then he should have the power to appoint the contact men. He stated that he thought that the Councillors could agree with him on the matter and a settlement be reached. He said that he realized that the Councillors want the best men that can be obtained. Councillor Allen then stated that if the contact man was to be of any help it would take the combined efforts of both the Councillor and the assessor to find suitable men. Councillor Hutchinson then asked what the reason for the increase in the assessment was. It was replied that under the new plan the Council had to base their assessment on some financial period and that it was decided that the level of 1939 be taken as the level on which the Council could base their assessments.

Councillors Naugle and Turner moved that the Report of the Assessment Committee be adopted. The Deputy Warden put the motion and declared it carried unanimously.

On motion of Councillors Gates and Mosher Council went into committee work until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

## EIGHTH DAY—MORNING

Thursday, March 2, 1950

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and on motion of Councillors Turner and Smith they were adopted as corrected.

Councillor Burris asked that mention of the adoption of the assessment committee report be made by the correspondent of the press.

A letter from J. H. Trueman of Sambro asking that the district become a closed district was referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee. A petition from ratepayers of the Eastern Passage area asking for streetlighting in that area was referred to the Public Service Committee.

Councillor Ferguson then pointed out to the Council that if the assessment was raised in the manner in which it is planned then many widows will be paying taxes who are now exempt. Councillor Naugle replied that this would be covered in the next report of the Assessment Committee.

Councillor Lomas then asked what would be done if a complete committee were not available to sign a report. It was replied that either the chairman or a majority is all that is needed.

The report of the Outgoing Law Amendments Committee was read to the Council and on motion of Councillors Burris and Webber it was adopted.

The draft amendment to the Town Incorporation Act was read to the Council. Councillor Burris stated that originally 50 ratepayers had been suggested as necessary to sign a petition for any area to be exempted from the total area to be incorporated under the Towns Incorporation Act but that the committee had decided to cut this number to 30. Councillor Naugle then stated that the government asked a greater than 50% majority vote of the taxpayers in any such district. Councillor Naugle pointed out that if this did come into effect that it would include the entire province and not only a single municipality, and should therefore go to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. Councillor Gates then expressed his view that it would be better to take the matter outlined in Section 1 of the Draft Amendment of Towns Incorporation Act before the Union of Municipalities of Nova Scotia and get their support before taking it before the provincial Legislature. Councillor Burris stated that he thought that if it had the sanction of the Union it would have a better chance of being passed by the Provincial Legislature. Councillor Dauphinee brought out the fact that there is a resolution in the Report of The Law Amendments Committee which states that it will be brought before the next session of the Provincial House. Councillor Settle stated that there was no urgency now and that it would be much more likely to be passed if it had the support of the union. Councillor asked how the urban municipalities would feel regarding this. It was replied by Councillor Gates that the rural Municipalities overbalanced the Urban Municipalities. Councillor Burris spoke of the Imperial Oil firm in Woodside which enjoyed a fixed assessment for some years, and stated that if Woodside were to become a town, the municipality would derive some benefit under the proposed Amendment that would in some part make up for revenue lost to the municipality during the long period of fixed assessment.

Councillor Settle asked that the choosing of the fifth party to act as chairman of the Special Committee of Arbitration, be a unanimous decision. If this was not granted he then asked that the Municipality be granted the right to appeal to the courts. Councillor Naugle brought out the fact that before any of the outlined plans pass the Union of Municipalities of Nova Scotia there will undoubtedly be

many changes made. Councillor Burris speaking on behalf of the Outgoing Law Amendments Committee said that it had been firstly the plan of the committee at first to have the fifth man appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. It was later agreed that a majority of three of those already on the committee would be enough to appoint the fifth person, who will be the chairman.

The Draft Amendment of The Town Planning Act was then read to the Council. Councillor Myers stated that some districts did not approve of the amendment set up in section 1 of the Draft Amendment of The Town Planning Act. Councillor Gates stated that this Council had sent a Resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding the exemptions of certain areas under the Town Planning Act and had it been turned down. Councillor Dauphinee stated that he did not think that the Council was fairly dealt with in being turned down. Councillor Myers then stated that if the Minister sees fit he can overrule the Council. Councillor Lomas stated that the turning down of the amendment brought hardships on some areas, but that the Minister had the final say. Councillor Ferguson brought out the fact that under the Town Planning Act it would cost a considerable amount to have a section of land subdivided and surveyed where as the intentions of the people concerned was only to make the division within the family. Councillor Burris brought out the fact that the Town Planning Act applies in the province and if this amendment were to go through it would become Provincial Law. Councillor Myers pointed out that at the last meeting of the Union of Municipalities of Nova Scotia it was stated that only two Municipalities had adopted the Planning Act. to the Assessment Committee. Councillor Naugle expressed his view that Town Planning had been a big help. Councillor Myers then stated that it would become law for all that wanted to adopt it. Councillor Evans then told the Council that Mr. Fielding had told the Council that very few Municipalities used Town Planning.

On motion of Councillor Evans Council adjourned until 2 p.m.

#### EIGHTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 2, 1950

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillors Burris and Webber moved that the report of the Outgoing Committee on Law Amendments be adopted with the provision that the matter of the proposed amendment to the Towns Incorporation Act be referred to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities in the first instance asking for the support of the union in this matter. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Lomas moved that in view of the Report of the Committee on Law Amendments with respect to proposed amendments to the Towns Incorporation Act,

AND WHEREAS Council, in adopting this report, have added a proviso that the matter be referred to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the "Resolution passed by this Council at the last Annual Session of this Council asking that the Law Amendments 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 insuring 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 share of the outstanding bonded indebtedness, be rescinded. Carried.

Councillor Gates introduced Col. Wightman and Mr. C. D. MacDonald to the Council.

The report of the Public Services Committee was then read to the Council by Councillor Gates, chairman of the committee.

Councillor Hutchinson asked to see the maps of the projects outlined in the report. Councillor Ferguson asked why the people of the Albro Lake Road district had been turned down after 60% of the people had signified their willingness to connect with the water system, and yet in the Fairview district the same number had signified their wish to connect with the water system and the project was being gone ahead with in that district. Councillor Gates replied that there are a total of 67 taxable properties in the Albro Lake Road district of which the total assessment is only 17 thousand dollars. He stated that the cost would be too great to the people to make the project economically feasible, but the Department of National Defence had started a housing project there they will be large water consumers and then the rate may be low enough to permit the committee to go through with the project in this district. Councillor Settle then brought out the fact that after the cost of the project was discussed with the people of this district only about one third of the property owners signified their wish to be connected with the proposed water system.

Councillor Gates then read a letter from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation regarding the Department of National Defence housing project in the Albro Lake Road district. Councillor Gates also stated that an agreement was also being sought with the Province regarding the Nova Scotia Hospital.

Col. Wightman then addressed the Council outlining the development in the North Woodside area. He said that the district of North Woodside now had the services of a town. He viewed the work to be done in the Albro Lake Road region and expressed the value of the D.N.D. project as a customer. He said that he believed that Fairview would expand greatly within the next few years. He made the statement that he thought the Municipal Council of Halifax County to be the most forward in the province.

Councillor Chisholm asked what was being done in South Woodside. Councillor Gates read a section from the report of the Public Services Committee outlining the work to be done there. Col. Wightman stated that the survey of the district had been completed and that the cost per unit would be approximately the same as in North Woodside. Councillor Lomas asked why cellars and drainage could not be connected with the sewer. Councillor Gates replied that the Council wanted to work on an economic basis and that the sewers would be strictly sanitary sewers and that a storm sewer would be required to look after cellars and drainage. He also told the Council that a water system will last a great number of years once installed and that it would be advisable for the Council to spread the cost of the project over a period of 40 years. He stated that the committee had received a commitment from the government of \$85,000 for the project in the Woodside district, \$35,000 for the Herring Cove Road from the Head of the Arm to the I.P.C. Store, and \$313,000 for the whole Fairview project. The funds he said would come from the revolving loan fund.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved the adoption of the report of the Public Services Committee. Carried Unanimously.

On motion of Councillors Turner and Isenor the Council resolved into Committee of the whole. Carried.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Mosher Councillor Gates became chairman of the committee of the whole. Carried.

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

## NINTH DAY—MORNING

Friday, March 3, 1950

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

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

The report of the Chairman of the Municipal School Board was read to the Council by the chairman of the board, Mr. W. L. Harper.

Councillor Redmond stated that several years ago Council expressed their views on the larger Municipal School Unit of schools. He said that he felt the formation of a single school section in the Municipality was a step in the right direction, providing that it brought about equalization of taxes and educational facilities. Mr. Harper replied that the Municipal School Board had done the best it could and was permitted to go only as far in that field as legislation permitted. He said that he recognized the weaknesses that were yet existing and that the betterment of these weaknesses hinged on two factors, financial standing of the schools and the facilities provided. He also told the Council that the teaching profession was not attractive to the individual and that the Government was fully aware of this fact.

Councillor Naugle asked that the brief of the School Board be read to the Council in order to clear up existing questions. He also stated that at the present time the matter of betterment of the schools was up to trustees of the districts concerned. Councillor Redmond then added that one of the big reasons for the formation of the single school unit was for the equalization of taxes in all districts. Mr. Harper added that the districts all run their own business at present through their trustees and that it was a local concern and was not to be interfered with by the Municipal School Board. Mr. Silver then told Councillor Redmond that he would be willing to discuss the situation with him at any time and that the Municipal School Board dealt with the situation as a whole and not with a particular case.

The brief of the Municipal School Board was then read to the Council by Mr. Harper.

Councillor Lomas asked how much money the Council would receive under the Dominion-Provincial agreement. It was replied that no amount had been set. Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that the report of the chairman of the Municipal School Board, Mr. W. L. Harper, be received and recommendations contained therein be referred to the Finance Committee. Councillor Myers asked what would be done, if the single unit system came into effect, in the case of school districts which have recently constructed a school and now have it nearly paid for. He asked if they would be sharing in the cost of construction of other schools.

Councillor Evans pointed out the fact that it was rather difficult to discuss the report of the Municipal School Board, if copies of the report were not on the desks of each Councillor. Councillor Myers suggested that everyone should have a copy if a complete study of the report is to be made. Councillor Naugle suggested that the report be read again with questioning to be permitted at any point. Councillor Ferguson asked that copies of the Report of the Municipal School Board, be supplied to each Councillor and that Mr. Harper come back to the Council at a later date after all Councillors have had time to study the report. Councillor Myers pointed out that if the report were referred to the finance committee then only members of the committee would have a chance to study it and that the rest of the Council would not have any study of the report. Mr. Harper told the Council that he would be glad to come back at a later date. Councillor Dauphinee asked that recommendation made in the report be referred to the finance committee and the report be laid

on the table. Councillor Naugle then withdrew his motion that the report of the Chairman of the Municipal School Board be received and referred to the finance committee. Councillor Gates then stated that the most important item to him has been the brief. He asked that copies also be made of the brief and be put on the desks of the Councillors for study. He said that the matter of a single school section had previously been discussed before Council. He said that the brief would help to solve problems in this project. He said that he felt, the province should be the prime mover in setting up the single school section, taking over capital expenditures. He asked to have time to have the brief studied by the Council. Councillor Naugle then replied that he was not referring to the brief, but to the report of the Chairman of the Municipal School Board, on which the motion had been made. The brief is to show what is being aimed at by the Board. Councillor Gates said that the brief was the most important of the two reports to him and he thought it should have the support of the Council before being presented to the government. Councillor Settle stated that he thought it a matter of principle that the report be placed on the desks of all Councillors as any other important report. He stated that he thought it to be a waste of time not to have the reports placed on the desks of the Councillors. Councillor Myers then backed Councillor Settle up in his statement that each Councillor should have a copy of the report. Councillor Chisholm then stated that he agreed that copies of the report should be placed on the desks for study as they were complicated and needed considerable study. Councillor Dauphinee then brought out the fact that if the brief of the Municipal School Board were to be presented to the Government that it should first go through Council. Mr. Harper stated that the brief and the report were two independent articles and that the Board was not seeking the ready endorsement of the Council but only after it had been fully discussed by the Municipal School Board with the Department of Education. He said that arrangements would be made to have copies on the desks of all Councillors. Councillor Gates then said that any report that was presented to the government should go through Council first and have the full consent of Council. Councillor Settle then stated that the brief was a matter which the Board had in mind to discuss with the government. He said that if Council were to discuss the Brief, the Council should go into Committee of the whole in discussing the matter. Councillor Naugle then pointed out that the making of one school section could not be done without the consent of Council.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Burris the excellent report of the Chairman of the Municipal School Board, Mr. W. L. Harper, was received and placed on the table with the recommendations to be referred to the finance committee. Carried.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Evans Council adjourned until 2 p.m.

#### NINTH DAY—AFTERNOON



Thursday, March 3, 1950

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The report of the Inspector of Schools, Mr. B. C. Silver was read to the Council. The report of Mr. MacKay and Miss Orchard, Supervisors, was read to the Council by Mr. MacKay.

Mr. Silver reported that it had been suggested that where several small one room schools exist it might be advisable to have a two or three room consolidated school. He suggested the Lawrencetown district as a good place to put this plan in operation. He said that he had written to the area suggesting this plan and that he had met with the parents in this regard. He added that if any district had a series of one room schools he would be willing to talk over the matter with the trustees of that area.



Councillor Mosher asked Mr. Silver if it would not be more wise to have a full day session for all pupils in one of two schools in his district, rather than have a half day session in each of two schools. Mr. Silver replied that it would be a question of whether the pupils of one school would cause an overcrowded condition in the school which was left open. He also stated that at present there is only one closed school in the county. Councillor Mosher then asked that a recommendation be made that the government pay 50% of the cost of erecting new schools in sections where schools have been condemned. Councillor Ferguson then spoke of the trouble to get a good education in the Eastern Shore district of Tangier. He said that conditions were getting better but that they were not yet as good as he hoped that they would be at this time. He stated that he thought more students would eventually become teachers if they had the opportunities. Councillor Evans stated that conditions were much better but that he would like to see some way of providing for maintenance in a home economics department in a school, and that in his opinion maintenance grants are not sufficient to meet today's high costs. Mr. Silver replied that the program supplied only grants for regular classrooms and that none were given for the upkeep of departments such as home economics departments. Councillor Smith then asked Mr. Silver what the delay was in the construction of the school at Terence Bay. He said that an attempt was being made to improve conditions there but that since the assessment of the section concerned was only 21,000 dollars whereas the cost of the school would be in excess of 32,000 dollars. However, the Board is going ahead with the project in that area. Councillor Ferguson then pointed out the need for expansion of schools in his district. Miss Orchard addressed the Council briefly outlining the need of more teachers and the fact that they needed encouragement and in both their work and in working conditions. She also reported that the position of the teacher in a community is not what it used to be, that in years gone by a teacher was one of the most respected citizens of a district.

Councillor Naugle pointed out the fact that smaller schools have poor equipment which discourages teachers.

On motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Myers the report of Mr. Silver, supplemented by the reports of Mr. MacKay and Miss Orchard, be received, placed on file and the recommendations be referred to the finance committee. Carried.

Councillor Dauphinee and Myers moved that Council adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning but the motion was voted down.

The Chief Inspector of Schools, Mr. H. Weir, reported to the Council.

Councillor Ferguson asked Mr. Weir regarding bus routes which he had outlined in his address. He said that much planning had been done and that it was the intentions of the board to procure busses with a capacity of 48 pupils. These busses he said would comply with regulations regarding closed roads during the spring of the year. Councillor Gates asked if the figures which he had mentioned were based on 25% of the upkeep. It was answered that they were. Councillor Mosher then asked what sections the proposed Rural High School in the St. Margaret's Bay Area would take in. Mr. Weir said that the district included by the school would be from Hackett's Cove to Hubbards. Councillor Mosher then stated that a 14,000 dollar school had recently been built in the district to be served by proposed Rural School. He stated that he thought this unwise. Mr. Silver replied that there still would be enough students served by the new two-room building to make the operation of this school feasible. Councillor Burris asked if other counties had adopted the same policy of operational cost. It was replied by Mr. Weir that with 15 Rural High Schools in the province of Nova Scotia there are as yet four counties that have no Rural High Schools. Some of these he stated, were on an area taxation plan while others were under the municipality. Councillor Gates asked how long it would be before such a school would be constructed

in District 12. Mr. Weir replied that it would be an indefinite time. Councillor Dauphinee then asked Mr. Weir what assurance that the people would have that a Rural High School would be constructed in the Hackett's Cove to Hubbards area. Mr. Weir replied that properties are now ready to be bought and that they quite definitely will be purchased for the purpose of constructing a rural high school. He stated further that plans and specifications were ready and tenders could be called for approximately ten days after the site had been finally purchased. Councillor Ferguson stated that the department is being unfair in some other districts. Councillor Gates asked how many acres were needed for the school which is to be built in the Hubbards area. Mr. Weir replied that it would take from 25 to 28 acres to provide for all the outdoor activities that are planned to be taken up.

Councillor Rodgers then stated that it is what we have not got that is the problem, not what we will have in time. He said that children of his district are forced to attend a city school for grades above grade IX because those classes were not taught in his section. He also told the Council that it cost \$10 per student for this year for enrollment in Queen Elizabeth High School where they were attending. Besides this he stated there was the problem of transportation and meals for those attending City schools. He asked what the likely cost would be for the next year. Mr. Harper in reply to Councillor Rodgers stated that the cost would be around 80 dollars but that of this amount the parents would be paying around \$25. Councillor Rodgers then stated that with this raise in the fee some families will be forced to take their children from the schools, and simply because there is not a school which provides the high school grades in their district those children will be deprived of their education. He asked if there was no way in which they could be provided for.

Mr. Weir then pointed out that it was up to the parents of the districts to see that this situation did not arise. Councillor Dauphinee asked if this applied to any one section and also pointed out the fact that the transportation was very costly. Councillor Gates then stated that he had received many inquiries as to what was being done and he had to tell them that they either had to pay the fee to attend a City school or provide for a school which will handle those classes. He agreed that no parent should be expected to pay any fee over and above the taxation that they are paying unless they allow their students to attend City school when there are facilities for the higher grades in their own sections. Mr. Silver pointed out that some families wished to have their children attend grades 11 and 12 in City schools. This, he said led toward the elimination of these grades in the smaller country schools. Councillor Gates then stated that when facilities are available but yet the children wish to attend larger schools they should be made to pay to attend the City schools unless the facilities offered by the school in their section are not up to par. Councillor Burris agreed with Councillor Gates and cited the Musquodoboit Valley as a specific instance where Sections had to provide High School facilities because other high schools are too far away, but if pupils from the area did attend City Schools tuition fees had to be paid. Councillor Gates then expressed the opinion that in the case where facilities are available and parents still wanted to send children to City Schools then these parents should pay to send their children to larger schools. Mr. Silver then stated that Sheet Harbour is the only village school teaching grade 12. Councillor Webber stated that the smaller schools were not getting fair play in that they were not well supervised and that very few taught the higher grades. He stated that for a period of five years when he was secretary of the school in his school sections that no School Inspector had visited the school.

On motion of Councillor Mosher and Ferguson Council adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

**TENTH DAY — MORNING**

Saturday, March 4, 1950

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

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

On motion of Councillors Isenor and Mosher, Council resolved itself into committee of the whole.

Councillors Dauphinee and Mosher moved that Councillor Gates become chairman of the committee of the whole. Carried.

On motion of Councillors Myers and Mosher, Council reconvened from committee of the whole and adjourned until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

**ELEVENTH DAY—MORNING**

Monday, March 6, 1950

Council met at 10.30 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved THAT council convene at 10.30 as there is a majority of councillors present and as it is important for the Tenders and Public Property Committee to leave for the hospital as soon as possible. Carried.

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

On motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Naugle council went into committee work until 10 a.m. tomorrow for the purpose of doing committee work and visiting the County Hospital during the afternoon.

**TWELFTH DAY—MORNING**

Tuesday, March 7, 1950

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll called.

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

The clerk was instructed to write a letter to the widow and family of the late C. A. Fowler expressing to them the sympathy of the council, on a motion by Councillors Ferguson and Evans.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Redmond and Lomas and adopted by the council: "That whereas by deed dated the 4th day of March A.D., 1949, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds at Halifax in Book 1034, page 709, James F. Brindley did convey certain lands and premises at East Chezetcook in the Municipality of the County of Halifax unto the Overseers of the Poor of District No. 17 of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, a body corporate.

"And whereas Adam Myatt, James Warner and Welsford Conrod 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 Percy Oldfield for the sum of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)."

Councillor Settle asked if the overseers of the poor are entitled to keep the entire sum realized from a sale of this type and was advised that any balance remaining after cost to the county was met, should to go the heirs.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank advised council of a dinner invitation received from Hon. R. M. Fielding, provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs. The invitation was accepted by the council.

The Report of the Committee on Insane was presented. Councillors Lomas and Naugle moved the adoption of the report.

Councillor Myers expressed dissatisfaction with the report saying it should show the total number of inmates at the county home and the number of county patients in other hospitals. Councillors Settle and Gates also felt the report should provide information on all insane patients.

Councillor Lomas, chairman of the Committee on Insane, said the information could be supplied if council so desired.

Councillor Dauphinee and Ferguson moved that the report be sent back to the committee for the addition of a supplementary report giving complete statistics on the number of insane. Carried.

Councillor Rodgers said the report should be brought in by the outgoing committee on insane.

Councillor Dauphinee pointed out that Councillor Burris had not yet taken the oath of office. The oath was administered by Mr. Hattie, county clerk.

The report of the Tenders and Public Property Committee was then presented. Councillors Dauphinee and Evans moved the adoption of the report.

Councillor Myers then asked for further information in regards to the construction of a garage at the County Home, expressing doubt that such a facility was provided for the staff by other such institutions.

Councillor Naugle said the committee felt such a garage was in the best interests of the institution, since it assisted the staff with their transportation problem. The cost of the garage amounted to about \$300, he advised.

Councillor Gates asked why the wage schedule was not attached to the report. Councillors Allen, Myers and Settle also felt the schedule should be supplied to the councillors.

Councillors Naugle and Myers, moved an amendment to the original motion asking that the report be tabled until the schedule be affixed. The amendment carried.

Council then began discussion of the financial statement, considering revenue and expenditure.

Councillors Dauphinee and Webber moved that council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

## TWELFTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 7, 1950

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

Councillors Isnor and Moser moved that council go into committee of the whole to continue study of the proposed by-laws. Carried.

Councillors Burris and Moser moved that Deputy Warden Cruikshank be chairman of the committee of the whole. Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee, Evans, Settle, Gates and Naugle were excused by the deputy warden so that they could attend the funeral of the late C. A. Fowler.

Councillors Ferguson and Moser moved that council reconvene. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Smith moved that council adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Carried.

## THIRTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, March 8, 1950

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read to council and were adopted as corrected on motion of Councillors Naugle and Hutchinson.

A letter from the Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children, asking for renewal of the \$200 grant and expressing gratitude for past assistance, was read to council and referred to the finance committee.

The report of the Chief County Constable was presented to council and a motion to adopt the report was made by Councillors Gates and Evans.

Councillor Gates said the chief constable should be placed under the supervision of a committee and that such a move would promote greater efficiency in regards to the chief constable's work.

Councillor Naugle thought more details should be provided in the report, on the cost of his activities.

Councillor Myers suggested the financial details should be included in the report of the collector, under whose direction the chief constable operated.

Councillor Gates also suggested a report from the collector. Consideration should be given to the county's policy in regards to the sale of property for taxes, he said.

Councillors Naugle and Hutchinson moved an amendment that the constable's report be tabled until the collector's report is brought in. Carried.

The report of Jail Committee was then presented.

Mr. Hattie advised council that any action taken in regards to the requests for wage increases and increased board allowances would have to be referred to the Joint Expenditure Board.

Councillor Evans asked how often the committee visited the jail and was advised by Councillor Myers that at least one member visited the jail every month.

Councillor Naugle asked if the turnkeys were fed from the regular jail supplies, saying this should be considered in granting any increase in the board allowance.

Councillor Myers said the jailer had to supply much of the food himself.

Councillors Myers and Lomas moved that the report be adopted.

Councillor Ferguson suggested the jailer be invited to supply council with the desired information.

Councillors Ferguson and Naugle moved an amendment to table the report until the jailer had been interviewed. Carried.

Jailer Mitchell was summoned and he advised council he had to purchase most of the supplies for the turnkeys, including all meat. He said he felt the requested raise in the board rate is justified.

Councillors Myers and Lomas moved: That the report of the Jail Committee be adopted and that the increases in salaries to turnkeys in the county jail and the increase in allowance to the jailor for board be referred to the Joint Expenditure Board with the recommendation of Council. Carried.

The council then continued study of the financial statement for 1949.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Smith, Council adjourned until 2: p.m.

### THIRTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 8, 1950

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

The report of Peter Stewart, secretary treasurer of the Halifax East Hants Veterinary Assistance Board was presented to council.

Councillor Naugle reminded council that \$714.20 had been paid for the veterinary service last year but that a part of the county did not benefit from the payment. There has been no service extended to the Eastern Shore, he said.

Mr. Stewart advised council it had been understood last year that Dr. Hendry would take over the service in that section of the county but that the board could not reach an agreement with Dr. Hendry.

Councillor Naugle suggested that the payment for the service should be based on a regional basis instead of a municipality basis since all those paying for the scheme did not receive benefits.

Councillors Ferguson, Webber and Evans also expressed the need for such a service in their districts. Councillor Evans inquired as to what the costs would be.

Mr. Stewart said it is not known whether the service will be extended to the rest of the county this year, or not.

Councillor Gates suggested it might be necessary to subsidize veterinary service for the outlying districts, since the health of animals constituted so important a factor in the farm economy of those sections.

Councillor Burris stated that council should keep in mind the fact that probably only 700 would be included in the estimates.

Councillor Redmond stated that if there is to be unity in the Municipality then the Eastern shore should also receive these services that they require.

Dr. MacMillan said he felt that the matter should not be dropped but that every effort should be made to get a veterinary for this area.

Councillors Ferguson and Burris moved that the report be received and filed. Carried.

The council continued consideration of the report of the Tenders and Public Property Committee, presented on the previous day.

Councillor Myers asked that additional information be given on the wage schedule for the county home in the previous year, so as to make a comparison with present rates.

This information was supplied by Mr. Hattie, county clerk.

Councillors Dauphinee and Chisholm moved that the report be adopted. Carried.

Council then began consideration of the proposed by-laws.

Councillor Naugle questioned the wisdom of referring reports from other committees to the Finance Committee, saying it would tend to overload that committee.

Councillor Settle felt the proposed plan is a good one, since the Finance Committee would be able to advise the other committees on financial matters in connection with their activities.

He said reports would go to the council first and when the decision on recommendations was made by the council, it would be referred to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Gates said this would be no improvement over the present system, but instead it is desirable that the matters of other committees be funnelled through the Finance Committee to the council.

Councillor Settle felt this would not be practical since the Finance Committee could not make any plans or take any action until the council had made a decision.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved: THAT the preliminary chapter on "Interpretation", and Chapter 1, "The Council" as set out in the draft revision of the by laws be adopted as corrected. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Lomas moved that council adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

#### FOURTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Thursday, March 9, 1950

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and on motion of Councillors Evans and Mosher were adopted as corrected and referred to committee on Licenses.

A petition from shopkeepers in District 10, asking for protection against door to door grocery vans, was read to council.

Councillors Dauphinee and Allen moved the following resolution: That since the Legislature approved the amendment to the Town Planning Act proposed by this Council at its sitting of 1949, that District No. 7 be exempt from the provisions

of Part 3 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 Dauphinee told council he agreed that town planning is a good thing for major sub-divisions but was very expensive when applied to small sales sub-divisions.

He said the provisions of the act, constituted a hardship to the people living in his district.

Councillor Dauphinee said he had introduced a similar resolution last year and that 16 other councillors had joined in asking exemption for their districts. The Minister of Municipal Affairs considered this a wholesale desertion of town planning and disallowed the resolution, he said. He felt this resolution, in its present form, would be a test case.

Councillor Myers felt the resolution would carry more weight if all councillors wanting exemption for their districts, applied at the same time.

Councillor Naugle did not feel there would be any advantage in making a test case, but that there should be careful study of the provisions of the act with a view to arriving at a solution satisfactory to all.

Councillor Mosher also felt it would be better if all districts seeking exemption applied at the same time, than in sending a single request to the minister. He felt the provisions of the act were a disadvantage in the rural areas.

Councillor Burris said he knew of cases where land is being sold but where no survey is being made. There is no sense in this legislation for the rural areas, he said.

Councillor Evans said it was understood at first that the legislation would not apply to strictly rural areas, and town planning had been adopted by the council with that understanding.

Councillor Burris felt the legislation could be adjusted so that it would be satisfactory to the entire county.

The letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs was then read by Mr. Hattie, at the request of Councillor Myers.

Councillor Settle suggested careful study of the planning regulations, saying it is not necessary to have a survey made by provincial surveyor but that the sub-division can be made by description. The survey is necessary only where the owner might want to borrow money with the property as security, he said.

Councillor Ferguson suggested that the resolution be tabled until the planning board's report is presented, but Councillor Dauphinee asked that the matter be finalized.

Councillor MacMillan said he did not agree with Councillor Settle, but felt that the council should support the idea of proper surveys. He felt all districts seeking exemption should present their requests as a group.

Councillor Allen also felt a joint petition would be more effective.

Councillor Burris suggested each district apply at the same time but by separate resolutions.

Councillor MacMillan suggested sending a strong committee to present the case to the government. Councillor Redmond also thought a committee would be more effective.



Councillor Ferguson felt the council's request might receive a better reception from the new minister, who is familiar with the problem.

The resolution was then put to the council and was defeated.

The council then continued study of the proposed by-laws.

Councillor Naugle commented on the proposed Finance Committee set-up saying it would probably mean the junior members of council would not serve on this committee for some time.

Councillor Rodgers felt this factor is not important so long as the best men were on the committee.

Councillor Naugle also suggested that other committees would not be able to operate when the Finance Committee is sitting, since their chairmen would be on the Finance Committee.

Councillor Settle did not feel there should be any fixed rule as to the other committees reporting to the Finance Committee since they would probably want to consult with the Finance Committee on many matters.

Councillor Rodgers felt it would be natural for the chairmen of the various committees to report the activities of their committees to the finance committee,

Councillor Burriss said the other committees should be responsible to council and not to the Finance Committee.

On motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Smith, council adjourned to 2 p.m.

#### FOURTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 9, 1950

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

Mr. E. L. Miller then addressed the council on behalf of the Halifax Visiting Dispensary, saying the organization has been serving a large number of people from the County in recent years and the expenditure has been greater than income.

He pointed out that 976 prescriptions had been supplied to County people in 1949 at an estimated cost of 50 cents each.

He suggested that the county make a substantial increase in its donation this year. The council made a grant of \$100 last year, he said.

Council then continued study and revision of the proposed by-laws.

Councillor Mosher felt the adjusting of closing hours for stores in the county should be left with the district.

Mr. Hattie suggested it is not intended that the council should regulate the hours but it might be well to have such a provision in the by-laws in case such action should ever be necessary.

On motion of Councillors Rodgers and Naugle, the provisions of Chapter II of the proposed by-laws were adopted.

Councillor Rodgers asked if the by-laws should include a provision for a report to council by the collector.

Mr. Hattie felt this is not necessary since council can call upon any of its officials for a report at any time.

The matter of appointing county constable was raised by Councillor Dauphinee, who asked if the council is required to appoint a constable for each district. The constable in his district has declined to serve for another year, he said.

Councillor Naugle said the councillor makes a recommendation to the council and the council makes the appointment. If the appointee refuses to take the oath of office he is liable to a fine, he said.

Councillor Mosher felt this provision is not desirable since it could be used by a councillor to punish another person.

He felt it should not be too difficult to obtain a constable since he would be entitled to 50 percent of all dog license fees collected.

Councillor Naugle felt the term "chief county constable" should be omitted from Chapter 3, section 10, paragraph 6. The present wording of the by-law might compel the county to maintain a chief constable regardless of its wishes on the matter, he said.

Councillor Ferguson stated that in his opinion the wording of the proposed By-law re the Chief County Constable should remain as is.

Councillors Dauphinee and MacMillan felt it did not commit the council to maintain the chief constable's office and their opinions were upheld by a ruling of the solicitor.

Councillor Rodgers felt the payment of sanitary inspectors should be based on the recommendations of the councillor, since he would be better aware of the district's ability to pay.

Councillor Settle said it would be difficult for the sanitary inspector to give a report to the clerk on all his activities.

Mr. Hattie said it is not intended that all his activities be reported to the clerk but that there should be some indication of his work when he applied to be paid.

Councillor Redmond felt the mention of a salary for the chief should not be included in the by-laws.

Councillor Burris felt this is not too important since council is not committed to retain this office.

Chapter 3 of the by-laws was passed on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and with the exception of paras. 11 and 12, which is being redrafted by the solicitor.

Councillors Dauphinee and Rodgers moved that chapters 4, 5, 6 and 7 be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Evans and Naugle moved that chapters 8 and 9 be adopted, Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Evans moved that council adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow morning. Carried.

## FIFTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Friday, March 10, 1950

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll Called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted as corrected on a motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Mosher.

Councillor Watson, of the Cumberland County Council, addressed the council briefly bringing the greetings of his council.

A letter was received from the Town of Dartmouth stating it had gone on record as expressing sympathy with the stand of the Halifax District Trades and Labour Council in connection with the Acadia Sugar refinery. The letter was referred to the Assessment committee.

A petition was received from a group of merchants in Woodside and Eastern Passage directed to the federal government, asking that the operation of a grocery store at Shearwater be discontinued. The store competes with them and can sell at lower prices, the petition said.

Councillor Myers said the store is government operated and sells to both servicemen and civilians. He did not think it fair that the government should use the money of taxpayers to undersell other stores.

Councillor Naugle also felt the store was unfair competition and said council should take immediate action to support the Woodside and Eastern Passage merchants.

On the suggestion of Mr. Hattie, council referred the letter to the solicitor with instructions to draft a resolution supporting the petition.

A letter was received from the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities inviting the Municipality of the County of Halifax to join the organization. This was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Harper, chairman of the Municipal School Board, was then invited to the platform and his report was read by Mr. Hattie.

Inspector Silver announced that the scholarships would be presented on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Councillor Ferguson asked if there is any change in the old school conveyance program, whereby a pupil must live  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles from a school to receive conveyance.

He said some change should be made in the regulations since now many children have to walk long distances to the school in all weather.

Councillor Burris also felt present regulations meant a long walk to school for many children and suggested a system might be worked out whereby children would be conveyed to school in the morning and those living inside the limit could walk back home in the evening.

Councillor Lomas asked if children living inside the limit could not obtain conveyance if the parents paid the school bus driver a sum of money.

Inspector Silver said the driver might take the children living inside the limit if there was still room in the bus.

Councillor Settle felt there should be some flexibility in the regulations so that provisions could be made for those physically incapable of walking to the school.

Councillor MacMillan said it had been possible to make provision for these pupils in his district, but he still felt  $2\frac{1}{4}$  miles is too far for children to walk.

He said the regulations should be revised, along with a number of other old regulations which do not fit modern needs.

The people of his district had been fortunate in securing a bus driver to drive the Section owned bus with whom the desired provisions had been made.

Councillor Redmond asked why conveyance is not provided in all districts, since the conveyance grant is a provincial grant.

Mr. Harper said it may be that the conveyance is not needed in all districts. Inspector Silver said the application for the grant must come from the trustees and then the municipal school board could investigate the need.

Councillor Ferguson said the present regulations are a hindrance to education since they favor some of the pupils, causing resentment. He felt the municipal school board should make all efforts to have the regulations revised.

Councillor Lomas felt the contracts should be wider in scope to take in the pupils living nearer the school. Councillor Evans agreed.

Councillor Settle asked if the Sheet Harbour bus received an additional grant besides the regular scale and was advised by Inspector Silver that it did not.

Councillor Smith said there is need for additional conveyance in his area, after the pupils leave the water ferry, for they have still over two miles to walk.

Inspector Silver said there has been no formal application for this additional conveyance and if application is made he felt it would receive consideration.

Councillor Settle asked if any districts contributed locally for conveyance and was advised by Inspector Silver that none did in this county.

Councillor Evans raised the question of setting up new school sections saying there is a move in his district for the setting up of separate sections at Partridge River, Preston and Porter's Lake. He asked if this could be done.

Inspector Silver said the board of school commissioners can create new school sections or enlarge existing ones.

Councillor Evans said this might be advisable in some sections but he did not feel it a wise move in these three sections. It would be much better to build up these sections and provide necessary conveyance, he said.

Inspector Silver said the matter would receive careful consideration before any move is made.

Councillor Dauphinee noted a higher maintenance allowance in the 1950 estimates, asking if this would mean a bigger allowance. It is impossible to properly maintain a school under the present allowance and something should be done about the matter, he said.

Councillor Evans said the same problem existed in his district and that the present allowance can not cover the cost despite strict economy.

Councillor Burris said the provincial government has indicated it will not increase the allowance and it would appear that additional money needed will have to be raised locally.

Councillor Dauphinee felt the council should give immediate consideration to the problem, and if the provincial government can not make an increase then the municipality should take the burden on its own shoulders.

Mr. Harper said the cost of maintenance has greatly increased in some areas and the only solution appeared to be assistance from the municipality.

Councillor Evans felt the council should work out some system of assistance since either the school or the payment on debentures would suffer if some change is not made.

Councillor Lomas doubted if the local ratepayers could afford any additional expense.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Webber, council adjourned to 2 p.m.

### FIFTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Friday, March 10, 1950

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

Mr. George Tingley then addressed the council on behalf of the Children's Hospital, reading a letter from Mr. Joseph Heatherington, chairman of the hospital's board of directors, asking for a capital grant of \$10,000 and an annual grant of \$5,000.

Mr. Tingley said the hospital was operating at a monthly loss of several thousands of dollars and greater support is necessary if the institution is to continue to function.

He reported that over 33 percent of patients at the hospital last year were from the county.

Colonel Sutherland also spoke to council briefly saying that treatment at the hospital is second to none in Canada and it is most important that the hospital continue to operate.

Councillor Allen asked if patients did not come from the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland and was told by Mr. Tingley that many children were sent to the hospital when local institutions were unable to cope with the difficulty.

The council then resumed discussion on the municipal school board's report.

Councillor Allen asked if the government grants could not be paid at regular intervals, and that it would simplify matters for the school section if the grants were available at the beginning of the half-terms.

Inspector Silver said the list of accounts must be submitted to the Board before the grants can be made and there has been difficulty in having the accounts submitted promptly. He felt the half-yearly payment system would be a good one and suggested the payments could be made in August if the reports were submitted in time.

Councillor Ferguson asked what the maintenance allowance is intended to cover.

Mr. Harper said it was intended to cover general operating expenses.

Inspector Silver said it could be thought of as covering ordinary replacements.

Councillor Evans said he was very glad to have an explanation as to what the allowance is to cover. It had been used to cover the cost of the census taking in the Preston school, he said.

He stated he did not feel that money for this purpose should be a charge against the Maintenance allowance for individual school sections. He was advised by Mr.

Hattie that this was a ruling of the Department of Education and was general all over the province.

Councillor Evans said he did not believe this practice was being carried out all over the province.

Councillor Redmond said he understood \$15 could be taken from the school maintenance allowance for payment of the secretary to the school trustees in a two room school, but that this did not cover the taking of the school census.

Councillor Evans said his school section had a very hard time to get a janitor, since there was no money to pay a man. He reported it had been necessary for residents of the section to clean up the school themselves.

Councillor Ferguson said there should be consideration given to the question of assistance to permissive and temporary Grade "C" teachers. In his opinion, the teacher is the most important person in the community since the future of the children rested in the teachers hands. It is very important to get the right teacher, and although the permissive and temporary teachers often do a good job it is not a desirable situation, he said.

He felt council should make all efforts possible to get the best possible teachers.

Councillor Chisholm said one of the chief reasons why young people do not enter the teaching profession is the fact that they work for 12 years before reaching the maximum salary. The young person feels there is a better opportunity in other professions, he said.

Mr. Harper said it took a teacher 21 years to reach the top salary bracket.

Mr. Harper suggested a resolution by council asking the provincial government to accelerate the rural high school program.

On resolution of Councillors Naugle and Smith the report was received and the requests for financial assistance were referred to the Finance Committee.

Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that council resolve into committee of the whole to consider the brief of the Municipal School Board to the Minister of Education. Carried.

Councillors Mosher and Naugle moved that Deputy Warden Cruikshanks be chairman of the committee of the whole. Carried.

Councillors Evans and Settle moved that council reconvene from Committee of the whole. Carried.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Evans and Dauphinee and carried by the council: "That whereas the school population in this county has increased enormously during the past few years. And whereas still further additional school facilities are urgently needed. And whereas the question of school accommodation will be completely changed when the rural high school program has been completed. Be it therefore resolved, that this municipal council go on record as heartily endorsing the present effort of the Municipal School Board to have the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia proceed with all possible haste in carrying out the construction of rural high schools so urgently required in Armdale, Westphal and Bedford.

Councillors Evans and Dauphinee moved that council adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow morning. Carried.

## SIXTEENTH DAY — MORNING

Saturday, March 11, 1950

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and were adopted as corrected on motion of Councillors Naugle and Hutchinson.

The reports of the building inspectors for Districts 7, 8, 9, Purcell's Cove 11, Harrietsfield-Spryfield 11, Herring Cove 11, 12, 27 and 28 were read to council and on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Redmond were adopted.

Councillor Mosher said the report for District 9 was not sufficiently clear but that it should have shown more details as to the prosecution of a returned soldier in the district.

There will be no report from that district during the next three years, he said.

He told council that 80 percent of the people in the district were against the establishment of the building district and the people are not satisfied.

Their dissatisfaction was the chief reason for his election to council and they expected him to express their feelings on the matter, he said.

Councillor Dauphinee said District 9 had been created a building district on decision of the council. He suggested a ruling by the solicitor on the matter.

Mr. Hattie said there appeared to be no legal machinery to provide for the dissolution of a building district.

The report of the municipal building board was presented.

A motion to receive the report was halted when Councillor Naugle pointed out there was not a quorum of councillors present.

Councillor Dauphinee said it is not fair for a number of the councillors to miss sessions while others attend.

Councillor Burris said some action should be taken since the council is unable to consider matters of importance while a number of councillors are absent.

Councillor Myers said it might be well to call off Saturday sessions, with the council setting for extra hours during the week.

Councillor Ferguson also felt some action should be taken to rectify the situation, and that those absent should be severely censured, although two Councillors absent should be excused.

Councillor Dauphinee said no member of the council should be excused from the sessions. They should have known their responsibilities when they ran for the office.

Councillor Myers also felt the councillors should have considered the loss of time to their businesses when they took the position.

The resolution to receive and file the report was passed on motion of Councillors Naugle and Smith, following the arrival of another councillor.

The presentation of the council's scholarships then took place.

Mr. Harper spoke briefly on the value of the scholarships in promoting better education in the county. He told council that most of those awarded scholarships last year are now teaching and are continuing their education.

The two candidates, Norman Deal of Elmsvale, and Morris Barss, Jr., of Armdale, were then nominated for scholarships by Inspector B. C. Silver and were presented to Deputy Warden Cruickshank by Mr. Harper. The deputy warden made the presentations.

Norman Deal expressed his gratitude to the council for the scholarship, saying the establishment of the scholarships scheme has proven a great encouragement to the young people of the county.

Morris Barss also expressed his gratitude to council and spoke briefly on the steady progress in education and services that has taken place in the Armdale area in the past few years.

Mrs. Ross, principal of the Armdale school, congratulated council on the choice of Morris Barss as the successful candidate for a scholarship.

Council then continued study of the financial statement.

Councillor Naugle asked for further information in regards the amount set aside for an industrial survey.

Mr. Hattie advised that the amount had never been used since the survey which was to be undertaken in co-operation with the research foundation, never materialized.

Councillor Naugle said the amount could be used for other purposes if found necessary.

Councillor Myers said the industrial committee did not hold a meeting.

Councillor Rodgers pointed out that Councillor Gates, who is chairman of the industrial committee, was largely responsible for the securing of a \$150,000 industry at Bedford.

Councillor Redmond asked more information as to the extent of the county's financial interest in the vocational school.

Mr. Hattie said a report on the matter would be presented within a few days. He told council the estimated cost to the county had been set at \$9,000 but since the school was still in preliminary stages the entire amount was not used, Mr. Hattie said.

He thought \$5,000, in conjunction with the amount left over from last year, would be sufficient to carry the county's share of cost for the new year.

Councillor Mosher thought the amount of 25 cents paid for people serving on a coronor's jury is not sufficient.

Councillor Smith also expressed dissatisfaction with the arrangement, saying he worked for two days recovering two bodies from a lake in his district and then carried them for a mile through the woods and was paid only 25 cents.

Councillor Myers asked who appoints the coroner and was advised that the appointment is made by the governor-in-council.

Councillor Myers felt some arrangement should be made whereby there would be more coroners in the county, to avoid unnecessary delays.

Councillors Ferguson and Evans moved that council adjourn until 11 a.m. Monday morning. Carried.



## SEVENTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Monday, March 13, 1950

Council met at 11 a.m. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and adopted as corrected on motion of Councillors Redmond and Isenor.

A petition was read to council from shopkeepers in District 10 asking for protection from the door-to-door grocery vans.

Councillor Chisholm read a letter from the Woodside Home and School Association asking council's consideration of a grant to the Victorian Order of Nurses. The letter was referred to the Finance Committee.

Councillors Mosher and Evans moved that the clerk be instructed to write Premier MacDonald expressing to him the sympathy of the council on the passing of his brother. Carried.

Councillor Dauphinee asked if there has been any petitions asking for a plebiscite in the county in regards to the licensing of taverns.

Mr. Hattie advised that there have been no petitions but that he had a call from an unknown person asking for information on the matter.

Councillor Dauphinee suggested that the matter be given consideration since a number of people in the county are very interested in the matter.

Councillor Mosher said the people of the county should be permitted to exercise their franchise on the matter. He felt the absence of taverns meant a loss of tourist trade to the county.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Ferguson council adjourned until 2 p.m. to go into committee work.

## SEVENTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Monday, March 13, 1950

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

The report of the building inspectors for Districts 14D and 14G were read and received and filed on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Evans.

The following resolution was presented to council and adopted on motion of Councillors Allen and Rodgers: That whereas the Bedford Section of District 27 is now recognized as a "building district." And whereas the greater portion of said District is serviced by Highways No. 1 and No. 2, and such dwellings and buildings as are now and any that may front such highways, should be erected and kept in repair in accordance with the "Building Act" of 1928, 1947 and any amendments thereto; Now be it resolved that District 27 as a whole be embodied under the said "Building Act" subject to the laws, by-laws and amendments thereof.

Councillor Allen explained that most of the residents wish it to be a building district since a number of poor buildings have been erected and the powers of the building inspector is not clear. He felt it would be for the general good of the district.

The report of the County Planning Board was then read by Councillor Gates and a motion to adopt the report and refer the recommendations to finance committee was made by Councillors Gates and Naugle.

Councillor Burris said it is a very comprehensive report and he has come to believe that town planning is a necessity in parts of the county, but it should not apply to all districts.

Councillor Gates said the board is in sympathy with the desire of some districts for exemption from the more severe provisions of the regulations but he also felt some districts should not be exempted.

The board is willing to seek exemption for the strictly rural areas but it would weaken their stand if those districts, who need town planning, also asked for exemption, he said.

Councillor Mosher felt planning is good for some areas but is useless in others although it might be desirable in the future.

Councillor Redmond also felt it would be inadvisable to do away with planning in some areas but it is not necessary in other areas even within 15 miles of Halifax.

Councillor Myers said no one should tell him what his district wants. He told council 95 percent of the residents in his district were against planning.

Councillor MacMillan asked why a provincial surveyor must be hired to draw sub-division plans, feeling it would be as good if a qualified man in the area were to conduct the actual survey work and then have the plans certified by a provincial surveyor.

Councillor Gates said the board would be satisfied with a provision of this type but it would not be acceptable to the registrar and the inspector of registries.

Councillor Burris felt there would be less opposition to planning if it were possible to have the survey work done more cheaply.

No district within 15 miles of the metropolitan area should be exempted from the act, he said.

He told council the government is anxious that there be control only in those areas where active building and subdividing is going on. There is no necessity for planning in some areas but it is badly needed in others, he said.

Councillor Naugle said the reports of the building inspectors indicated the amount of building going on in the county and felt there should be some control of this construction. If the building boom hit his district he would like to see it carried out under planning regulations, he said.

Councillor Myers said it appears some districts can be relieved of town planning regulations if requested.

Councillor Gates said the former petition for exemption had been turned down because some districts that needed planning sought exemptions. The council could stop the activities of the planning board by refusing to vote money for next year, he said. But, he added, if this course of action was taken the council would have to sit once a month to carry out the planning activities.

Councillor Lomas asked if a person could not borrow money on land covered by a warranty deed, where a survey had not been conducted.

Mr. Hattie advised that trust companies required a survey.

Councillor Webber asked if it could not be done by an American citizen who is a qualified man and a provincial land surveyor.

Mr. George Bates advised that the registrar of deeds will not file a plan unless it is signed by a provincial surveyor.

Councillor Evans said this resulted in a hardship to a man who wants to sell a small lot or to give a parcel of land to a member of his family. He felt the regulations should apply only to large sub-divisions.

Mr. Bates said it is all right to give the land to a relative without a survey but the county requires a definite description of the land, as a means of safeguarding the health and welfare of the community.

Councillor Ferguson said his district is not now ready for town planning and he felt exemption would be granted if application was made.

Councillor Mosher suggested that this would mean all districts could be exempted upon request.

Councillor Rodgers asked for a clarification of policy in regards to side roads. There is a road in his areas where a 66-foot right of way is provided but the provincial government has refused to take over the road, he said.

Councillor Gates then read a section from the brief presented by the board to the provincial government dealing with past progress. The board had been lead to believe that they would take over older roads, even the narrow ones on their individual merits, if the board did not approve a road with a right of way less than 66 feet, he said.

In February 1950 the highways department said the roads should be properly ditched and grades before they would be taken over and said they would take over the old roads on their merits if the board did not approve any sub-division until the road is built according to their specifications, Councillor Gates said.

Councillor Rodgers asked how the road he mentioned could be passed over to the department.

Councillor Gates advised that the department will first inspect the road to determine whether it is up to the set standard and if so would take over the road.

The department feels that the building of a proper road is the responsibility of the subdivider, he said.

Councillor Allen said this would mean there is no relief for those people living on narrow roads while the department and planning board argue over the matter.

Councillor Gates said he also feels the responsibility should rest with the subdivider on major sub-divisions because in the past many have been selling land simply by giving away a 66 foot strip of land without building a road.

The department will maintain roads but is not prepared to build them, he said.

The road should be the first thing considered in a sub-division so that people will not buy lots to find a road to them is impossible because of the grade and contour, Councillor Gates told council.

He said planning is not something that can be accepted when the construction of the area is an accomplished fact. Some areas now have slum conditions because they did not plan and this can happen in other districts, he said.

Councillor Allen again asked if any assistance can be obtained for those living on the narrow roads.

Councillor Gates said the only course would be to request help from the said department.

Councillor Rodgers said he had asked the department for some assistance in connection with one such road and had been offered ten loads of gravel, which would have to be hauled and spread by the people.

Councillor Lomas asked if the department would now take over deeds for roads which had formerly been refused.

Councillor Gates said there is no guarantee that the department would accept the deeds.

It is a peculiar stand by the department where they refuse to take over the older roads since it is their duty to care for roads used by the people, he said.

Councillor Gates said the board has suggested that the 66 foot limit is not ideal for all roads but the department would not agree.

Councillor Myers asked if the 66 foot limit would be necessary for very short dead-end roads.

Councillor Gates said the 66 foot limit is necessary only where the department is expected to take over the road.

Councillor Ferguson said he understood a road must run for  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile before the limit applied.

Councillor Gates said there are some roads in the province that are being cared for by the department unofficially. In some cases the roads run to a farmhouse and no further, he said.

These roads are cared for but are not taken over officially by the department, he told council.

Councillor Dauphinee commended the board and particularly the chairman for the report and suggested that the vote be taken on the motion. The motion carried.

The following motion was then made by councillors Mosher and Naugle: That the delegates attending the next convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities be instructed to introduce at that convention a resolution asking for an amendment to the Town Planning Act, so as to provide that the said Act will only apply to Municipalities or Sections of Municipalities where the council feels the act should apply."

Councillor Duaphinee said there is already an amendment to this effect on the statute books.

The amendment was read by the clerk.

Councillor Mosher said there is now a new Minister of Municipal Affairs and he would like to have the resoltuion go through.

Councillor Myers also felt the resolution should be adopted.

Mr. Hattie said the letter from the former minister indicated that council should decide which districts should be exempted.

Councillor Naugle said this resolution would mean the council would itself decide which districts should be exempt.

The council should go ahead as a body, Councillor Mosher said. If the provincial government continues to direct the action of the council he will move a motion next year calling for the abolition of the council putting all the work in the "laps" of the provincial government, he said.

Councillor Gates asked why the resolution is being sent to the union of municipalities since no other county wants exemptions.

Councillor Ferguson said he had confidence the new minister will give the matter careful consideration.

Councillor Gates said no minister would abolish planning in the majority of the districts. The large number of districts seeking exemption in the past has been the main reason for the former refusal, he said.

Councillor Myers said the districts did not have to be governed by the town planning regulations if they did not wish to.

Councillor Burris suggested the word "government" be inserted instead of "council" in the last clause of the resolution.

Councillor Gates and Dauphinee moved an amendment changing the word council to government.

This would mean the council is abiding by decisions made by the provincial government, Councillor Mosher said.

Councillor Gates felt that situation is a desirable one, saying the junior governments needed some direction.

Councillor Ferguson said the council is heading for the same situation as last year and moved that the whole question be carried over to tomorrow.

This amendment to the amendment was ruled out of order.

The amended motion was then voted upon and carried.

On motion of Councillors Redmond and Dauphinee council adjourned to 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

### EIGHTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Tuesday, March 14, 1950

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and adopted as corrected on motion of Councillors Evans and Turner.

Councillor Mosher asked that his resolution of yesterday be reconsidered because a number of councillors had not understood the meaning of the amendment.

Mr. Hattie advised that the notice of reconsideration was out of order since it must be moved immediately following the vote.

Mr. Murray said all councillors should understand the motion before the vote is taken, since it is rather difficult to have a motion reconsidered.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Ferguson and Turner: "That whereas in recent years the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia has attempted to restrict the weight of motor trucks and other carriers using the highways of the province; And whereas (apart from the closing of the highways at certain times to heavy traffic about which this resolution is not concerned) the method adopted by the present government has been to impose fines on the owners of motor vehicles alleged to be overweight; And whereas this council believes that the Government of Nova Scotia has adopted the wrong approach to the problem of highway maintenance in fining, or causing to be fined the principal commercial users of the highways for the following reasons, viz:

(a) the imposition of fines should be reserved to the cases of deliberate law-breakers into which class the overwhelming majority of the persons fined does not fall;

(b) the mode of regulation adopted by the provincial government prejudicially affects free enterprise in the province by discouraging the trucker who is endeavouring to carry a pay-load to market;

(c) the imposition of fines in such cases is at best a haphazard and fundamentally unfair system of regulation;

(d) the avowed purpose of the regulations respecting weight on the highways could be better achieved in a more desirable manner by insisting that truckers desirous of carrying a heavy load register their trucks, irrespective of size, for the maximum weight now permitted and by allowing all carriers to carry loads beyond the maximum weight if they so desire. Bridges and other weak points in the highways should be reinforced and improved to make this possible if such is not already the case;

(e) the present system of fining appears to carriers as a pretext for securing additional revenue rather than a protective or punitive measure because, as a general rule, the individuals fined are permitted to continue on their way over the highway sought to be protected;

(f) the present regulations are against the best interests of, and are opposed by the majority of the ratepayers of Halifax County;

Now therefore be it resolved that the council of the Municipality of Halifax County request and urge the Honourable Minister of Highways for the Province of Nova Scotia to take immediate and effective steps to repeal the present regulations governing the weight of motor vehicles on the highways of this province and in particular the enforcement provisions contained therein, and that he have enacted at the earliest opportunity regulations in this respect which are in accord with the wishes of the people and the principles of free enterprise and democracy."

Councillor Ferguson told council the question of load limits is a very important one to provincial truckers. It has been the practice of truckers to come to Halifax for a load of merchandise, without being informed as to the weight, and then were stopped on the road and ordered to court to pay a fine.

The trucker is not ordered to unload his truck, however, Councillor Ferguson said.

Some consideration should be given those truckers who find themselves with an excess load without their knowledge, he said.

Councillor Burris said he was in accord with the resolution. It is impossible for a heavy truck to operate over long distances to show a profit unless allowed a substantial load, he said. He suggested the council take immediate action on the matter.

Councillor Redmond also felt some change in the regulations, saying the man who owns a heavy truck is penalized under the present arrangement.

Councillor Naugle also agreed saying it is very difficult for a person to operate a trucking business profitable under present restrictions. Since the trucker is required to pay a license fee, the present regulations are unfair, he said.

Councillor Turner said the driver is unable to determine the weight of his load in many cases and does not intend to break the law.

Councillor Myers said the present regulations amount to "modern highway robbery."

Councillor Gates said the council appeared to be in sympathy with the resolution but felt the resolution as worded would not be accepted. The provincial government would never allow an unlimited weight load, he said.

The trucker could carry heavier loads by means of a tractor-trailer vehicle, he said.

He suggested that one truck travelling over a long distance can do thousands of dollars damage to the roads.

He felt the resolution should suggest a higher limit.

Councillor Burris said the department of Highways runs heavier equipment over the roads without apparent fear of damage.

Councillor Naugle said it would prove very costly to the trucker if he were required to buy a trailer. Gravel roads are improved by heavy loads, he said.

Councillor Gates suggested a committee be set up to discuss the problem with the Highways Minister followed by the drafting of a new resolution.

Councillor Ferguson said he could not understand why the trucks are permitted to proceed after they are found to be carrying an excess load.

Councillor Dauphinee felt the government should refund a part of the licence fee if the roads are closed for part of the year.

Councillor Gates said he could not support the resolution in its present form.

Councillor Naugle said the time has come to demand roads that can be used year-round. The present restrictions seriously interfere with business in the county, he said.

Councillor Lomas pointed out that overweight regulations are enforced by railways and felt there would be little chance of having a relaxation of highways regulations.

Councillor Evans thought the resolution feasible. The present cost of trucks make profitable operation impossible under restricted load regulations, he said.

Councillor Gates felt the trucks should be registered for the pay load, instead of gross load.

Councillor Rodgers asked if the mover and seconder of the resolution would agree to an amendment asking for net weight registration.

Councillor Ferguson said he would agree if it was felt some desired results would result.

Councillor Naugle suggested a committee be appointed to meet the Minister of Highways and to report to council on the meeting.

Councillor MacMillan agreed with Councillor Naugle. It is desirable to reach some reasonable agreement with the government, he said.

He expressed belief that some control of weights is necessary but felt the present scale of fines is unfair.

It would be useless to approve a resolution which would not find favor with the government, he said.

Councillor Chisholm also felt it would be useless to approve a resolution that would be unacceptable. He suggested a committee to meet the minister might give best results.

Mr. Hattie suggested the motion be withdrawn until after the committee reports to council on the meeting with the minister.

The mover and seconder agreed.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank appointed a committee consisting of Councillors Ferguson, Burris and Turner.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Smith and Gates and adopted by council: Whereas that portion of District No. 10 along the Prospect Road from the boundary line of District No. 12 to the boundaries of White's Lake is rapidly building up; And whereas at the present time there is no supervision of building or any building restrictions of any kind in District No. 10; Be it therefore resolved that, that part of District No. 10 from the boundaries of District No. 12 to the Northern boundary of White's Lake be declared by this council to be a building district under the Building Act of 1928 and subject to the by-laws and amendments thereto.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Smith and Naugle: That the department of Highways be requested to take over and maintain that section of old road at Terrance Bay from the school house to the residence of Herbert Little, a distance of one half mile. Carried.

The report of the Medical Health Officer at the Halifax County Hospital was presented to council and was received and filed on motion of Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee.

The report of the Visiting Committee of the Halifax County Hospital was read and was received and filed on motion of Councillors Mosher and Webber.

The report of the Committee on Insane was read and adopted on motion of Councillor Lomas and Webber.

The report of the Committee on Poor was read and was adopted on motion of Councillors Lomas and Smith.

The report of the Committee on Licenses was read.

Councillor Redmond said he could not see that the provisions of the new by-laws would control the operations of grocery vans, since a person owning an established business in another part of the county could operate a grocery van anywhere in the county without paying for a licence. If any of the peddlers are to be licensed, all should be, he said.

Councillors Gates suggested this provision could be dropped from the by-laws. Councillors Ferguson and Evans moved that the report be tabled until consideration of the by-laws is completed. Carried.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector for District No. 12 was read and was received with the recommendations referred to the Public Service Committee on motion of Councillors Gates and Lomas.

The report of the Sanitary Inspector for District No. 20 was read and was received and filed on motion of Councillors Ferguson and Evans.

Councillors Webber and Isenor moved that council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.



## EIGHTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 14, 1950

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

Councillor Allen asked why the council sessions were not starting on the hour scheduled, saying that too much time is being lost because council is late in beginning the sessions.

Councillor Burris said councillors who do not appear on time should be marked as late.

Councillor Gates told council the clerk is very busy during the off hours. If council wishes to begin promptly it would be necessary to obtain an assistant to the clerk for to make less demands on the clerk's time.

Councillor Allen said a lot of time is lost unnecessarily and this time could be profitably used in considering important matters.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank suggested council sit for extra hours to make up for time lost.

Councillor Allen moved that the days sessions be started promptly at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to proceed with the council's business.

Councillor Lomas said the motion was out of order since this provision is already included in the by-laws.

On the vote, ten councillors voted for the motion and seven against.

Council then turned to the study of the proposed by-laws.

Councillor Allen objected to the law restricting the use of fire works, saying children should be permitted to use fireworks under the supervision of a responsible adult.

Councillor Ferguson felt the restriction penalized the average young person for the conduct of a few.

The by-law was amended along the lines suggested by Councillor Allen.

Councillor Gates felt the location of saw mills should also be subject to the approval of the County Planning Board.

The location of a saw mill too near a residence district could prove very disturbing to the residents of that district, he said.

Councillor Myers said the people of the county would be prepared to stand a little noise to get more industries. Councillor Ferguson agreed.

A vote was taken to require consent of the planning board in locating the saw mills, with council deciding to make no change in the proposed by-law.

Hon. Henry D. Hicks, Minister of Education, was then introduced to council to speak on the question of financing the new Halifax County Vocational High School.

Mr. Hicks explained that the final estimate of cost of the new school was considerably higher than the original estimate.

The county had originally agreed to pay four percent of the yearly cost, making the county's share \$9,000 per year, he explained.

Now it is realized that this figure can not cover four percent of the total yearly cost, if the school is to develop and if all proposed services are to be provided, Mr. Hicks said.

He asked that council approve the drafting of a new agreement, whereby the county would pay four percent of the yearly cost without setting a limit on its share.

He said the county's share would amount to approximately \$8,200 for 1950, \$12,800 for 1951, \$14,300 for 1952, \$15,500 for 1953 and levelling off at about \$16,500 in 1960.

The main reason for the increase estimate is due to the higher operating cost, he said.

Councillor MacMillan asked for additional information in regards to the facilities and operation of the school.

Mr. E. K. Ford said the school aims at the equalization of educational opportunities for all children in the county. It is proposed to assist children from outer areas to attend the school, he said.

The school would be open for pupils who can profit from the courses offered, he said.

Mr. Larsen, principal of the school, said the activities of the school would be divided into three fields: Home economics, commercial and industrial.

The home economics classes would offer general training and then specialized training to promising pupils, he said.

The commercial course would offer a three year's course in general office training or a concentrated one year course for graduates of academic schools.

The industrial course would offer training in II crafts, he said.

He felt the school would be of great value in raising the standards of all trades in this area.

In answer to Councillor Chisholm, he advised there is not set age limit for pupils. Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved a vote of thanks to the three speakers. Carried.

Councillor Hutchinson and Naugle moved that council go into committee of the whole to discuss the matter. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Hutchinson moved that Councillor Gates be chairman of the committee of the whole. Carried.

Councillor Dauphinee and Mosher moved that council reconvene from committee of the whole. Carried.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Naugle and Gates and adopted by Council:

"That whereas this council did by resolution, passed on the 8th day of March, A.D. 1946, approve the principle of the erection and maintenance of a vocational high school; the capital costs and maintenance thereof to be borne on a proportionate basis between the Province of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

And Whereas the amount payable by the Municipality of the County of Halifax was set out in an agreement, which was confirmed by resolution on March 1, 1948, whereby the Municipality would be obliged to contribute 4% toward the annual

maintenance, interest and amortization upon the capital cost, amounting to a sum not exceeding \$225,000.00

And Whereas it now becomes apparent that the capital cost and the maintenance of the said vocational high school will exceed the amounts that were set out in the previous agreements.

And Whereas this council does still approve the principle of the municipality sharing in the annual maintenance, interest and amortization upon the capital cost of the vocational high school in the same proportion as set out in the previous agreements;

And Whereas this council is not desirous of limiting the educational programme to be carried out in the said vocational high school;

Therefore Be It Resolved that this municipality assent to the terms of the new agreement in furtherance of such project;

And Be It Further Resolved that the warden and clerk be and they are hereby authorized to execute the new agreement on behalf of the municipality of the County of Halifax, providing that the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia, City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth do also assent to the terms of the proposed new agreement with regards to the vocational high school and provided that the solicitor of the municipality of the County of Halifax is satisfied with the terminology of the said agreement in so far as it effects the municipality."

Council then turned to the study of the proposed by-laws.

Councillor Webber felt some change should be made in the section covering the placing of guide boards and marks over ice.

He felt the councillor should not be required to assume full responsibility in placing these guides, since the councillor might not always be available to approve the placing of the guides and a person might lose his life as a result.

Councillor Redmond said the law should be deleted.

Councillor MacMillan said the councillor in his district selected a qualified man to place the guides, but there must be someone to accept responsibility.

Councillor Webber said the ice conditions change so rapidly on some lakes and this law would mean no person could place new guides unless the councillor was available.

Councillor MacMillan said the councillor could appoint a man who knew the lake.

Councillor Gates suggested that the law be amended so that no person but one approved by the councillor could place or remove guides.

The old by-law was then read by the clerk.

Councillor Gates said the old law is better than the proposed change.

Councillor Redmond said the law could be amended to permit no person to place or remove guides unnecessarily.

Councillor Gates said this did not provide for the placing of the guides.

Councillor Dauphinee suggested the old law be retained.

The solicitor said he would draft a new law covering the points suggested.

Councillors Rodgers and MacMillan moved the adoption of chapter 10 of the proposed by laws except for the paragraph dealing with ice cutting and brushing. Carried.

Chapter II of the by laws was adopted on motion of Councillors Redmond and Webber.

Councillors Dauphinee and Isenor moved adoption Chapter 12 of the proposed by laws, excepting paragraph 22 "Order to demolish" which is to be redrafted.

Councillor Gates pointed out there is no provision for demolishing a building which constitutes a public hazard. The solicitor said he would prepare a by law to cover this situation. The motion carried.

Councillor Redmond objected to the law providing fines for owners of animals roaming at large. He said the people of his district did not want such a law.

Councillors Gates said the section is needed to control animals, particularly dogs, which might be a public menace.

The clerk said the local constable would probably not enforce this law if the people did not desire it.

Councillor Redmond said some people in the district might insist on enforcement regardless of the wishes of the majority.

The section on bounties should include some provision for a bounty on racoons. Councillor Burris said.

The clerk said a provincial amendment would be necessary for this.

Council adjourned to 10 a.m. tomorrow morning on motion of Councillors Gates and Dauphinee.

## NINETEENTH DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, March 15, 1950

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Turner were adopted as corrected.

The following resolution, moved by Councillors Myers and Chisholm, was adopted by council:

Whereas the Government of Canada has established and is operating at H.M.C.S. Shearwater, Eastern Passage, Halifax County, a grocery business serving naval and civilian personnel of the naval station;

And whereas the government of Canada should cease immediately to operate the said grocery business for the following reasons, viz:-

(1) The Government operated business is in direct and unfair competition with the business of local merchants;

(2) The prices charged by the Government operated business are much lower than it is possible for local merchants to charge;

(3) For the above reasons the local merchants are deprived of nearly all the business they would otherwise receive;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that this council strongly condemn the action of the Government of Canada in engaging in private business at H.M.C.S. Shearwater in direct and unfair competition with the small merchant;

And Be It Further Resolved that this council request that the Government of Canada cease forthwith to operate the grocery business now being operated at H.M.C.S. Shearwater.

Tenders for the construction of the new Halifax County Hospital were then opened by the Deputy Warden, who advised council that the following tenders were received: Kenny Construction Company Limited, Yarmouth - \$832,843; Harbour Construction Company Limited, Dartmouth - \$948,270.51; Brookfield Construction Company Limited, Halifax - \$887,000; Foundation Maritime Limited, Halifax \$779,475; MacDonald Construction Company Limited, Halifax - \$898,950; Standard Construction Company Limited, Halifax - \$909,964; M. A. Condon and Sons, Kentville - \$852,041.

The tenders were referred to the Tenders and Public Property Committee on resolution of Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee.

Ex-Councillor Roy Archibald then addressed council briefly.

Councillors Dauphinee and Isenor moved that council go into committee work until 2 p.m. Carried.

### NINETEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 15, 1950

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

Councillor Ferguson asked that the special committee appointed to meet the Minister of Highways be excused.

Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee moved that council adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow to go into committee work.

Councillor Mosher said he thought relatives of hospital patients should not be liable for the hospital bills.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked council to meet in night session. Council turned down the suggestion by a 10-7 vote.

Councillor Myers said council should be notified well in advance when a night session is planned.

The deputy warden then suggested a night session tomorrow and council agreed.

The motion to adjourn was voted upon and carried.

### TWENTIETH DAY—MORNING

Thursday, March 16, 1950

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll called.

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

The report of the Tenders and Public Property Committee was then read to council.

Councillor Naugle said the committee recommended the tender of the Kenney Construction Company be accepted. The company is reliable and will do a good job, he said.

Councillor Chisholm said his only objection is that the company is an outside firm.

The clerk advised that the terms of contract called for the employment of local men in so far as possible.

Councillor Settle said all councillors should be supplied with a copy of the report for study, before the vote is taken.

He was advised by the clerk that the report was not finalized in time to permit the making of additional copies.

Councillor Myers said he would like some additional information in regards to the selection of sub-contractors.

Councillor Redmond also felt this information should be supplied before the vote was taken.

Councillor Gates said the committee had obtained the advice of the architects in studying the tenders and the one recommended was accepted as the most satisfactory.

Both the federal and provincial governments have a financial interest in the hospital and this factor would provide an additional safeguard, Councillor Gates said.

The subsidy from the provincial and federal governments is based on the number of beds and the plans must be approved by them before the grant is available. Each will grant about \$300,000, so that the three bodies will be liable for about one-third of the total cost, he explained.

Councillor Naugle said the committee had given the firm submitting the lowest tender every opportunity to supply the additional information needed before the tender could be accepted, but the information had never been forthcoming.

Councillor MacMillan said both the federal and provincial governments were very strict concerning the specifications for the hospital. He felt there would be no advantage in postponing a decision on the matter since little additional information could be obtained.

Councillor Burris agreed, saying the committee had obtained expert advice and had made a thorough study of the whole matter.

Councillor Lomas asked when the actual construction would begin, and was advised by Councillor Naugle that the company could go ahead as soon as the contract is awarded.

Councillor Settle asked if the federal and provincial government also approved the selection of the tender.

Councillor Naugle said the responsibility for that rested with the council. Councillor MacMillan said the two governments would have to approve the building before the grants are made available.

Councillor Settle said this places greater responsibility on the council, since the building must be up to the set standard or the grants might be withheld.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee the report of the Tenders and Public Property Committee was adopted.

Councillor Gates suggested the appointment of a special Building Committee to check on the construction work.

Councillor Myers did not feel it is necessary since the architect is charged with this task and is better equipped to carry out this duty than members of the council.

Councillor MacMillan felt a strong committee would perform a valuable function, by assuring that no changes are made in the plans without the consent of the other governments.

Councillor Naugle said the Tenders and Public Property Committee could carry out this function. He said some representative of the council should be on hand to check on the work.

Councillor Turner favored a special committee.

Councillor Allen also felt a special committee should be appointed.

Councillor Rodgers moved: That a building committee to work along with the Tenders and Public Property Committee be appointed as follows—Councillors Gates, MacMillan and Dauphinee.

This committee to assist the Tenders and Public Property Committee in the general supervision of the construction of the new hospital, by visiting the job at least once a month, to consult with the Tenders and Public Property Committee, and to report separately to council."

Councillor Evans suggested that another person be named to replace Councillor Dauphinee since he is already a member of the Tenders and Public Property Committee.

Councillor Rodgers felt Councillor Dauphinee could act as a go-between for the two committees.

Councillor Hutchinson said the special committee should consist of men who could devote time to the work.

Councillor Burris felt there should be a representative of the council on hand at all times while the work was underway.

The clerk advised that the architect will have a representative on hand at all times, and it might only be necessary for the committee members to be on hand during the major jobs.

Councillor Evans again expressed belief that the special committee should be made up of men not on the Tenders and Public Property Committee.

Councillor Naugle said it might not be advisable to charge too many councillors with the responsibility since all might assume that the others are on the job.

Councillor Settle asked if this special committee might not be assuming some of the responsibility of the architect.

Councillor Gates said he felt a special committee charged with the work would prove more satisfactory.

He told council the Cole Harbour Hospital was constructed without copper flashing on the windows and doors resulting in destruction of the windows and doors from the action of the weather. Great cracks appeared in the concrete of the building and the balcony was inadequately reinforced so that the number of patients using it at one time had to be limited.

Councillor Evans asked what the architect had said when advised of these faults.

Councillor Dauphinee objected that this was an unfair question.

Councillor Gates agreed.

Councillor Evans said he felt the question a fair one.

Councillor Myers said the contractor would not want to do a poor job since it would reflect on his business reputation.

Councillor Naugle said the provisions for the flashing were not included in the specifications.

Councillor Gates said it was the responsibility of the committee to attend to that matter.

Councillor Ferguson said this was the first time he had heard of these faults in the hospital and that they should have been brought to the attention of council when first discovered.

Councillor MacMillan said the special committee should consist of men with some knowledge of building. The Tenders and Public Property Committee would still be in charge of the project, he said.

Councillor Rodgers said the special committee would be charged with inspection of the work and would make a separate report to council.

Councillor Smith also felt the committee should be made up of men with some knowledge of construction.

Councillor Rodgers again explained that the special committee is to act as an inspection committee only. The project is still to be in charge of the Tenders and Public Property Committee.

Councillor Settle moved an amendment that Councillor Myers replace Councillor Dauphinee on the building committee. Councillor Evans seconded the motion.

Councillor Gates favored having a member of the Tenders and Public Property Committee on the special committee as a liaison officer.

Councillor Redmond felt there should be some link between the committees. Councillor Settle felt this would not be a problem.

The amendment was adopted by a vote of 14 to 4.

Councillor Gates asked to be replaced and reconsidered his decision on request of Councillors Allen, Naugle, Redmond and Chisholm.

Councillor Rodgers said he could not move the original motion since he was opposed to the amendment. The resolution was moved by Councillors Evans and Lomas. It carried.

Ex-councillor Robert L. Fraser then addressed council briefly.

The following Notice of Motion was moved by Councillors Dauphinee and Redmond.

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 of County or District 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 thereof deems necessary for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for county court house, county jail, lockups, offices for municipal and other officials, poorhouses and asylums for the harmless insane;



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 the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax deems it necessary to borrow a sum not exceeding 350,000.00 dollars for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping a new building for a poorhouse and asylum for harmless insane and altering, equipping and furnishing an existing building for said purpose;

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 so 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 it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and to borrow such sum for the purpose aforesaid from The Royal Bank of Canada, the sum so borrowed to be repaid to said Bank from the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

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 not exceeding \$350,000.00.

Dollars 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 such an amount as the Council deems necessary to raise such sum;

THAT the issue of such debentures be postponed and that the said Municipality do under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 125A of The Municipal Act, and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal affairs, borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding \$350,000.00 Dollars from The Royal Bank of Canada;

THAT the said sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding 18 months with interest thereon to be paid said Bank at the rate of 4% per centum per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid the said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold;

The report of the special committee appointed to meet with the Minister of Highways was then presented to Council.

Councillor Ferguson told council the committee met the minister and discussed the question of truck load weight limits with him.

The minister would not accept any of the clauses of the resolution and said those truckers who carry excess loads are deliberate law breakers, he reported.

Councillor Ferguson suggested that council adopt the following resolution:

THAT WHEREAS in recent years the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia has attempted to restrict the weight of motor trucks and other carriers using the highways of the Province;

AND WHEREAS (apart from the closing of highways at certain times to heavy traffic about which this resolution is not concerned) the method adopted by the present Government has been to impose fines on the owners of motor vehicles alleged to be overweight;

AND WHEREAS this Council believes that the Government of Nova Scotia has adopted the wrong approach to the problem of highway maintenance in fining, or causing to be fined, the principal commercial users of the highways, for the following reasons, viz:;

- (a) the imposition of fines should be reserved to the cases of deliberate law-breakers into which class the overwhelming majority of the persons fined does not fall;
- (b) the mode of regulation adopted by the Provincial Government prejudicially affects free enterprise in the Province by discouraging the trucker who is endeavouring to carry a pay-load to market;
- (c) the imposition of fines in such cases is at best a haphazard and fundamentally unfair system of regulation;
- (d) the present system of fining appears to carriers as a pretext for securing additional revenue rather than a protective or punitive measure because, as a general rule, the individuals fined are permitted to continue on their way over the highway sought to be protected;
- (e) the present regulations are against the best interests of, and are opposed by the majority of the ratepayers of Halifax County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of Halifax County request and urge the Honourable Minister of Highways for the Province of Nova Scotia to take immediate and effective steps to repeal the present regulations governing the weight of motor vehicles on the highways of this Province, and, in particular, the enforcement provisions contained therein, and that he have enacted at the earliest opportunity regulations in this respect which are in accord with the wishes of the people and the principles of free enterprise and democracy.

Councillor Burris agreed that council should still press for changes in the regulations.

Councillor Settle said the people have much money invested in the highways and he did not feel council should encourage truckers to carry heavy loads to destroy these roads.

The resolution was adopted.

The report of the committee was adopted on motion of Councillors Ferguson and Turner.

Councillors Myers and Dauphinee moved that council adjourn to 2 p.m. Carried.

## TWENTIETH DAY—AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 16, 1950

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Dauphinee and Gates: Resolved that in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act this council request the Provincial Government to conduct a plebiscite in respect to the establishment of taverns in the Municipality.

Councillor Ferguson said he felt the council should not support this resolution.

Councillor Mosher felt the people of the county should be permitted to exercise their franchise on the matter.

Councillor Myers said the plebiscite would not cost the county any money and he felt the people should be permitted to make the decision themselves.

Councillor Gates said he is not personally in favor of taverns, but he felt the council should not make the decision without giving the people an opportunity to voice their opinions.

Councillor Dauphinee then called for a roll call vote.

The vote was recorded as follows:

FOR—Councillors Dauphinee, Mosher, Rodgers, Gates, Myers, Redmond, Lomas, and Chisholm.

AGAINST—Councillors Smith, Settle Naugle, Evans, Webber, Ferguson, Turner, Burris, Hutchinson, Cruikshank, Isenor and Allen.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The report of the Collector was then presented to council and on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Evans was received and filed.

Mr. Archibald said the collection of poll taxes is a big problem and that thousands of dollars are lost because the taxes are not collected until the fall of the year.

Councillor Gates suggested more serious consideration be given to the collection of hospital accounts. It would be necessary to modernize and enlarge the present set-up to do a proper job, he said.

Councillor Settle said the adopted financial committee report allows for earlier collection of poll taxes.

Mr. Archibald said the council should declare when they are to be collected

Councillor Gates said tax collection is one of the weak points of the county. He felt there should be further study of the tax sale problem to attempt to find a way to bring pressure on people with outstanding taxes.

Mr. Archibald explained that the county must have a clear indication as to the owner of the property to be sold and this is often very difficult.

Councillor Settle said it might be wise to work on those cases where ownership is not in doubt, making an example of those with delinquent taxes.

The report of the Chief County Constable was then considered by council. The constable told council it would be of great value if the warrants could be issued earlier.

Councillor Myers said the people of many fishing villages could not pay taxes early in the year, since this would be before they began fishing.

The constable said it would be possible to give the people an opportunity to pay their taxes even though the warrants were issued.

Councillor Smith agreed that it would be impossible for fishermen to pay taxes early in the year.

Councillor Ferguson suggested that the warrants might be issued in June since fishermen began their operations in May.

On the question of appointing a deputy chief constable, the chief said there are a lot of back taxes outstanding in the county and the local constables are unwilling to bring pressure to bear on their neighbors to collect these amounts.

He personally had to handle the difficult cases.

Councillor Rodgers asked if the deputy would be willing to work on a commission or if he would require a salary. He wondered if there is any assurance that the county would benefit by the additions of this office.

Councillor Burreis asked if both men would operate in the field and why the collectors office is unable to make these collections.

The chief constable said the deputy would be a good investment by increasing the amount of delinquent taxes collected. Both men would work in the field.

The constable is more successful than the collector in some cases since it is necessary to follow-up the cases, he said.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank observed that the constable had executed only 35 warrants last year and asked why this number was not larger.

The Chief Constable said he executed all the warrants he received.

Councillor Turner said the appointment of a deputy would make three men operating from the central office.

The chief constable said three men would be necessary, since one man would have to do the office work while the other two were in the field.

Councillor Dauphinee asked if there has ever been a general warrant executed in District 16, which has a high amount of outstanding taxes and a relatively small assessment.

He was advised that a school warrant has been executed there but not a county warrant. A warrant is being executed in this district at the present time, he reported.

Councillor Evans said the two school sections of the district have recently built a new school, which has cost a lot of money. The assessment is not small when it is realized that the district was not grouped when a general re-grouping of districts took place. Few school sections can boast of having their debentures paid up to day as has District 16, he said.

Councillor Naugle asked the yearly cost of the operation of the constable office saying that it should be possible to collect taxes at a reasonable rate and this should be considered in connection with the appointment of a deputy.

The clerk advised that the cost amounted to \$5,258.17 last year.

Councillor Gates pointed out that the constables office is responsible for other duties besides tax collection. He suggested the appointment of a deputy constable on a salary since the fees of any collections go to the local constable.

Councillor Mosher said the local constable has sworn to do his duty and if he refuses he should be relieved of his appointment.

Councillor Gates said it is difficult to find any person to accept the appointment, since no one can live on the amount he earns in this office.

Councillor Dauphinee said the local constable has to hold another job to earn a living and so does not want to make enemies in his neighborhood.

Councillor Redmond agreed that a deputy should be appointed.

Councillor Smith said the local man does not want to become an enemy of his neighbors.

Councillors Myers also felt a deputy should be appointed.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said the chief constable had executed only 35 warrants during the year and the collections cost the county 40 cents per dollar.

Councillor Gates said the constables office performs many different functions and that all should not be charged to tax collection.

Councillor Redmond agreed saying the council should work to make the work of the chief constable as easy as possible.

Councillor Gates said the chief constable's office should never have been taken out from under the direction of a committee.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that a special committee be appointed to administer the Chief Constable's office.

Councillor Naugle agreed that a special committee should be appointed.

Councillor Gates said the committee could co-ordinate the work of the constables office and the collector.

The chief constable said it is not fair to him or to the collector that the office should not come under the direction of a committee, where a number of persons could consider the different problems which arise.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

The deputy warden announced he would appoint the committee in the morning.

Councillor Ferguson said previous councils are to blame for the situation in regards to back taxes in the county and he hoped that the appointment of the committee would be a forward step.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that the report be referred to the Constable's Committee. Carried.

Councillors Lomas and Dauphinee moved that council adjourn to go into committee of the whole. Carried.

Councillors Isenor and Turner moved that the deputy warden be chairman of the committee of the whole. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Naugle moved that council reconvene from committee of the whole and adjourn until 7 p.m. Carried.

## TWENTIETH DAY—NIGHT

Thursday, March 16, 1950

Council met at 7 p.m. Roll called.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked council to meet in night session tomorrow night. Council agreed.

The report of the Committee on Jury Lists was presented to council. Councillors Settle and Turner moved the adoption of the report. Carried.

Councillor Myers asked if the jury lists are prepared personally by the committee members.

The clerk advised the lists were taken from the assessment rolls, under the provisions of the legislation. He also explained the method of selecting the juries.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors MacMillan and Allen: That whereas the fees allowed coroners, jurymen and medical practitioners under Chapter 39 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia 1923 "Of Coroners" are hopelessly inadequate under present day conditions — Be it resolved that the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities be requested to urge upon the Government of the Province the necessity of revising such fees as early as possible. Carried.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Ferguson and Webber: That whereas certain matters pertaining to the payment of presiding and deputy presiding officers, poll clerks and polling places are deemed inadequate and have not been reviewed for some years and as the whole election machinery from revision of lists to the actual voting needs revision. Therefore be it resolved that a special committee of three members of council be named by the warden to investigate this matter and to report with recommendation if found desirable to this council at the next meeting of the council.

Councillor Ferguson told council the fee for presiding officers has been set at \$5 when there is not election or \$7 when an election is held. He felt the payment is inadequate.

The clerk suggested a review of the whole election machinery.

Councillor Mosher said the revising officers in many cases appeared to do their work by the easiest possible means.

Councillor Redmond said there are people who own property in several districts and have been getting several votes.

The clerk said the revising officers are supposed to meet for a comparison of lists to catch such mistakes.

Councillor Allen also felt review of the whole election set-up is necessary. The motion was voted upon and carried.

The deputy warden appointed Councillors Ferguson, Webber and Allen as a committee to conduct the study.

The following notice of motion was given by Councillors Gates and Naugle: That at tomorrow's session the public service committee will recommend borrowing resolutions for the following — \$59,000 for sewers at North Woodside, \$98,000 for water at North Woodside.

Councillors Settle and Evans gave the following notice of motion: That a borrowing resolution to an amount of \$24,000 for fire pumpers for District 14 will be introduced at tomorrow's session.

The report of the representatives on the Court House Commission was then presented.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved the adoption of the report. Carried.

The deputy warden suggested that Councillor Allen act as chairman of the special committee appointed to study the county election machinery. The other members of the committee agreed.

The report of the Assessment Committee was read to council.

On the widow's exemption, Councillor Dauphinee said the county should seek special legislation since the other municipalities are now basing their assessment on the same basis used in the new assessment of Halifax County.

Councillor Ferguson expressed disappointment with the report since he hoped something more definite would be included on this question. It would take years

for the other municipalities to reach the standard set by the new assessment in this county and the council should not wait for this development, he said.

Councillor Chisholm said other municipalities are not worried about this problem since their assessments are on the old basis.

Councillor Redmond said if council waits for other municipalities to reach the standard of Halifax County it would mean the poor widows would be penalized for twenty years. He called for immediate action.

Councillor Naugle said a councillor could grant exemption to a widow if he believed she could not pay taxes.

Councillor Gates said some scheme must be worked out to alleviate this difficulty and he had hoped the provincial government would offer some solution to the problem.

Councillor Settle said the matter should be referred back to the committee for further action.

Councillor MacMillan said the present situation is not a very bad one, since the councillor could adjust the exemption in relation to the widow's ability to pay.

Councillor Redmond asked if any change could be made in fixed assessment and was advised that no time could be made until the time limit had lapsed.

Councillor Burris recommended that the committee continue its efforts to have the desired changes in legislation made. It would be useless to take the matter to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, he said.

Councillor Gates asked for further information in regards to the councillors ability to grant exemption.

The clerk advised that a widow is entitled to an exemption of \$400 but the act provides that the council can exempt a person who is unable to pay taxes.

The widow must take an oath as to the inability to pay taxes in some places e.g. Dartmouth.

Councillor Gates said the council could continue to press for the desired changes in legislation but in the meantime could offer relief through this provision.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that the report be adopted with the exception of the clause in regards to widow's exemptions and that this be referred back to the committee for further negotiation with the Minister of Municipal Affairs Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Chisholm moved that council adjourn to 10 a.m. tomorrow morning. Carried.

## TWENTY-FIRST DAY—MORNING

Friday, March 17, 1950

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's morning and afternoon sessions were read and adopted as corrected, on motion of Councillors Turner and Evans.

The deputy warden announced that the Constable's Committee would consist of Warden Dowell and Councillors Webber and Mosher.

Councillor Dauphinee said another councillor should be named to the committee since the warden is automatically a member of all committees.

The deputy warden said he would consult the solicitor on the matter.

Council then continued consideration of the proposed by-laws.

Councillors Dauphinee and Webber moved the adoption of Chapter 14 of the proposed by-laws. Carried.

Councillor Webber said some provision should be made to halt destruction of cranberry vines, caused when people begin picking the berries too early.

The clerk advised that the Cranberry Committee is empowered to decide when the berries may be picked and that there is a standing regulation prohibiting the picking of cranberries between August 1 and September 15. The penalty for violation of this provision is fixed by the magistrate.

Councillor Chisholm said councillors should advise the committee as to the proper time for picking in their districts.

Chapter 15 of the proposed by-laws was adopted on motion of Councillors Rodgers and Evans.

Councillor Rodgers asked if a company would require a licence to deliver merchandise in the county and was advised by the clerk that this would not be required since the trucker is not making door-to-door sales.

Councillor Dauphinee felt there should be some protection against automatic vending machines, which reduce the business of county merchants.

Councillor Gates said they should be licensed with the fee set at \$100.00

Councillor Naugle said this would be too high a fee and suggested \$50.00

A vote on the matter was called by the deputy warden, and council decided that the fee should be \$100.00

Councillor Allen felt there should be some provision for licencing pin ball machines and juke boxes.

Councillor Gates suggested that a clause be inserted in the by-laws setting the licence fee at \$50 for these machines.

Councillor Turner said this would be too high a fee.

Councillor MacMillan agreed, saying it would be too high for those people operating machines in small communities.

Councillor Gates said the licence fee would be paid by the owner of the machine, and in most cases the machines are not owned by the person in whose establishment they are located.

Councillor MacMillan said he knew one merchant who owned the machine in his store.

Council voted to impose a licence fee of \$25 for operation of these machines.

Councillors Dauphinee and Isenor moved the adoption of Chapters 16 and 17 of the proposed by-laws.

Councillor Gates said the licence fee for dance halls is too high, as set down in the proposed by-laws.



Councillor Allen said bowling alleys should be licenced.

Councillor Myers said billiard salons are not showing much profit in the county today and felt imposition of a licence fee would drive those people operating the salons from business.

Councillor Ferguson said heavy licences would deprive people of amusement.

Councillor Gates said it desirable to have some controlling regulations over amusement establishments. Most of them make sufficient profit to afford a licence fee, he said.

Councillor Myers said licencing would force some establishments to close and would drive this trade out of the county.

Councillor Chisholm suggested \$10 and council accepted this suggestion by a vote.

Councillor Myers asked to be recorded as opposing the \$10 licence fee.

The motion to adopt chapters 16 and 17 were voted upon and carried.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said the solicitor advised appointment of another man to the Constable's Committee and named Councillor Rodgers.

Councillors Rodgers and Evans moved that council adjourn to 2 p.m. Carried.

## TWENTY-FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON

Friday, March 17, 1950.

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's night session was read and adopted as corrected on motion of Councillors Isenor and Evans.

Councillor Myers asked how the woodside project had been financed if the money is not borrowed until the job is completed.

The clerk advised that it was customary to finance such projects through a temporary borrowing in order to determine the final cost to be covered by bond issue.

Councillor Myers asked if the amount borrowed covered the total cost of the project and was advised that it did.

Councillor Chisholm said the people of Woodside are not too satisfied with the water system, since they had to go without water three times during the past winter.

Councillor Gates advised that the water system is a new one and in the settling process one of the pipes broke.

Councillor Naugle said there should be an investigation of the matter for the system should not develop troubles so soon after construction.

Councillor Myers said heavy rocks were piled on the pipes and the resulting strain cause the break in the pipes.

Councillor Gates asked why the Public Services Committee was not advised of this situation and Councillor Myers said he did advise the committee.

Councillor Mosher referred to his list of district officers and said he should not be obliged to appoint a man to inspect the roads for snow clearance.

Councillor Gates advised him not to appoint anyone for this office.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Webber and MacMillan: Whereas No. 7 Highway (Eastern Shore Highway) is now under construction: And whereas large portions of the said highway have in past years been permitted to remain in a very dusty condition during the summer months. Therefore be it resolved that the Department of Highways be requested to provide adequate dust layer to ensure that the dust nuisance on Highway No. 7 is abated and if possible removed during the whole of the summer months.

Councillor Webber said the highway was in a very bad condition last summer causing the people living along the road much annoyance.

Councillor Lomas said he did not think the resolution should be passed since the road is under construction at the present time and little can be done to relieve the dust.

Councillor Webber said it would be worse this year than last and the people wanted some relief.

Councillor MacMillan said only a small portion of the road is under construction and dust layer could be used on the rest.

Councillor Ferguson said it is time something was done to relieve the situation since it is the cause of much annoyance to the people living along the road.

Councillor Lomas said the council should not harass the provincial government over a matter that can not be helped. Several carloads of dust layer were sent to the Eastern Shore for use on the roads, he said.

Councillor Webber said some of the roads in his district were not treated during the entire summer.

Councillor Lomas said the request should have gone directly to the highways department.

Councillor Webber said he felt the request should come through council. The motion carried.

Reports from the district boards of health for districts 7,9,10,11,12,13,15,16,17,18,19,20,22,23,24,25,26,27,28 were read to council.

On motion of Councillors Redmond and Turner the reports were adopted.

Councillor Myers asked what constitutes an epidemic and under what conditions a school would be closed.

Councillor Dauphinee said he could not sign the list of district officers since his recommendations had been altered in respect to assessors. He could not recommend a constable.

Councillor Mosher did not appoint a building inspector although his is a building district, Councillor Dauphinee said.

Councillor Naugle said council decided not to appoint local assessors by adopting the report of the Assessment committee.

Councillor Myers said he understood that the director of assessment said he would work with the local assessors for another year.

Councillor Naugle said the assessor was referring only to contact men.

Councillor Evans asked if the councillor is allowed to appoint the contact man. He had named a man for his district but the name was deleted.

The councillor should recommend the contact man since he knows better than anyone else who is sufficiently familiar with the district, Councillor Evans told council.

Councillor Myers said the men who acted as assessors in the past should be the contact men.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank ruled that the discussion was out of order.

Councillor Dauphinee said he was seeking information.

Councillor Gates said the council would have to appoint the district officers if Councillor Dauphinee did not make recommendations.

Councillor Myers said he is elected to represent his district and intends to express his opinions if other members of council are permitted to speak.

Councillor Evans said the council is going too far in taking appointment of district officers out of the hands of the councillor. He asked who had authority to remove the names from the list of recommendations.

The clerk advised that they had been removed in the office.

Councillor Rodgers suggested that the lists be taken individually.

Councillors Rodgers and Turner moved that the district and municipal officers for districts 8,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27, 28 be appointed. Carried.

Councillor Mosher said he would not recommend a building inspector for his district. The people of the district do not want it a building district and are prepared to sign a petition to this effect.

Councillors Gates and Naugle Moved: That district and municipal officers as appointed at last year's annual session of council for District No. 7 and District No. 18 with the exception of assessors and That Mr. Robie Boutilier be appointed building inspector for District No. 9 and that the remaining officers as recommended by Councillor Mosher for this year be appointed.

Councillor Mosher said he would not vote money for the building inspector's office.

Councillor Gates said the council would then have to order the payment of the building inspector from the district funds.

Councillor Myers said it is undemocratic if a council can decide how district funds are to be allocated.

Councillor Mosher said the building inspector will refuse to act.

Councillor Gates said the council could force him to accept the responsibility

It is unfair, he said for Councillor Mosher to upset the workings of the council.

Councillor Mosher said he was elected to represent his district and intends to carry out the wishes of the people.

Councillor Dauphinee then asked Councillor Gates to change his motion. Councillor Gates agreed.

Councillor Gates and Naugle then moved the following resolution: That the district and municipal officers as recommended by the councillors of District No. 7 and No. 18 be appointed with the exception of the local assessors. Carried.

Councillor Mosher asked what steps are open to him to have the building district dissolved saying he was prepared to take court action if necessary.

Councillors Gates and Naugle moved: That the municipal and district officers for District 9 as recommended by the councillor be appointed for this year and further that Mr. Robie Boutilier, the building inspector of last year, be reappointed to this district.

Councillor Ferguson said he had expected better conduct from the council and he asked Councillor Mosher to recommend a building inspector.

Councillor Mosher said there should be an investigation to "find out what is wrong in the municipality".

Councillor Naugle said the councillors had taken an oath of office to obey the law and the council must carry out its business as expected by the people.

Councillor Mosher said he intended to express the views of the people in his district and would not recommend a building inspector.

Councillor Myers said Councillor Mosher knew the needs of his district better than anyone else and should not be told what his district needs.

The motion was then voted upon and carried.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Naugle and Webber: That the warden and clerk be authorized to call for tenders for the reporting and printing of the proceedings of council for the next session. Tenders to be opened opening day. Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Turner moved: That the Board of Revision and Appeal do not act as a Board of Revisions this year. Carried.

Councillors Turner and Isenor moved: That there will be no half-yearly meeting of council this year. Carried.

The following committees were appointed by the Deputy Warden:

**COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH** — Councillors MacMillan, Hutchinson, Rodgers, Turner and Isenor.

**HOSPITAL ACT** — Councillors MacMillan, Burris, Settle, Allen and Mosher.

**VETERINARY SERVICES** — Councillors Settle, Burris, Hutchinson, Cruikshank, Isenor and Allen.

**TOWN PLANNING ACT** — Appointments by the Warden were/Councillors Gates, Dauphinee and Chisholm.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that R. F. Tolson, Bedford, R. S. Allen, Head St. Margaret's Bay and Hector Montgomery, Purcell's Cove be the three citizen members of the board. Councillors Gates and Chisholm moved that nominations cease. Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that the clerk deposit a ballot for the three citizen members named. The clerk deposited the ballot. The deputy warden named them as members of the Board.

**PUBLIC SERVICES** — Councillors Gates, Naugle, Dauphinee, Chisholm, Myers, Settle and Cruikshank.

Councillor Myers said Councillor Allen should be on the Public Services Committee since his district is within the metropolitan area.

Councillor Allen said he had no desire to act.

Councillor Dauphinee said there should be representation from the outer districts.

**BOARD OF APPEAL** — nominated from the floor.

Councillors MacMillan nominated Boyd Prest to represent Halifax East; Councillors Gates and Naugle nominated Major T. C. Stevens to represent Halifax West; Councillors Burris and Ferguson nominated Roy Hutchinson to represent Halifax Centre.

Councillors Burris and Webber moved that nominations cease. Councillors Naugle and Ferguson moved that the clerk deposit a ballot for the three men. The clerk deposited the ballot. The deputy warden declared them elected to the Board of Appeal.

**MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD** — nominated from the floor.

Councillors Webber and Hutchinson nominated Councillors Naugle for Halifax East; Councillors Ferguson and Turner nominated Councillor Burris for Halifax Centre; Councillors Naugle and Chisholm nominated Warden Dowell for Halifax West and Councillors Myers and Lomas nominated Councillor Allen for Halifax West.

Councillors Redmond and Chisholm moved that nominations cease.

The deputy warden then declared there would be an election for the representative for Halifax West.

Councillors Dauphinee and Rodgers were named as scrutineers.

The votes were counted and the deputy warden announced 11 votes for Councillor Allen and 9 votes for Warden Dowell. He declared Councillors Naugle, Burris and Allen would be members of the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Mosher requested permission to speak and it was granted by the deputy warden.

Councillor Mosher asked if the appointed building inspector would be taken to court if he refused to act.

Councillor Gates said he could be prosecuted, and another appointed by the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Mosher asked who would issue permits if the inspector refused to act.

Councillor Gates said it would be illegal to construct any building in the district if there is no building inspector because there would be no one to issue permits.

Councillor Myers asked if there is no way to dissolve a building district.

The deputy warden ruled him out of order.

Councillor Myers said he is entitled to speak if others are allowed to express their opinions.

Councillor Mosher said he was elected to council for the main purpose of fighting against the building regulations.

Councillors Rodgers and Webber moved that council adjourn to 7 p.m.

The clerk advised that the building district could be dissolved only through amendments to provincial legislation.

The motion to adjourn was voted upon and carried.

## TWENTY-FIRST DAY — NIGHT

Friday, March 17, 1950

Council met at 7 p.m. Roll called.

The deputy warden announced the appointment of Warden Dowell and Councillor Burris as the council's representatives on the committee to study the educational rate.

Councillor Gates said there should be some joint agreement between this committee and the Arbitration Board with a view to arriving at a proper medium for joint expenditures and school rates.

### District 14 Temporary Borrowing for Fire Protection (\$24,000.00)

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Dauphinee and Gates and adopted by council:

"WHEREAS by Section 6 of Chapter 6 of the Acts of the 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 of County or District 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 thereof deems necessary for the purpose of equipping a fire department for the whole or any portion of the municipality or acquiring or purchasing apparatus, machinery and implements for use in extinguishing fires in the municipality or any part thereof 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 the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax deems it necessary to borrow a sum not exceeding Twenty-four Thousand Dollars for the purpose of equipping a fire Department for Municipal District No. 14 of the said Municipality and acquiring, purchasing or improving land or buildings for such equipment;

"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 so 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 it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and to borrow such sum for the purpose aforesaid from the Royal Bank of Canada, the sum so borrowed to be repaid to said Bank from the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

"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 not exceeding Twenty-four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) 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 such an amount as the Council deems necessary to raise such sum;

"THAT the issue of such debentures be postponed and that the said Municipality do under and by virtue of the provisions of Section 125A of The Municipal Act, and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding Twenty-four Thousand Dollars (\$24,000) from the Royal Bank of Canada.

"THAT the said sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding 12 months with interest thereon to be paid said Bank at the rate of 4 per centum per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid the said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold.

Councillor Gates said the four percent interest was too high and it should have been about 3½. percent.

#### **County Hospital Temporary Borrowing (\$350,000.00)**

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Dauphinee and Redmond: and adopted by the Council.

"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 of County or District 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 thereof deems necessary for the purpose of erecting, acquiring, purchasing, altering, adding to, improving, furnishing or equipping buildings for county court house, county jail, lockups, offices for municipal and other officials, poorhouses and asylums for the harmless insane;

"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 the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax deems it necessary to borrow a sum not exceeding \$350,000.00 dollars for the purpose of erecting, furnishing and equipping a new building for a poorhouse and asylum for harmless insane and altering, equipping and furnishing an existing building for said purpose;

"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 so 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 it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of such debentures and to borrow such sum for the purpose aforesaid from The Royal Bank of Canada, the sum so borrowed to be repaid to said Bank from the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

"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 not exceeding \$350,000.00 Dollars 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 such an amount as the Council deems necessary to raise such sum;

"THAT the issue of such debentures be postponed and that the said Municipality do under and by virtue of the provisions of Sections 125A of The Municipal Act, and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow a sum or sums of money not exceeding \$350,000.00 Dollars from The Royal Bank of Canada;

"THAT the said sum or sums be borrowed from said Bank for a period not exceeding 18 months with interest thereon to be paid said Bank at the rate of 4% per centum per annum and that the amount so borrowed be repaid the said Bank from the proceeds of the said debentures when sold."

#### **Woodside Water System Borrowing (\$98,000.00)**

Councillors Gates and Naugle moved the following resolution which was adopted by council:

"WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Six Thousand Dollars (\$106,000) for the purpose of installing a water system in the North Woodside area of Polling District No. 28 and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

"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 it is deemed necessary by the said Council to borrow the sum of Ninety-eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000) for the purpose aforesaid by the issue and sale of debentures

"AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to the amount of Ninety-eight Thousand Dollars (\$98,000) as hereinafter mentioned will be necessary to raise the sum required

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that ninety-eight debentures of the said Municipality for One Thousand Dollars each be accordingly issued and sold

"THAT the said debentures be numbered consecutively 50-B-1 to 50-B-98, both inclusive, be dated the first day of May, A. D. 1950 and be payable as follows:

Debenture Numbers 50-B-1 and 50-B-2 in one year from the date thereof  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-3 and 50-B-4 in two years from the date thereof  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-5 and 50-B-6 in three years from the date thereof  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-7 and 50-B-8 in four years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-9 and 50-B-10 in five years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-11 and 50-B-12 in six years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-13 and 50-B-14 in seven years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-15 and 50-B-16 in eight years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-17 and 50-B-18 in nine years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-19 and 50-B-20 in ten years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-21 and 50-B-22 in eleven years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-23 and 50-B-24 in twelve years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-25 to 50-B-27 in thirteen years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-B-28 to 50-B-30 in fourteen years from the date thereof;



Debenture Numbers 50-B-31 to 50-B-33 in fifteen years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-34 to 50-B-36 in sixteen years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-37 to 50-B-39 in seventeen years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-40 to 50-B-42 in eighteen years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-43 to 50-B-45 in nineteen years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-46 to 50-B-48 in twenty years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-49 and 50-B-50 in twenty-one years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-51 and 50-B-52 in twenty-two years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-53 and 50-B-54 in twenty-three years from the date thereof;

Debenture Numbers 50-B-55 and 50-B-56 in twenty-four years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-57 and 50-B-58 in twenty-five years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-59 and 50-B-60 in twenty-six years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-61 and 50-B-62 in twenty-seven years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-63 and 50-B-64 in twenty-eight years from the date thereof;

Debenture Numbers 50-B-65 and 50-B-66 in twenty-nine years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-67 and 50-B-68 in thirty years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-69 to 50-B-71 in thirty-one years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-72 to 50-B-74 in thirty-two years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-75 to 50-B-77 in thirty-three years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-78 to 50-B-80 in thirty-four years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-81 to 50-B-83 in thirty-five years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-84 to 50-B-86 in thirty-six years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-87 to 50-B-89 in thirty-seven years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-90 to 50-B-92 in thirty-eight years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-93 to 50-B-95 in thirty-nine years from the date thereof;  
 Debenture Numbers 50-B-96 to 50-B-98 in forty years from the date thereof;

"THAT the said debentures be payable at the Spring Garden Road Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada in Halifax or at the principal office of the Royal Bank of Canada in Montreal or Toronto, at the option of the holder;

"THAT the said debentures bear interest payable half-yearly at the said offices as follows:

Debenture Numbers 50-B-1 to 50-B-20, both inclusive, and 50-B-49 to 50-B-98, both inclusive, at the rate of three per centum per annum;

Debenture Numbers 50-B-21 to 50-B-33, both inclusive, at the rate of three and one-quarter per centum per annum;

Debenture Numbers 50-B-34 to 50-B-48, both inclusive, at the rate of three and one-half per centum per annum.;

"THAT the warden of the said Municipality do sign and the Municipal Clerk 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.

The clerk explained that the County Home resolution was for a temporary borrowing, while the water & sewer borrowing was for sale of debentures.

Councillor Gates said the project is to be financed on a 40 year basis, with the debentures for the first 20 years sold on open market and the rest absorbed through the provincial revolving loan fund. It would be an easier load for the people to carry.

#### **Woodside Sewer Borrowing (\$59,000.00)**

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Gates and Naugle and adopted by council:

"WHEREAS the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax is authorized by law to borrow or raise by way of loan by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality a sum not exceeding Sixty-four Thousand Dollars (\$64,000) for the purpose of installing a sewer system in the North Woodside area of Polling District No. 28 and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

"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 it is deemed necessary by the said Council to borrow the sum of Fifty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$59,000) for the purpose aforesaid by the issue and sale of debentures;

"AND WHEREAS the said Council deems that the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to the amount of Fifty-nine Thousand Dollars (\$59,000) as hereinafter mentioned will be necessary to raise the sum required;

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that fifty-four debentures of the said Municipality for One Thousand Dollars each and ten debentures for Five Hundred Dollars each be accordingly issued and sold;

"THAT the said debentures for One Thousand Dollars each be numbered consecutively 50-A-1 to 50-A-44, both inclusive, and 50-A-55 to 50-A-64, both inclusive;

"THAT the said debentures for Five Hundred Dollars each be numbered consecutively 50-A-45 to 50-A-54, both inclusive;

"THAT all the debentures be dated the first day of May, A.D. 1950 and be payable as follows:

Debenture Numbers 50-A-1 to 50-A-2 in one year from the date thereof;

Debenture Numbers 50-A-3 to 50-A-4 in two years from the date thereof;

Debenture Numbers 50-A-5 and 50-A-6 in three years from the date thereof;

Debenture Numbers 50-A-7 and 50-A-8 in four years from the date thereof;

Debenture Numbers 50-A-9 and 50-A-10 in five years from the date thereof;

Debenture Numbers 50-A-11 and 50-A-12 in six years from the date thereof;

Debenture Numbers 50-A-13 and 50-A-14 in seven years from the date thereof;

Debenture Numbers 50-A-15 and 50-A-16 in eight years from the date thereof;

Debenture Numbers 50-A-17 and 50-A-18 in nine years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-A-19 and 50-A-20 in ten years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-A-21 and 50-A-22 in eleven years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-A-23 and 50-A-24 in twelve years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-A-25 and 50-A-26 in thirteen years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-A-27 and 50-A-28 in fourteen years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-A-29 and 50-A-30 in fifteen years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-A-31 and 50-A-32 in sixteen years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-A-33 to 50-A-35 in seventeen years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-A-36 to 50-A-38 in eighteen years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-A-39 to 50-A-41 in nineteen years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Numbers 50-A-42 to 50-A-44 in twenty years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Number 50-A-45 in twenty-one years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Number 50-A-46 in twenty-two years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Number 50-A-47 in twenty-three years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Number 50-A-48 in twenty-four years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Number 50-A-49 in twenty-five years from the date thereof;  
Debenture Number 50-A-50 in twenty-six years from the date thereof;  
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"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."

Fifty percent of the sewer project would be paid for by the people in the area while the rest would be paid for by the whole county, Councillor Gates explained.

The entire cost of the water service would be borne by the users, with the exception of the cost of the initial survey.

He considered this a happy occasion for the county since it had reached the final stages of a very important undertaking.

Councillor Chisholm said he would be completely satisfied when South Woodside is serviced.

The report of the Roads and Bridges Committee was then read to council. Councillors Turner and Lomas moved its adoption. Carried.

Councillor Naugle said he would like to see a bridge across the dyke between Cow Bay and Lawrencetown and suggested a resolution be sent to the provincial government from council.

Councillor Myers said there is great need for a better road between Cow Bay and the County Hospital since the present one is impassable.

There is much traffic between Cow Bay and Lawrencetown and a bridge is badly needed, he said.

The clerk read the following proposed amendment to the Municipal Act moved by Councillors Dauphinee and Lomas, and adopted.

That the Minister of Municipal Affairs be requested to have the Municipal Act amended at the spring Session of the Legislature in accordance with the following resolution—

- (1) "Resolved that subsection (3) of Section 89 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1940, The Municipal Act, be amended by striking out the word "five" in the fifth line thereof and substituting therefor the word "ten."
- (2) and further resolved that subsection (4) of Section 89 of Chapter 4 of the Acts of 1940, The Municipal Act, be amended by striking out the words "at the rate of five" in the third line thereof and substituting therefor the words "at a rate not exceeding ten."

Councillor Myers gave notice of motion as follows: That for every day council meets over the usual 15 days, that councillors be paid at the rate of \$10 per day for each day over and above the usual 15 days, but not exceeding \$50. in total.

Councillor Myers asked what had happened to the petition asking for a survey for street lighting for Eastern Passage. He was advised that the matter is still under study by the Public Services Committee.

The following amendment to the by-laws was read and adopted by council: on motion of Councillors Naugle and Burris.

11 (1) The Director of Assessment shall be appointed by the Council, shall hold office until his successor is appointed, and shall be paid not less than the salary which the Council determines by resolution to pay him.

(2) The Director of Assessment shall be the assessor for the whole Municipality and shall be responsible to the Council.

(3) The Director of Assessment shall:

- (a) examine the system, method or mode of assessment in use in the Municipality and report thereon to the Council;
- (b) supervise the work of his assistants;
- (c) direct, guide and co-ordinate the work of his assistants with a view to bringing about a uniform standard of assessment throughout the municipality;
- (d) have all of the powers, functions, duties, privileges and immunities of an assessor.

12 (1) At the annual Meeting the Council may appoint such assistants to the Director of Assessment as Council may deem necessary and such assistants shall be paid such salary as the Council may from time to time determine.

(2) The assistants to the Director of Assessment shall, and each of them shall have all the powers, functions, duties, privileges and immunities of an assessor.

The proposed by-law dealing with "noise" was read and amended by the clerk on the suggestion of Councillor Gates.

Councillor Gates felt the law should prohibit noise from midnight to noon and all day Sunday.

The following by-law was adopted by council on motion of Councillors Webber and Gates.

Except between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 12 midnight on any week day and not at all on Sundays, no loudspeakers, microphones, amplifiers or other transmitting apparatus connected with a radio, phonograph or other sound transmitting instrument or apparatus shall be operated in the municipality so that the sounds transmitted shall be projected beyond the distance of 300 feet.

The owner, operator or person who has in his possession or under his control transmitting apparatus so operated, or persons permitting such transmitting apparatus to be so operated upon his premises or in his motor car shall be guilty of an offence under this by-law.

The times mentioned in the section hereof shall be either Atlantic Standard Time or Atlantic Daylight Time which ever shall be in force at the time.

Nothing herein contained shall apply to any horn, whistle, bell or broadcasting device used by any church or used for summoning or directing employees or used for public safety or interest.

Councillors Ferguson and Gates moved the adoption of the Licences Committee report. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that the chief county constable be inspector of licences. Carried.

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

Councillor Gates said the business of the municipality is increasing greatly and council should consider an increase in the stipend to the auditors. He suggested \$1,200.

Councillors Ferguson and Myers moved that Dr. Hugh MacKinnon be appointed as County Health Officer.

Councillor Gates said he is not satisfied with the services rendered in the past by Dr. MacKinnon but he had no recommendation as an alternative.

He has not been available when needed, Councillor Gates said.

Councillor Ferguson said he had not heard any complaints before about the services rendered by Dr. MacKinnon and withdrew his motion.

Councillor Myers asked what could be expected for \$500. A much higher amount would have to be paid if the doctor is to make all the calls desired.

Councillor Gates said the medical health officer is supposed to investigate any case thought to be infectious and that Dr. MacKinnon had refused to come when called on several occasions.

He suggested that applications for the position be called for, and that a suitable stipend be paid.

Dr. MacKinnon is not interested in the health situation in the county and it is necessary to find someone who will take responsibility for the office and pay a stipend in keeping with the position.

Councillor Dauphinee said he had asked for information in regards to Dr. MacKinnon's duties last year and was not answered.

He spoke of a letter informing him of the death of a young girl at the Nova Scotia Sanitorium. The girl was a member of a family which was living with an active tuberculosis patient, he said.

Councillor Dauphinee said he had called Dr. MacKinnon and was advised that there was nothing he could do. It is a very serious situation, he said.

Councillor Gates said his district health board have decided to hire a medical health officer for the district if Dr. MacKinnon continued in the office.

Councillor Burris felt some action should be taken in regard to the general health situation since the present situation is not satisfactory.

Councillor Dauphinee said he had to advise Dr. MacKinnon when the father of the family died.

Councillor Ferguson said the county felt the need for veterinary services and that the health of the children is much more important.

Councillor Gates said the people in remote areas are greatly handicapped through lack of reasonable health services.

The prices charged for a visit put the doctor's care out of the reach of a poor family living in the rural areas, he said. Some system must be worked out to give the needed services to the people at rates they can afford.

Councillor Myers said three doctors would be necessary if all sections are to be served.

Councillor Lomas suggested a system of district nurses might be the answer to the problem.

Councillor Chisholm said the V.O.N. wanted \$2,500 to serve the Woodside area.

Councillor Gates said the outlying districts have helped provide public services for the metropolitan area and it is time some action was taken to provide needed health services for them.

Councillor Turner said there is a great need for some service since it cost \$30 per call in some districts of the county.

Councillor Hutchinson felt a medical health officer should be paid an amount close to that earned by one in the private practice.

Councillor Lomas said the provincial and federal governments might be willing to participate in such a scheme.

Councillors Gates and Rodgers Moved: That the county advertise for a county medical health officer and that the warden and clerk be authorized to employ same for the period of one year, at a remuneration to be determined by the Finance Committee, salary not to exceed \$1,000 per annum plus travelling expenses. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Ferguson moved: That the deputy warden name a special committee to investigate and report on the matter pertaining to the subsidization of three medical doctors to serve the people of the municipality in the East, Centre and Western portions of the municipality, and the stipend of \$2,000 per annum for each doctor is submitted to such committee as a possible remuneration and further, that this committee report back to council at the next meeting of the council whether special meeting or otherwise.

Councillor Myers suggested that the duties of these doctors be clearly defined.

Councillor Gates said this would be one of the matters to be considered by the committee.

Councillor Naugle said there is not suggestion that the service will be free but it will be of great benefit to the county and should not meet opposition of other doctors since it will enlarge the scope of their activities.

Councillor Burris said that council should proceed carefully in naming any amounts for these doctors.

Councillor Webber said the ideal situation would be the ability for a person living 25 miles from the doctor to be charged the same fee as a person living a mile away.

The motion was carried.

Councillor Gates and Hutchinson Moved that the appointment of a jail physician be deferred until the matter of appointment of a county health officer is undertaken and the jailer be authorized to call a physician as the need arises. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that Lester Umlah be appointed chief county constable. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Ferguson moved that council go into committee of the whole. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that the deputy warden be chairman of the committee of the whole. Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Gates moved that council reconvene from committee of the whole and adjourn to 10 a.m. tomorrow morning. Carried.

## TWENTY-SECOND DAY—MORNING

Saturday, March 18, 1950

Council met at 10 a.m. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's morning and afternoon sessions were read and on motion of Councillors Evans and Webber were adopted as corrected.

Councillor Mosher said he had contacted the appointed building inspector and was advised that the official would not act. He asked for a ruling by the solicitor in regards to the dissolution of the building district.

The solicitor said he would consult with Councillor Mosher on the matter at a later date.

The deputy warden appointed Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle as Court House Commissioners.

He appointed Councillors Gates, MacMillan and Burris as members of the Special Medical Committee.

Councillors Isenor, Webber and Mosher would constitute the Constable's committee, the deputy warden said.

Councillor Lomas asked Councillor Rodgers to reconsider his resignation. Councillor Gates said he was not allowed to resign from any committee and asked Councillor Rodgers to reconsider his resignation.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said he had asked Councillor Rodgers to reconsider and was advised that he would not act.

Councillor Evans asked if Councillor Rodgers was justified in resigning in the light of his oath of office.

Councillor Lomas said council should vote on the matter.

Councillor Ferguson said council should not press Councillor Rodgers if he did not wish to act.

Councillor Dauphinee said council should ask Councillor Rodgers to reconsider.

Councillor Rodgers said he would act on the committee if remarks made by Councillor Mosher were retracted.

Councillor Mosher said he would be glad to co-operate with Councillor Rodgers but felt he had been treated unfairly yesterday.

Councillor Allen suggested that Councillor Mosher withdraw his remarks.

Councillor Mosher said he would withdraw his remarks and Councillor Rodgers agreed to act on the committee.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Myers and Lomas: 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 Deputy Warden, shall be paid for their attendance at the 1950 Annual meeting of the council, because of the unusual length of the session, a further sum fifty dollars (\$50) each."

Councillor Burris said the council could have finished the meeting earlier and did not think the Municipal Affairs Minister would continue to approve extra payment. He said he opposed the resolution.



Councillor Myers said he did not think the time had been wasted.

Councillor Allen said the councillor had accepted the responsibility of the position and felt extra payment would be an unnecessary load on the municipality.

Councillor Mosher said he opposed the payment of the extra amount.

Councillor Lomas said he felt the municipality would not object to the extra payment.

Councillor Naugle said council could have completed its business in 15 days and that he opposed the motion.

Councillors Allen and Naugle asked for a recorded vote on the resolution.

The vote was as follows:

FOR—Councillors Chisholm, Turner, MacMillan, Webber, Lomas, Redmond, Evans, Myers, Gates, Dauphinee and Smith.

AGAINST—Councillors Allen, Isenor, Cruikshank, Hutchinson, Burris, Naugle, Rodgers and Mosher.

The deputy warden ruled that the motion was adopted by a vote of 12 for and 8 against.

Councillors Myers and Naugle moved: That the Minister of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to have constructed a bridge at the site of the Cole Harbour Bridge on the Cole Harbour Dyke. Carried.

Councillors Turner and Dauphinee moved: That the annual poor tax of thirty cents for the support of the poor as provided by Section 3(4) of Chapter 2 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1938, be not levied for 1950. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved: That the municipal clerk and treasurer be authorized to take delivery of paid coupons and Bonds charged to the account operated in the name of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, Coupon and Bond Redemption Account in the Royal Bank of Canada, Spring Garden Road Branch. Carried.

Councillors Redmond and Burris moved: That the clerk and treasurer be authorized to sign the Royal Bank of Canada's form re Safety Box and that he have access to the said box. Carried.

Councillors Turner and Evans moved: That whereas the employment of many municipal employees is considered permanent in character, having regard to the normal practice of the employment and may be exempted from the operation of the Act under the provisions of Item (1) of Part 11 of the first schedule to the Act, upon certification satisfactory to the Commission, that the employment is having regard to the normal practice of the employment permanent in character; Therefore be it resolved that this council desires exemption of its employees set out in Schedule A to this resolution on the ground that the employment is permanent in character and that the warden and clerk be authorized to forward a certificate to the Unemployment Insurance Commission accordingly. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Redmond moved: That whereas it is extremely improbable that old vouchers, correspondence, receipts, etc., can ever be of any value to the municipality beyond a period of ten years. And whereas all books, accounts, etc., of the municipality are audited annually by Chartered Accountants; Be it therefore resolved that the municipal clerk and treasurer, acting with the warden, the chariman of the Finance Committee and the Auditors for the Municipality for the County of Halifax, be hereby authorized to destroy such correspondence, vouch-

ers, receipts, etc., beyond the 10 year period that are deemed by the warden, chairman of the finance committee, the auditors and the treasurer to be of no permanent value for the fiscal records of this county, provided, however, that no book of original entry or cancelled cheques be destroyed or any subsidiary ledger sheets unless in the opinion of the above mentioned officials; such subsidiary ledger sheets are of no further value, as our controlling accounts are deemed to be a sufficient permanent record. Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Lomas moved that Dr. Charles Lamont be appointed medical health officer for the Halifax County Hospital. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that the visiting committee to the county hospital be reappointed for another year. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Rodgers moved that the building board as presently constituted be appointed for another year, namely W. J. Ward, A. A. MacArthur and R. E. Archibald. Carried.

Councillors Burris and Naugle moved that the veterinary board representatives for the Halifax-East Hants Veterinary assistance board be Mr. George S. Dickey, Middle Musquodoboit. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Evans moved that the representatives to the Veterinary Assistance Board if established for the rest of Halifax County be Thomas Ballong, Popes Harbour, and Donald Turner, Westphal. Carried.

The following delegates signified their willingness to attend the annual meeting of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities — Councillors Redmond, MacMillan, Chisholm, Evans, Webber, Allen, Hutchinson, Naugle, Lomas, Myers, Ferguson, Cruikshank and Dauphinee and Gates.

The deputy warden named Warden Dowell, Councillor Gates, Councillor Naugle, the solicitor and the collector as the voting delegates.

Councillors Naugle and Gates moved that the warden be authorized to appoint substitute voting delegates for the municipality if any of the voting delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities are unable to attend the union meeting. Carried.

Councillor Mosher said junior members of council should be represented in the delegates.

Councillor Evans asked whether the voting delegates should not be elected councillors instead of appointed officials.

Councillor Gates said the matter had been thoroughly discussed at recent union meetings and it was decided that representatives of both elected councillors and officials should be voting delegates. They provided the continuity in the municipality, since elected officials might not be returned to office, he said.

Councillor Allen said the officials are appointed by council and there is no justification to the theory that they are permanent officials. He felt five councillors should be voting delegates.

Councillor Gates said the matter rested in the hands of council.

Councillor Redmond said the council could make the decision and he felt the voting delegates should be councillors.

Councillors Allen and Redmond moved: That this council name five elected representatives as voting delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities. Carried.

Councillor Gates said he had been defeated in an election for vice president of the union through the activities of appointed officials attending the meeting.

Councillor Naugle said the entire delegation from this council voted for Councillor Gates.

Councillor Mosher said there is something wrong in the municipal office.

Councillor Gates said he never implied there is anything wrong in the municipal office.

Ex-Councillor Cyril Spracklin addressed council briefly.

Councillor Gates told council he could not sit in the afternoon.

Councillors Myers and Burris said they would like to see the meeting completed today.

Councillor Gates retired and upon return announced he could sit to 3 p.m.

Councillor Dauphinee also said he could not attend the afternoon session, but upon request of council would attempt to attend the session.

The report of the Finance Committee re Sinking Funds was presented and adopted on motion of Councillors Myers and Lomas.

Councillors Ferguson and Evans moved that council adjourn to 1.30 p.m. Carried.

#### TWENTY-SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

Saturday, March 18, 1950

Council met at 1.30 p.m. Roll called.

The deputy warden appointed Councillors Redmond and MacMillan as voting delegates to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities meeting.

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

Councillor Mosher asked Mr. Archibald if he had ever seen council overrule the recommendations of the councillor.

Mr. Archibald said he had seen council make appointments without the recommendation of the councillor.

Councillor Gates explained that Councillor Mosher would not nominate a building inspector for his district and Councillor Mosher wished to know if this had happened before.

Mr. Archibald said the council must make the appointment and it had made such appointments in the past.

Councillor Gates said some provision should be made in the by-laws enabling the demolition of a building which has depreciated by more than 50 percent of its value.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Gates and Lomas: That provision be made in the by-laws whereby a building or buildings which are in a dilapidated condition, or more than 50 percent depreciated — the building inspector may order its demolition and that the council authorize the solicitor and the Law

Amendments Committee to draft such amendment and on the authorization of the warden and this committee include such regulations in the proposed by-laws.

Councillor Myers asked who is to decide when a building has depreciated by more than 50 percent of its value.

He said it would be unjust to tear down a house because it is not painted. Many people can not afford repairs to their homes, he said.

Councillor Gates said this amendment would be designed to eliminate undesirable conditions now existing in the county.

Councillor Mosher said the council is not being fair to the people of the county.

Councillor Dauphinee said it might enable the building inspector to take unfair advantage of another person.

The clerk advised that this resolution should be referred to the Law Amendments Committee if council is to complete its business on this day.

Councillor Gates said the by-law would refer only to buildings which have depreciated by more than 50 percent.

The motion was carried with Councillor Myers asking to be recorded against the motion.

The clerk then read the following revisions to the proposed by-laws:

### BY-LAWS RESPECTING AUTOMATIC MACHINES

#### CHAPTER 16 - SECTION 3.

3. (1) No person shall vend any merchandise by means of any automatic machine (as defined in Section 132 (67a) of the Municipal Act, or permit the use of any automatic machine to vend merchandise unless he holds a license therefor which is in force (M.A. 132 (67a).

2. The Clerk shall issue such license on the payment of the sum of \$100.00 for each such machine and the license shall remain in force for one year from the date of issue and no longer.

3. No person shall permit the use of or operate any other automatic machine (as defined in Section 132 (67a) of the Municipal Act) unless he holds a license therefor which is in force.

4. The license for all automatic machines not used to vend merchandise shall be \$25.00

### BY-LAWS RESPECTING ICE MARKERS

18. (1) When any person cuts ice on any pond, lake, river or stream, he shall, before leaving the place where such ice is cut, guard the opening on all sides by erecting with brush, poles, wire or other materials, a sufficient fence to prevent accidents.

(2) No person shall remove a fence so erected until all reasonable possibility of accident from the lack of such fence has ceased.

19. (1) The brushing of ice shall when deemed necessary by the Councillor of any District be given out annually by tender. Brushes shall be at least six feet above the ice and be placed no further apart than fifty yards.

(2) Any person removing such brushes or marks shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) and in default of payment to imprisonment not exceeding twenty days.

Councillors Gates and Redmond moved the adoption of the revised by-laws. Carried.

Councillor Myers asked to be recorded against the motion.

Councillor Gates read the special report of the Public Services Committee.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved the adoption of the report. Carried.

The clerk advised that the proposed by-laws will become effective when approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. He asked when the section regarding licence fees would be enforced.

Councillors Gates and Allen moved the following resolution: That the proposed by-laws as approved by this council not come into effect until Jan. 1, 1951, insofar as all licencing fees are concerned and until that time existing licence fees shall be continued. Carried.

The deputy warden asked the Finance Committee to retire and consider the budget.

Council resumed study of the financial statement.

Councillor Allen said the statement had been audited by a competent board of auditors and he suggested that it be accepted as is.

Councillors Allen and Naugle moved that the report of the auditors be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and MacMillan moved: That the Financial Statement of the Municipality for the year 1949 including revenue fund balance sheets, consolidated fund balance sheet, adjustment of current and capital surplus, revenue and expenditure statement, revenue and expenditure (Joint Expenditure Board) be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Redmond and Smith moved: That the various exhibits of the treasurer re Municipal Finance be filed. Carried.

Councillors Redmond and Turner moved: That the Financial Statement of the Municipal School Board together with the auditors report be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Allen and Webber moved: That the estimates of the County Jail, Commissioners of Court House and Joint Expenditures be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Isenor and Turner Moved: That the Financial statement of the county home for 1949 be adopted and the various exhibits relating there to be filed. Carried.

Councillors Redmond and Rodgers moved: That the report of the treasurer re sinking funds be adopted. Carried.

The deputy warden recessed council until the Finance Committee is prepared to present the budget.

The report of the Finance Committee including estimates was read by Councillor Gates.

Councillors Gates and Myers moved the adoption of the report.

Councillor Gates explained the City of Halifax purchased a county bond and by accident the signatures were cut off. The report recommended the purchase of the bond.

Councillor Lomas asked if the municipality pays yearly to the Children's Hospital.

Councillor Gates said the hospital takes a large number of children from the county and since the hospital is unable to collect more than \$3 per day it amounts to a large expense to the hospital. The collections for the hospital do not amount to more than 10 percent of the total amount. The committee felt it was a very worthy cause, he said.

Councillor Lomas asked if provision had been made to other hospitals. Councillor Gates read the list of grants.

The grant to the Halifax Visiting Dispensary had been increased since the committee felt it a very worthy cause, he said.

Councillor Gates asked what had delayed the opening of the Twin Oaks Hospital.

Councillor Lomas said the hospital is equipped and staffed and should open in the near future. The municipality does not pay until the hospital is open, he said.

Councillor Gates said the grant was placed in the estimates hoping the hospital will open this year.

Councillor Lomas said the representatives to the board of governors for the hospitals were not appointed this year.

Councillor Hutchinson said the hospital board of trustees is in charge of the hospital.

Councillor Lomas said the law requires a member of the council shall be on the board of the hospitals.

The clerk advised that the men appointed previously are still acting.

The list of estimates were read by Councillor Gates.

He noted a large increase in the amount provided for hospital accounts, saying greater activity in this field will be necessary in the future.

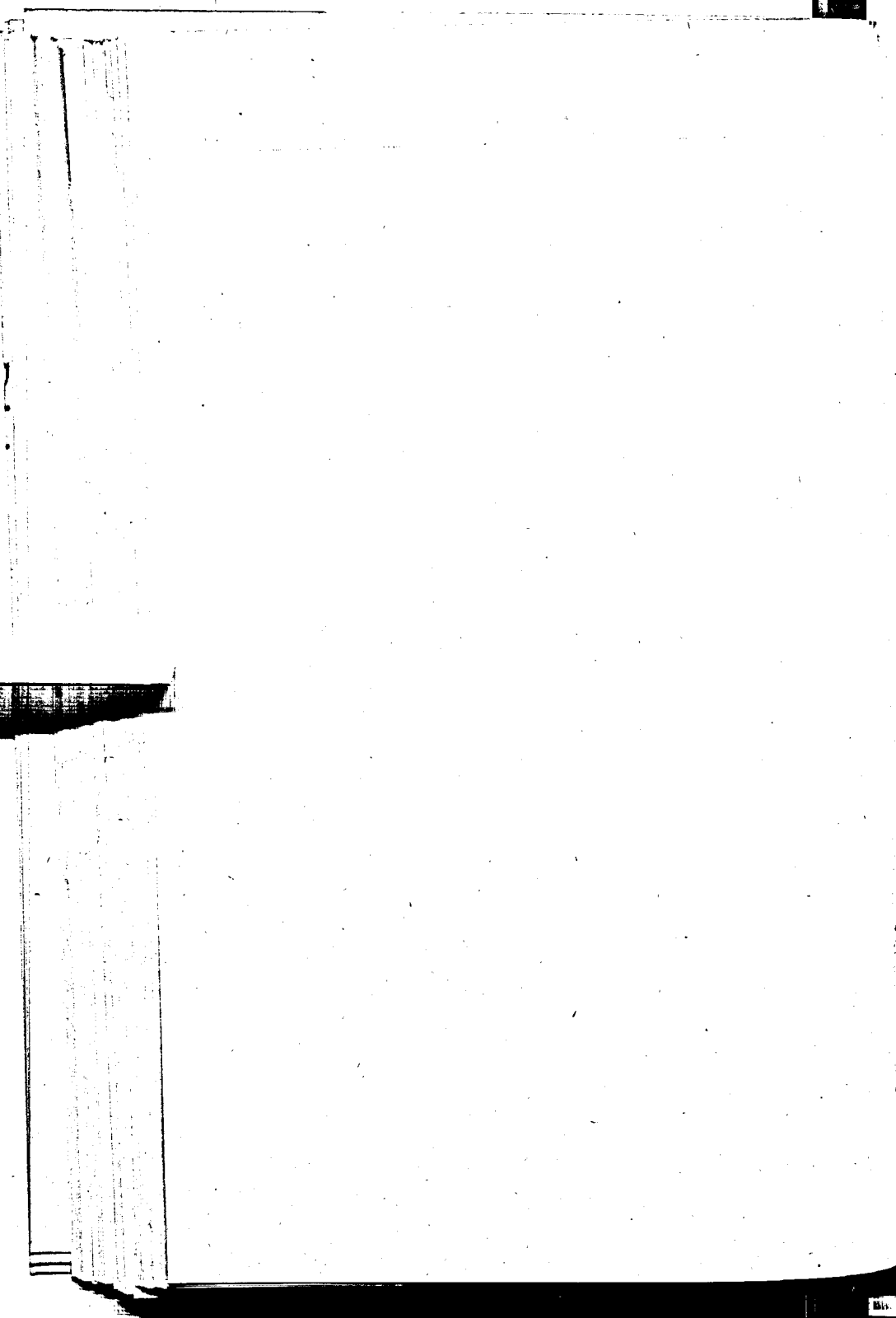
The motion to adopt the report of the Finance Committee, including estimates was put and carried.

Councillors Evans and Turner moved the thanks of the council be extended to the Herald and Mail. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that the thanks of the council be expressed to Magistrate Inglis for the use of his court room while council was in session. Carried.

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

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that council adjourn sine die. Carried. God Save The King.



**AUDITORS' 1949 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, 1949.

The Halifax County Hospital for the year ended December 31, 1949.

The Municipal School Board for the School year ended July 31, 1949.

Your Clerk and Treasurer furnished the Overseers of the Poor Districts with detailed statements of their accounts for the year ended December 31, 1948, to be checked by them. He also included one copy for approval and return to the Municipal office. Only nine copies of the December 31, 1948, detailed Statements were approved and are on hand at the Municipal Office. There are still outstanding fifteen copies of the detailed Statements not approved for this period. The detailed Statements for the year ended December 31, 1949, were prepared. None of these copies are approved.

There were also District detailed Statements for the year ended December 31, 1948, submitted and only a few copies were approved. None of the copies of the District detailed Statements for the year ended December 31st, 1949, are approved.

All copies of the detailed Statements, both Poor and District should be approved promptly and filed at the Municipal Office.

The outstanding Hospital Accounts which are fully reserved for, were not verified by us.

The transfer made in 1949 of certain old arrears of taxes to a deferred record require 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 the County of Halifax for the year ended December 31, 1949, 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 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 as shown by the books.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Frank E. Smith, C. A.

Walter A. Stech, C. A.

Halifax, N. S.,

February 21, 1950.



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Municipality of the County of Halifax, Balance Sheet, December 31, 1949

## ASSETS

Cash on Hand or on Deposit.....	\$	14,219.89	
Royal Bank of Canada (Coupon Account) .....		322.50	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 14,542.39
<b>Investments</b>			
Dominion of Canada Bonds 3%, 1962, 1963, 1966.....		70,000.00	
Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Co., Debenture, 3% 1950 .....		30,000.00	
Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Co., Debenture, 3%, 1950.....		<u>25,000.00</u>	
			125,000.00
<b>Accounts Receivable</b>			
Sundry.....		6,191.20	
Grace Maternity Hospital Accounts (Fully Reserved, See Contra).....		10,369.80	
Victoria General & Other Hospitals (Fully Re- served, See Contra).....		<u>206,732.62</u>	
			223,293.62
<b>Due from Other Funds</b>			
Commissioners for Fire Protection Woodside.....		1,138.87	
Halifax County Hospital.....		<u>85.29</u>	
			1,224.16
<b>Taxes Receivable</b>			
<b>Municipal Taxes</b>			
1941.....	68.41	1946.....	\$ 15,593.86
1942.....	1,237.11	1947.....	28,783.88
1943.....	2,979.29	1948.....	52,433.21
1944.....	7,122.07	1949.....	96,893.48
1945.....	10,676.90	(see Contra Reserve)	<u>215,788.21</u>
			215,788.21
<b>Property acquired at Tax Sale</b>			
Vested Property.....		<u>1.00</u>	
			1.00
<b>Other Revenue Fund Assets</b>			
Funds advanced for water and sewerage at Wood- side pending sale of Debentures .....		147,205.32	147,205.32
<b>Total</b>			<u><u>\$ 727,054.70</u></u>

## LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Other than below).....	\$		\$	84,515.11
<b>Due to Provincial Government</b>				
Victoria General Hospital.....		6,231.00		
Director of Child Welfare.....		1,226.05		
				<u>7,457.05</u>
<b>Due to Other Governments</b>				
City of Halifax (City Home).....		25.50		25.50
<b>Debenture Interest</b>				
Coupons not presented for payment.....		322.50		322.50
<b>Other Revenue Fund Liabilities</b>				
<b>Due to Districts or Local Sections</b>				
For Capital School Taxes.....		42,491.53		
For Snow Removal Fund.....		4,464.00		
For Armdale Fire Service.....		30.74		
For Armdale Garbage Service.....		164.38		
For Armdale Fire Protection.....		276.16		
For Bedford Fire Service.....		6.82		
For Bedford Fire Protection.....		4,304.32		
For Bedford Street Lighting Service.....		1,556.90		
For Woodside Fire & Street Lighting Service.....		1,109.62		
For School Section No. 34, Halifax West Ratepayers Association.....		2,278.06		
For Falkland Village, Herring Cove, Spryfield Services.....		262.86		
District Poor Relief.....		27,618.57		
District Credits other than Poor.....		64,613.93		
Joint Expenditure Board.....		2,799.09		
Commissioners of the Court House.....		9,304.40		
New Road School Section.....		850.56		
District 7 re Fire Loan.....		2,690.87		
District 12 re Fire Loan.....		3,137.26		
				<u>167,960.07</u>
<b>Reserves</b>				
For Uncollectable Taxes (See Contra Taxes Receivable).....		93,079.84		
For Hospital Accounts (see contra Accts. Rec.)		206,732.62		
For Grace Hospital Accts. (See Contra Accts.)		10,369.80		
				<u>310,182.26</u>
<b>Special Reserves for Future Expenses</b>				
For Lien Law Expense.....		1,684.92		
Board of Revision.....		375.50		
Municipal Elections.....		954.42		
Board of Health.....		467.47		
Bonus Permissive Teachers.....		5,000.00		
Vocational School.....		10,533.00		
Municipal School Board Scholarship.....		150.00		
Industrial Survey.....		2,000.00		
				<u>21,165.31</u>
<b>Surplus</b>				
Balance December 31, 1948.....		150,722.78		
Deduct Adjustments.....		15,295.88		
				<u>135,426.90</u>
				<u>\$ 727,054.70</u>

**CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL AND TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET  
(EXCLUSIVE OF JOINT EXPENDITURE)  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1949**

General Fixed Assets	<b>ASSETS</b>	
Office Furniture & Equipment.....\$		\$ 10,305.87
<b>Halifax County Hospital</b>		
Farm.....	1,500.00	
Buildings & Equipment.....	371,815.29	
		373,315.29
<b>District No. 7</b>		
Borrowings for Fire Purposes.....	12,000.00	
<b>District No. 12</b>		
Borrowings for Fire Purposes.....	56,000.00	68,000.00
		\$ 451,621.16
<b>Trust Funds</b>	<b>TRUST FUNDS</b>	
<b>Deposits</b>		
Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Company		
Savings Account.....	2,701.57	
Royal Bank of Canada Savings		
Account.....	261.19	
<b>Investments</b>		
Dominion of Canada Bonds.....	200.00	
		3,162.76
<b>Tax Sales Trust</b>		
Deposit Royal Bank of Canada		
Savings Account.....	2,253.76	
Investment Dominion of Canada		
3% Bonds, 1957.....	1,350.00	
		3,603.76
		\$ 6,766.52
		\$ 458,387.68

**CONTINUITY OF CURRENT SURPLUS  
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1949**

Balance December 31, 1948.....		\$ 150,722.78
	<b>ADD</b>	
Rebate on 1948 Accounts.....		\$ 60.80
Taxes for years 1939-1945 recovered.....	8,877.36	
Hospital Accts. Collected for prior years..	5,124.50	
Grace Hospital Accts. Coll. for prior yrs.	1,023.45	
	\$ 15,025.31	
<b>LESS- Collector's Salary</b> .....	2,375.00	
		12,650.31
Transferred from Reserve Bonus for		
Teachers.....		1,019.98
		13,731.09
	<b>DEDUCT</b>	
Assessment Survey.....	\$ 15,287.04	\$ 164,453.87
Furniture & Equipment.....	5,739.93	
Appropriation County Hosp. Capital.....	8,000.00	
		29,026.97
		\$ 135,426.90

**CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL AND TRUST FUND BALANCE SHEET  
(EXCLUSIVE OF JOINT EXPENDITURE)  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1949**

**LIABILITIES**

**Debenture Debt Unmatured**

Halifax County Hospital Serial Debentures 3 1/2%, 1950-1969 (Balance).....	58,000.00
District No. 7 Serial Debentures 3% 1950-1961 District No. 12 Serial Debentures 3% 1950-1963 (Balance)	12,000.00 56,000.00

**Other Capital Liabilities**

Dominion of Canada Loan M.I.A. Act 2% 1950-1970 (Balance)	151,965.63	
	<u>                    </u>	\$ 277,965.63

**Investment in Capital Assets (Capital Surplus)**

Balance December 31, 1948.....	152,139.80	
Additions 1949.....	21,515.73	
	<u>                    </u>	173,655.53
		<u>                    </u>
		\$ 451,621.16

**TRUST FUNDS**

**Trust Fund Reserves**

For patients in Halifax Co. Hosp. ..	2,901.57	
Appropriation for Capital Purposes.. for Halifax County Hospital .....	261.19	
	<u>                    </u>	3,162.76
Lien Law Surplus.....		3,603.76
		<u>                    </u>
		6,766.52
<b>Total</b>		<u>                    </u>
		<u>                    </u>
		\$ 458,387.68

**CONTINUITY OF INVESTMENTS IN CAPITAL ASSETS (CAPITAL  
SURPLUS) FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1949**

Balance December 31, 1948.....		\$ 152,139.80
Additions to Plant & Equipment		
Halifax County Hospital.....	\$ 8,004.05	
Serial Bonds matured.....	2,000.00	
Principal Payment M.I.A. Act.....	5,771.75	
Additions to Office Equipment.....	5,739.93	
	<u>                    </u>	21,515.73
		<u>                    </u>
		\$ 173,655.53

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE (GENERAL SECTION)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1949**

Revenue

**TAXATION:**

**Municipal Purposes (including Poor and District Rates):**

Real and Personal Property.....	\$ 287,134.60	
Poll Tax.....	31,358.00	
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School Purposes.....	\$ 318,492.60	
	124,243.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 442,735.90

**Licenses & Permits:**

Dog Taxes.....	6,983.25	
Pedlers' Licenses.....	235.00	
	<hr/>	7,218.25

**Law Enforcement:**

Fines Magistrate's Court.....		31.00
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**Investment Earnings:**

Interest Bank Deposits and Investments.....	4,893.32	
Interest Tax Arrears.....	4,358.19	
	<hr/>	9,251.51

**Service Charges:**

Commission for collection of District and Capital School Rates.....	7,832.78	
Municipal School Board for Administration.....	6,000.00	
	<hr/>	13,832.78

**GRANTS AND RECOVERABLES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS:**

**Provincial Government:**

In lieu of Income Tax.....	6,198.15	
In lieu of Bank Tax.....	1,012.50	
In lieu of C. N. Railway Grant.....	1,843.85	
In lieu of Taxes Nova Scotia Liquor Commission Dist. 21.....	695.91	
	<hr/>	9,750.41

**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	
	<hr/>	107,795.75

**Unclassified:**

Maritime Tel & Tel. Co. Ltd.....	669.60	
Recovery from Halifax Co. Hospital for Debt Charges Serial Bond Re- deemed.....	2,000.00	
Interest on Serial Bonds.....	2,088.33	
Principal payments M.I.A. Act. ....	5,771.75	
Interest Dominion Loan M.I.A. Act. Recovery from Dist. No. 12 Serial... Bond Redeemed.....	3,126.03	
	4,000.00	
	<hr/>	16,986.11

**Transfer from Reserves**

for Vocational School.....	831.13	17,655.71
for Registrars' of Voters Lists.....	1,416.00	
for Town Planning.....	1,142.95	
	<hr/>	3,390.08

\$ 611,661.39

## EXPENDITURES

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

## Executive, Legislative and Administrative

## Salaries, Honorariums, Fees, etc.:

Warden.....	\$ 600.00	
Councillors.....	7,690.60	
Committees.....	1,125.50	
Clerk and Treasurer.....	4,708.00	
Office Assistants.....	13,884.88	
Extra Salaries.....	2,035.60	
Superannuation.....	3,275.00	
	<u>33,319.58</u>	\$ 33,319.58

Assessors' Fees, Mileage & Postage..	5,512.34	
Assessment Survey.....	8,000.00	
Auditors.....	1,000.00	
Commission Pedlars' Licenses.....	47.00	
Tax Collection Expense.....	157.85	
Solicitor.....	1,375.00	
Chief County Constable.....	2,500.00	
Expense Constable's Office.....	2,758.17	
Fees to Constables re Dog Tax.....	3,488.00	
Expense re Dogs.....	693.94	
	<u>25,532.30</u>	25,532.30

## Office Expenses:

Postage.....	2,631.25	
Printing and Stationery.....	2,173.46	
Reporting and Printing Reports.....	1,390.60	
Telephone.....	490.08	
Surety Bonds.....	56.25	
Constringencies.....	533.50	
Revisors' Voters Lists.....	1,811.43	
Municipal Elections.....	831.13	
Lien Law Expense.....	75.00	
Service Charges for Machines.....	211.61	
	<u>10,204.31</u>	10,204.31

## Other General Government Expenses:

Board of Appeal.....	105.25	
Conventions.....	280.00	
Unemployment Insurance.....	552.43	
Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes.....	19,000.00	
Town Planning.....	3,140.93	
Veterinary Act.....	714.20	
	<u>23,792.81</u>	23,792.81

## Provision for Future Expenses:

Industrial Survey.....	2,000.00	
Vocational School.....	5,000.00	
	<u>7,000.00</u>	7,000.00

99,849.00

**Protection of Property and Persons:  
Law Enforcements:**

Coroners' Inquests.....	253.30	
Correctional Institutions Less Re- ceipts on 1949 Accounts.....	5,342.93	
		5,596.23

**Other Protection:**

Bounties - Bears.....	260.00	
Wildcats.....	216.00	
		476.00
Sheep Act Claims and Fees.....		295.50
Road Protection.....		24.50
		6,392.23

**CONSERVATION OF HEALTH:**

Health Officer, Salary and Expenses	524.96	
Registrars Vital Statistics.....	366.00	
Control of Communicable Diseases	4.50	
		895.46
		895.46

**EDUCATION:**

Municipal School Fund (See Contra Account).....		122,656.00
Municipal School Board		
Total School Board Requisition.....		124,243.30
Provision for Teachers' Bonus 1950.		5,000.00
Municipal School Board for Scholarships.....		150.00
		252,049.30

**COMMUNITY SERVICES:**

<b>Grants</b>		
Halifax County Exhibition.....		150.00
		150.00

**PUBLIC WELFARE:**

Poor Relief, Patients at Co. Hospital	2,459.78	
Less Receipts on 1949 Accounts.....	127.20	
		2,332.58
Child Welfare, Child Aid Socie- ties, Less Receipts on 1949 Accts. ..		14,168.80
Hospitalization, Medical Service, Indigent Sick.....	70,977.80	
Less Receipts on 1949 Accounts.....	22,178.30	
		48,799.50
Maternity Hospital.....	4,730.60	
Less Receipts on 1949 Accounts.....	1,451.00	
		3,279.60
Harmless Insane		
Less Receipts on 1949 Accounts.....		20,680.53
Insane.....	38,316.27	
Less Receipts on 1949 Accounts.....	777.17	
		37,539.10

**Grants to Hospitals:**

Children's Hospital.....	500.00	
Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital.....	500.00	
Musquodoboit Valley Memorial Hospital.....	500.00	
	<u>          </u>	1,500.00

**Grants to Private Charitable Organizations:**

Canadian National Institute for Blind.....	500.00	
Halifax Visiting Dispensary.....	100.00	
Canadian Red Cross.....	400.00	
Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children.....	200.00	
	<u>          </u>	1,200.00
		<u>129,500.11</u>

**DEBT CHARGES:**

**Debenture Debt Charges:**

Principal Installment Serial Debentures, County Hospital.....	2,000.00	
Interest on Serial Debentures County Hospital.....	2,088.33	
Principal Installment Serial Debenture District No. 12.....	4,000.00	
	<u>          </u>	8,088.33

**Payments under the Municipal Improvements  
Assistance Act:**

Principal Payments.....	5,771.75	
Interest.....	3,126.03	
	<u>          </u>	8,897.78

**Temporary Debt Charges:**

Exchange and Bank Charges.....	112.43	
	<u>          </u>	17,098.54

**Joint or Special Expenditures:**

Joint Expenditures (Municipal Proportion).....	6,057.30	
District Poor Rates.....	6,539.22	
District Rates.....	41,095.06	
Bedford Fire Protection Service.....	4,674.10	
Bedford Street Lighting Service.....	2,838.77	
Woodside Fire and Street Lighting Service.....	4,170.93	
Armdale Street Lighting Service.....	1,414.03	
Ratepayers Association School Section No. 34.....	2,400.50	
Falkland Village, Herring Cove and Spryfield Services.....	291.26	
Provincial Highway Tax.....	35,222.13	
	<u>          </u>	104,703.30

Surplus for year

610,637.94  
1,023.45

**GRAND TOTAL**

\$ 611,661.39



**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE  
(JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1949**

**REVENUE**

Apportionment of Joint Charges			
Municipality of the County of Halifax.....	\$	6,057.30	
City of Halifax.....		40,974.33	
Town of Dartmouth.....		3,395.17	
			\$ 50,426.80
Other Revenue			
Surplus from 1948.....		2,736.20	
			2,736.20

\$ 53,163.00

**REVENUE BALANCE SHEET (JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)  
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1949.**

**ASSETS**

Due by Municipality.....\$ 2,799.09

**CAPITAL FUND BALANCE SHEET (JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1949**

**ASSETS**

Borrowings for Court House 1931.....		67,000.00	
Borrowings for Court House 1933.....		15,000.00	
Borrowing for Court House 1949.....		36,000.00	
			\$ 118,000.00
Sinking Funds:			
1931 Loan			
Investments.....	\$	36,980.00	
Savings Bank.....		13.06	
			36,993.06
1933 Loan			
Investments.....		12,520.60	
Savings Bank.....		2.38	
			12,522.98
			49,516.04
			<u>\$ 167,516.04</u>

**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE  
(JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1949**

**EXPENDITURE**

Commissioners of Court House.....	\$ 13,446.67
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.....	10,780.98
Juries.....	4,566.50
Sheriff.....	1,838.00
Clerk of Crown.....	741.20
Printing & Stationery.....	1,901.18
Criminal Prosecutions.....	7,528.38
County Court Crier.....	1,300.00
County Court Stenographer.....	1,572.80
Consolidating Indexes.....	358.20
Municipal Treasurer.....	430.00
	\$ 50,363.91
Surplus for Year.....	2,799.09
	\$ 53,163.00

**REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET (JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1949**

**LIABILITIES**

Surplus.....	\$ 2,799.90
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**CAPITAL FUND BALANCE SHEET (JOINT EXPENDITURE BOARD)  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1949.**

**LIABILITIES**

Debentures 1931 Loan, due June 1, 1961 - 5%.....	\$ 67,000.00	
Debentures 1933 Loan, due April 1, 1953 - 5%.....	15,000.00	
Debentures 1949 Loan, due Sept. 1, Serials 1950-1959- 3% (Balance).....	36,000.00	
	\$ 118,000.00	
Sinking Fund Reserves		
1931 Loan.....	36,993.06	
1933 Loan.....	12,522.98	
	49,516.04	
		\$ 167,516.04

**STATEMENT OF MUNICIPAL TAXES PAID AND OUTSTANDING  
BY DISTRICTS FOR 1948**

Dist.	1949 Taxes No. Paid in '49	1939-48 Taxes Paid in '49	Total Taxes Paid in '49	1949 Taxes Out- standing	1941-48 Taxes Out- standing	Total Taxes Out- standing
7.....	\$ 18,940.71	\$ 1,308.93	\$ 20,249.64	\$ 2,985.67	\$ 2,118.52	\$ 5,104.19
8.....	33,062.49	4,384.96	37,447.45	8,510.17	10,253.91	18,764.08
9.....	12,976.51	2,758.46	15,734.97	3,135.54	2,570.77	5,706.31
10.....	4,085.24	2,217.42	6,302.66	2,632.91	3,478.68	6,111.59
11.....	8,950.84	2,720.77	11,671.61	4,611.45	4,949.08	9,560.53
12.....	61,813.15	17,847.40	79,660.55	24,147.37	25,697.26	49,844.63
13.....	8,516.54	2,324.19	10,840.73	3,207.57	2,621.37	5,828.94
14D....	13,878.94	3,425.65	17,304.59	4,694.62	4,933.78	9,628.40
14G....	5,579.49	2,503.08	8,082.57	4,377.43	5,123.23	9,500.66
15.....	3,621.32	556.74	4,178.06	766.72	1,147.97	1,914.69
16.....	1,421.34	657.07	2,078.41	2,645.65	9,337.73	11,983.38
17.....	6,664.23	1,237.57	7,901.80	1,874.14	3,060.09	4,934.23
18.....	5,287.14	1,002.16	6,289.30	1,566.01	2,100.16	3,666.17
19.....	8,178.83	1,111.45	9,290.28	1,639.38	1,656.33	3,295.71
20.....	6,155.63	1,141.33	7,296.96	2,721.84	3,105.51	5,827.35
21.....	10,557.32	2,081.20	12,638.52	2,339.55	1,984.66	4,324.21
22.....	7,034.34	1,420.80	8,455.14	2,238.31	3,485.04	5,723.35
23.....	18,931.55	1,999.50	20,931.05	3,335.07	4,105.87	7,440.94
24.....	7,413.96	1,997.33	9,411.29	3,250.17	4,827.05	8,077.22
25.....	5,782.22	1,927.48	7,709.70	2,078.82	3,635.80	5,714.62
26.....	4,687.10	1,850.70	6,537.80	1,691.47	2,522.44	4,213.91
27.....	24,927.06	5,789.26	30,716.32	8,601.42	9,923.41	18,524.83
28.....	67,376.47	4,400.95	71,777.42	3,842.20	6,256.07	10,098.27
	<b>\$345,842.42</b>	<b>\$66,664.40</b>	<b>\$412,506.82</b>	<b>\$96,893.48</b>	<b>\$118,894.73</b>	<b>\$215,788.21</b>

**DETAILS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT BALANCES  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1949**

District	District Credits	Poor Credits	Snow Credits
7.....	\$ 4,840.42	\$ 1,884.39	\$ 286.02
8.....	2,352.12	1,742.32	128.45
9.....	1,721.41	3,480.71	33.19
10.....	725.63	408.18	32.55
11.....	392.01	244.50	23.42
12.....	32,314.96	931.51	166.22
13.....	1,362.04	1,796.96	7.90
14.....	4,765.24	308.98	653.26
15.....	298.62	403.33	
16.....	251.78	673.29	11.32
17.....	118.44	458.52	
18.....	674.94	553.88	563.45
19.....		60.91	83.37
20.....	1,004.95	230.92	339.60
21.....	2,523.25	843.28	12.78
22.....	1,706.93	237.22	30.74
23.....	87.05	372.92	1,223.26
24.....	333.04	636.12	372.33
25.....	334.04	63.93	
26.....	865.75	1,185.76	303.11
27.....	492.38	1,478.80	193.03
28.....	7,229.27	9,380.74	
7 Fire.....	2,737.60		
12 Fire.....	3,310.19		
7 (Lively).....		39.00	
19 (Brindley).....		553.24	
28 (Lowe).....		175.00	
28 (MacKenzie).....		220.00	
	<u>\$ 70,442.06</u>	<u>\$ 27,618.57</u>	<u>\$ 4,464.00</u>

## DETAIL OF MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1949

One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 7th Victory Loan Bond, 3% due February 1, 1962, Fully Registered, No. P3-X02124	\$ 10,000.00
Two	(2)	Dominion of Canada 7th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due February 1, 1962, Fully Registered, Nos. P3-V03191-2 @ \$5,000.00 each.....	10,000.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 8th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due October 1, 1963, Fully Registered, No. P5-X02033	10,000.00
Two	(2)	Dominion of Canada 8th Victory Loan Bonds, 3%, due October 1, 1963, Fully Registered, Nos. P5-V03062, 01113, @ \$5,000.00 each.....	10,000.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 8th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due October 1, 1963, Fully Registered, No. P5-X02034	10,000.00
Two	(2)	Dominion of Canada 9th Victory Loan Bonds, 3%, due September 1, 1966, Fully Registered, Nos. P7-X01763-4, @ \$10,000.00 each.....	20,000.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Company Debenture, 3%, due December 1, 1950, Fully Registered, No. 6194	30,000.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings & Loan Company Debenture, 3%, due December 31, 1950, Fully Registered, No. 6242.....	25,000.00
			125,000.00

## DETAIL OF LIEN LAW INVESTMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 1949

One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 4th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due May 1, 1957, Bearer, No. L4-E034823.....	\$ 1,000.00
Three	(3)	Dominion of Canada 4th Victory Loan Bonds, 3%, due May 1, 1957, Bearer, Nos. A538205-6-7, @ \$100.00 each.....	300.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 4th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due May 1, 1957, Bearer, No. H0067566.....	50.00
			\$ 1,350.00

**COMMISSIONERS OF THE COURT HOUSE  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1949**

Annual Cleaning and Cleaning Materials.....	\$ 202.40
Disinfectants.....	262.40
Electric Light.....	1,753.66
Electric Bulbs and Wiring.....	462.66
Floor Wax and Oils.....	155.80
Fuel.....	3,632.26
Insurance.....	992.85
Janitor.....	1,800.00
Janitor's Assistant.....	240.00
Employees' Superannuation.....	720.00
Miscellaneous.....	91.00
Secretary.....	300.00
Telephone.....	156.66
Towels and Toilet Tissue.....	183.00
Water Rates.....	896.30
Window Cleaning.....	69.50
General Maintenance.....	5,959.53
	\$ 17,878.02

**RECEIPTS**

Rental re Plebiscite.....	20.00
	\$ 17,858.02
Province of Nova Scotia.....	6,257.30
	\$ 11,600.72

**COUNTY JAIL ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31st. 1949**

Beds and Bedding.....	\$	74.06
Board - Turnkeys.....		500.00
City Prison Board.....		1,021.20
Clothing.....		10.80
Dentist.....		26.00
Drugs.....		46.76
Fuel.....		800.53
Hardware.....		80.24
Insurance.....		96.00
Miscellaneous.....		67.95
Uniforms.....		119.00

**PROVISIONS:**

Bread.....	\$	722.01
Groceries and Milk.....		1,575.53
Meats and Fish.....		1,118.46
		3,416.00

**SALARIES:**

Jailor.....		1,466.60
Matron.....		499.92
Two Turnkeys.....		2,000.00
Physician.....		500.00
Vacation and Extra Guards.....		71.00
		4,537.52
Telephone.....		54.75
Water Rates.....		53.50
Wood & Kindling.....		8.00
General Maintenance.....		687.97
		11,600.28

**Less:**

Board of Debtors etc.....		57.00
Board of N. S. Liquor Commission.....		762.30
		819.30
		\$ 10,780.98