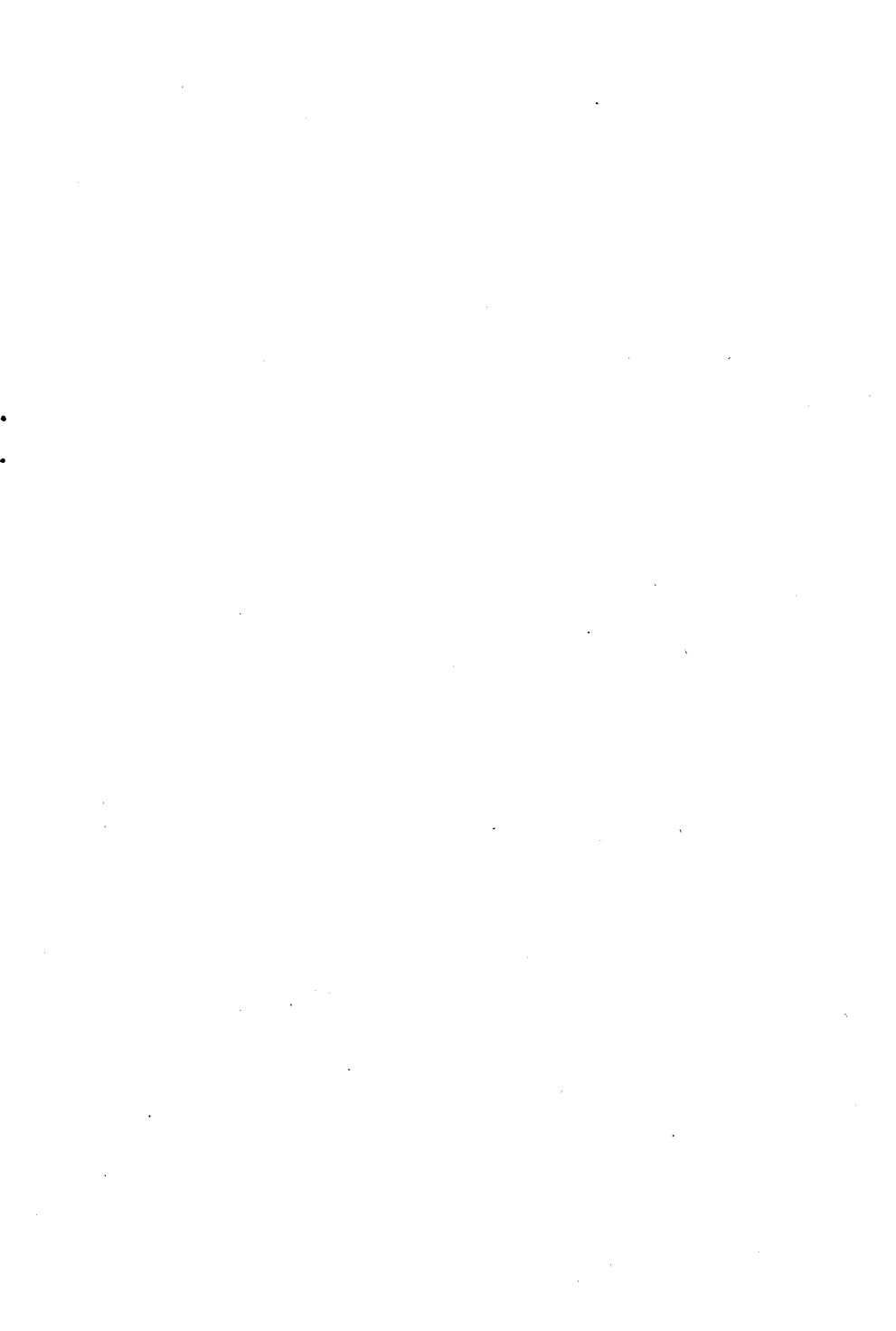


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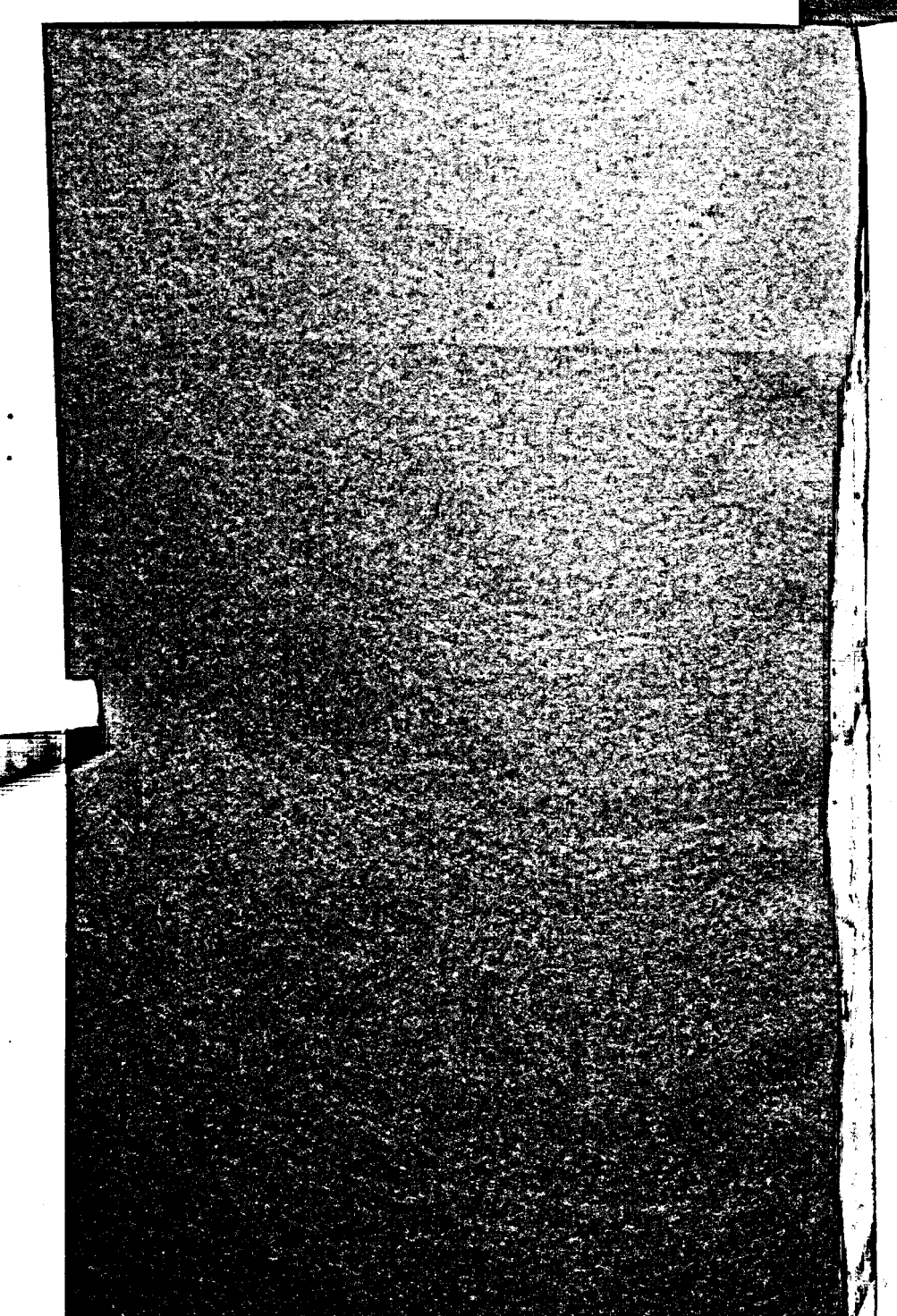
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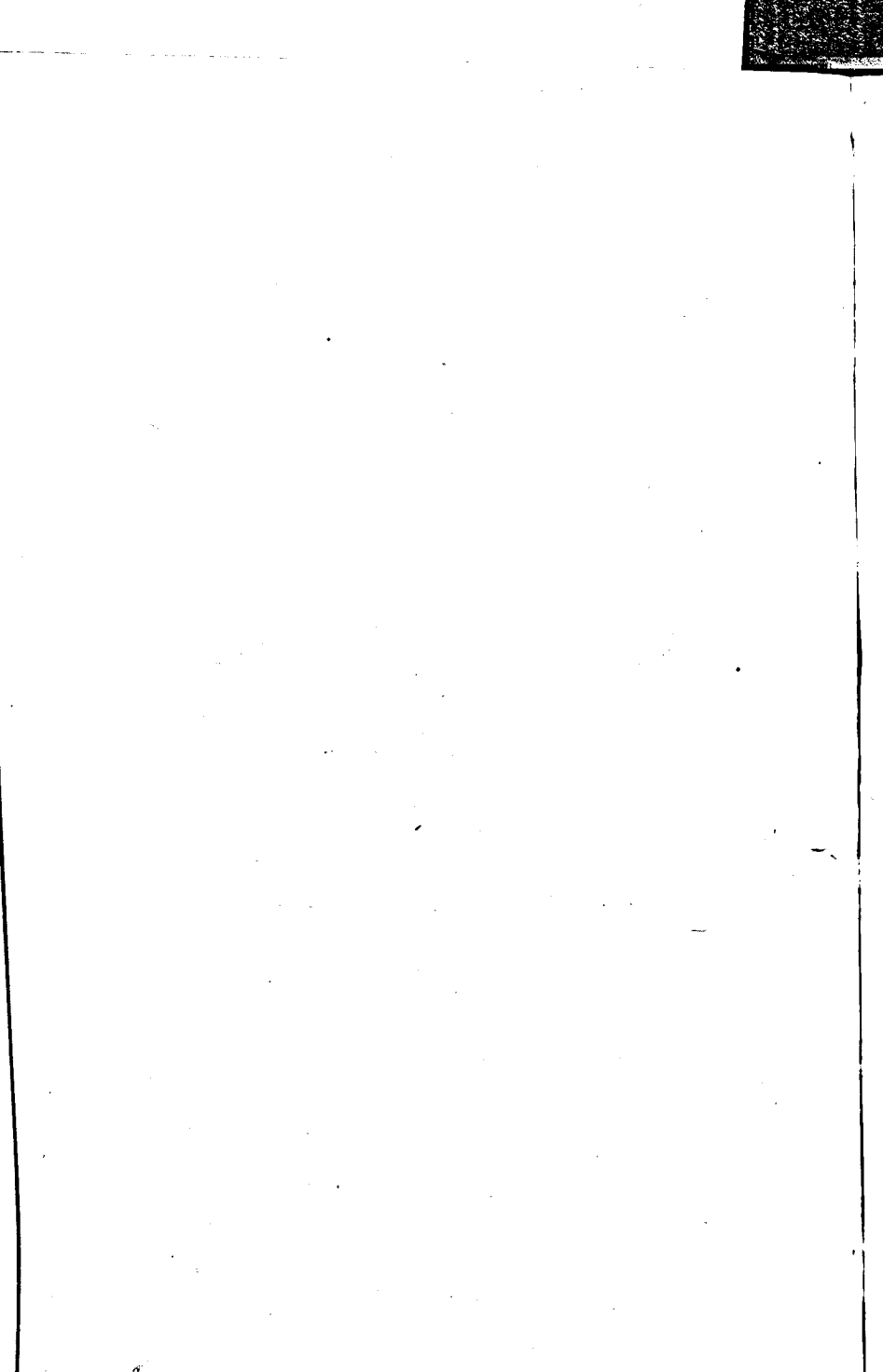
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MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

- Warden—W. J. Dowell.
Municipal Clerk and Treasurer—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; Charles
Fraser, Timberlea; Roy Hutchin-
son, 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. Tan-
ton, Tangier; Rev. J. A. Willett,
Eastern Passage; Rev. Father
Hooper, Mrs. A. C. Pettipas, Dart-
mouth and Mrs. Frank Settle, Cole
Harbour.
Municipal Building Board—W. J. Ward, Armdale; R. E. Archi-
bald, Bedford; and A. A. McArthur,
Woodside.
Municipal Schol Board—Councillor George D. Burris, Councillor
Edgerton S. Allen, Councillor M. H.
Nagle, appointed by Council, Hector
Montgomery (1953); B. J. Doyle, Sheet
Harbour (1954); 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, Settle
and Allen; 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

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Councillors Gates, Rodgers, Allen, Burris and Hutchinson

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

LICENSES—Councillors Ferguson, Webber, Chisholm, Smith, and Mosher

ROADS AND BRIDGES—Councillors Turner, Isnor, Mosher, McMillan and Evans

ASSESMENT—Councillors Naugle, Cruikshank, Burris, Settle and Turner

INSANE—Councillors Lomas, Webber, McMillan, Redmond and Hutchinson

LAW AMENDMENTS—Councillors Dauphinee, Allen, Rodgers, Chisholm and Isnor

JURY LISTS—Councillors Settle, Smith and Redmond

POOR—Councillors Redmond, Smith, Myers, Evans and McMillan

ABBITRATION—Councillors Burris, Cruikshank and Gates

JAIL—Councillors Myers, Lomas and Settle.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH—Councillors McMillan, Hutchinson, Rogers, Turner and Isnor

HOSPITALS ACT—Councillors McMillan, Burris, Settle and Mosher

VETERINARY SERVICES—Councillors Settle, Burris, Hutchinson, Cruikshank, Isnor and Allen

PUBLIC SERVICES—Councillors Gates, Naugle, Dauphinee, Chisholm, Myers, Settle and Cruikshank

PRINTING AND REPORTING—Warden Dowell, Councillor Allen and the Clerk

COMMISSIONERS OF COURT HOUSE—Warden Dowell and Councillor Naugle

CONSTABLES COMMITTEE—Councillors Rodgers, Webber and Mosher

SPECIAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE—Councillors Gates, McMillan and Burris

MARKET COMMITTEE—Councillors Settle, Gates, Evans, Naugle and Redmond

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE—Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Councillors Ferguson, Rodgers, Dauphinee and Lomas

UNION OF NOVA SCOTIA MUNICIPALITIES — VOTING DELEGATES—Warden Dowell, Councillors Burris, Gates, Dauphinee and Myers

INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE—Councillors Gates, Myers and Settle

COMMITTEE RE REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF SCHOOL SECTIONS—Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Councillors Ferguson and Dauphinee

BUILDING COMMITTEE—Councillors Gates, McMillan and Myers

WATERSHED AREA COMMITTEE—Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Councillors Gates, Dauphinee, Rodgers and Naugle.

PENAL REFORM RE GRAND JURY—Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Councillor Rodgers.

HALIFAX COUNTY COUNCILLORS FOR 1951

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 Hutchins..... on.....	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

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
1938-1951.....	W. J. Dowell

MINUTES
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FIRST DAY — MORNING

Monday, July 17, 1950.

The special meeting of the thirtieth Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax opened in the Law Courts, Halifax at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

Warden Dowell said the council should attempt to expedite the council's business allowing due time for proper consideration of the matters to be dealt with.

He introduced a delegation from the Cocoa-Cola Company and announced they had asked permission to speak to council in regards to the by-law on automatic machines.

Mr. MacInnis, representing the company, asked Council to consider amending the by-law, saying the effect of the present law would be to ban the vending machines in the county.

He said other towns have laws controlling automatic machines but many excluded soft drink machines from the regulations.

People have objected the automatic soft drink machine is the "small edge of a wedge" that would eventually harm the small merchant but actual experience did not prove this to be true, Mr. MacInnis said.

The machines would not be operated by the company but rather would be sold to the merchant who can use any type of soft drink in the machine, he told council.

Mr. MacInnis suggested the machines should be viewed as a convenience for the merchant.

The machines did not show sufficient profit to warrant paying a \$100 licence fee, he said.

Mr. Turner, also a company representative, said the machines are made in Canada, were sold at a price of \$510 and many merchants would not purchase them.

Councillor Rodgers said most councillors had felt the machines would be in opposition to the small merchant and also they would discriminate against other soft drink companies. He asked if they would be placed in public buildings.

Mr. Turner said they were not used in public buildings in other cities and that people did not patronize the machines if they did not contain the type of drink desired.

Mr. MacInnis said the buyer of the machine decided where it should be installed. The company does not operate the machines.

Mr. Turner said the merchant could use other types of soft drinks in the machine.

Councillor Gates said the company should have been advised when the by-law came up for discussion at the annual meeting, for most councillors were then under the impression that the company owned and serviced the machines.

Councillor Myers said he thought the machine would be a good asset to business, since it is only another way to dispense soft drinks.

Councillor Lomas agreed and said he could not see the value of a high licence fee.

Councillor Chisholm did not think the machine would harm the small merchant's business.

Councillor Naugle said he felt the present by-law might go too far and that councillors should be given an opportunity to consider the matter carefully before any decision is made.

Councillor Myers said it would be unfair to the merchant if he had to pay \$100 licence fee to operate a store fixture.

Councillor Dauphinee said other soft drink companies should be given an opportunity to express their opinions. There was another soft drink company established in the county and nothing should be done to discriminate against it, he said.

Councillor Lomas said there was nothing to stop other companies from selling this type of machine.

Councillor Allen said council should be given time to consider the matter carefully before any action is taken.

Councillor Settle asked if the cocoa cola company had a monopoly on the machines.

Mr. Turner said the company did not have a monopoly and other companies are making soft drink vending machines. His company had no control over the machine after it is sold.

Councillor Gates asked if the company required the purchaser to use only Coca Cola while the machine is being paid for on an installment basis.

Mr. Turner said the contract did require exclusive use of Coca Cola, while the machine is being financed.

Councillor Burris said he had thought the company owned and operated the machines, but did not think the machines should be banned.

Councillor Redmond asked if the cost of the machine would not be prohibitive to the small merchant, favoring the bigger store keeper.

Mr. MacInnis said the merchant did not have to own such a machine and the company would not take any action to harm the small merchant which is the biggest outlet for the drink.

Councillors Naugle and Burris moved: That the license fee of \$100 on automatic vending machines, as contained in Chapter 16, Section 3, of the new by-laws be reduced to a sum of \$5.

Councillor Evans said this would be too drastic a step.

Councillor Myers suggested the fee be abolished altogether.

Councillor Naugle said the machine should be viewed as a piece of equipment and should not be liable for a heavy fee but some control should be kept through a small fee.

Councillor Rodgers said the Coca-Cola company does in effect have a monopoly since no other machine for vending soft drinks is being manufactured in Canada at the present time. The machines distributed by the company does not work properly with any other type of bottle and merchants would not be able to buy several machines to vend other type drinks.

He suggested a fee of \$25 be fixed.

Councillor Myers said it would not be fair to charge a fee for operation of a piece of equipment and suggested other types of bottles could be used in the machine.

Councillor Rodgers said experiments proved use of other type bottles jammed the machine.

Councillor Allen said the company could high pressure small merchants into buying the machines in order to protect his own interests.

Councillor Gates suggested the license fee should be paid by the distributing company not by the merchant. There is no way to assure the company will not penalize the merchant who does not buy the machine but holding up his supplies, he said.

Councillor Settle said he did not favor placing a penalty on the small merchant but did want to protect county industries. He suggested two solutions: taxing the distributor or keeping the licence fee at a prohibitive level.

Councillor Dauphinee said it would be impossible to tax the distributor for the machine once it is purchased by the merchant.

Councillor Burris agreed it would not be possible to tax the distributor when the merchant owned the machine.

Councillor Turner said the license fee should not be more than \$5 since the machine is in reality a part of store equipment.

Councillor Ferguson said the matter should have received more careful consideration when it first came up. Matters of this type should receive more thought, he said.

Councillor Gates said there was no shame in admitting a mistake through a misunderstanding.

Councillors Gates and Myers moved: That Chapter 16, Section 3, of the new by-laws be amended to read that all automatic vending machines be excluded from the payment of any license fee under Chapter 16 of the said by-laws.

Councillor Naugle said it would be better to maintain some control through a small license fee. This would also serve as some compensation for the small merchant who could not afford a machine.

Councillor Myers deplored a move to further tax the merchant, saying many could not afford the machine if a license fee were imposed.

Warden Dowell asked what effect the present by-law has on machines vending candy.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked what benefit the merchant would obtain through use of the machines, since a license fee and up keep would run into a fairly large annual figure.

Councillor Hutchinson asked if any license fees had been paid to date and was advised by the clerk that the by-law had not yet become effective.

Councillor Gates said even a small fee on some type of vending machines would be prohibitive.

He said a clause excluding "automatic vending machines" from the legislation would cover the situation.

Councillor Evans pointed out the merchant would not own the machine for two years, and there would be no revenue to the county during this period. He was advised that the machines would be assessed for taxation.

Councillors Lomas and Gates called for a recorded vote on the amended motion.

The following vote was recorded: For - Councillors Dauphinee, Dowell, Mosher, Smith, Rodgers, Gates, Myers, Lomas, Webber, Ferguson, MacMillan, Turner, Isenor, Allen and Chisholm. Against - Councillors Settle, Naugle, Evans, Redmond, Burris and Cruikshank.

On the advise of the solicitor, Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that section 3 of chapter 16 of the new by-laws be changed to read in the following manner:

"No person shall permit the use of or operate any automatic machine (as defined in Section 132 (67A) of the Municipal Act) unless he hold a license therefor which is in force. This Section shall not apply to automatic machines used to vend merchandize. The license for all automatic machines not used to vend merchandize shall be \$25.00."

The motion carried.

Warden Dowell said the man appointed as building inspector in district 9 had refused to act and the building inspector in District 28 had resigned.

Councillors Chisholm and Naugle moved that A. C. McNeil be appointed building inspector for district 28. Carried.

Councillor Mosher presented a petition from District 9, opposing the appointment of a building inspector for that district and asking that the law creating the district a building district be recinded.

Warden Dowell announced the petition had been signed by 458 persons.

Councillor Gates expressed keen disappointment over the move by residents of District 9, and questioned the result if the district was taken from under building regulations. He said the petition was apparently signed by people who did not want any type of control.

Councillor Mosher said the petition had been signed by leading citizens in the district and that 75 percent of the residents did not want the regulations.

Warden Dowell said the building code was first adopted in the Bedford area and although there had been some opposition at first, everyone agreed it is a good thing now.

He said it would be a backward step to take District 9 out of the restricted area.

Councillor Naugle said he did not know any way to remove a district from under the regulations.

Councillor Gates said it would require special legislation and he doubted if the provincial government would pass such an act.

Councillor Chisholm said people in his district opposed the regulations at first but later saw the value of them.

Councillor Dauphinee said his district should be exempted if District 9 was taken out of the restricted area. The building regulations offered protection to all people in the district, he said. The solicitor advised he did not know any way to exempt a district once it has come under the regulations.

Councillor Lomas said the act could be repealed.

Councillor Gates said the provincial government would not repeal the legislation.

Councillor Mosher said he did not intend to propose any name for the vacancy.

Councillors Dauphinee and Gates moved that Lester Smith be appointed building inspector for District 9. Carried.

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

FIRST DAY — AFTERNOON

Monday, July 17, 1950.

Council met at 2 p.m. Roll called.

The clerk advised that the county is not now required to guarantee a share of the actual construction cost for the Halifax-Dartmouth bridge. The entire construction cost is guaranteed by the provincial government under new legislation, with the participating bodies guaranteeing to share in paying any portion of the principle and interest on the bonds, which can not be met by the bridge commission from revenue.

He said a resolution should be passed by council to guarantee its share of any such amount.

Councillor Lomas asked what such a resolution would mean to the county financially.

The clerk advised the resolution would bind the county to a maximum of 5 percent of financing the bridge of \$7,000,000 but this did not include deficits on operating the bridge.

Councillor Naugle said the actual financial obligation of the county could not be determined since no one could say definitely what the construction cost would be but the engineers had estimated the cost at \$7,000,000.

He said the county must be prepared to accept its share of the responsibility if the people desired a bridge.

Councillor Lomas said it would not be desirable to find the ultimate cost more than \$7,000,000 and reminded Council that the Vocational High School had exceeded the original estimate.

Councillor Chisholm said he understood the resolution committed the county to 5 percent of \$7,000,000.

The solicitor said the bridge may pay for itself and the county is not obligated to guarantee 5 percent of the construction cost but only 5 percent of the amount for principle and interest on the bonds which the bridge commission could not meet from bridge revenue.

Councillor Gates said the county was committed to only 5 percent of the estimated cost of the bridge which made the county's share about \$360,000. The Council had never committed itself to anything in excess of this amount, he said.

Councillor Myers said there had been a similar understanding in regards to the vocational high school but in the end the county was obligated to pay more money.

Councillor Gates pointed out the council had agreed to meet the additional cost of the school. The county had made an agreement in regards to both the school and the bridge and would not have to pay a higher amount in regards to the bridge unless council agreed.

Councillor Myers said he supported the idea of a bridge but would like to know what the final cost to the county would be.

Councillor Ferguson also felt council should have more information as to the final cost before committing itself.

Councillor Lomas agreed that more information should be available before any action is taken by council.

Councillor Naugle said no one could forecast the final cost.

Councillor Chisholm said he agreed to the proposed resolution so long as council would have to give its consent before the county is further obligated.

The clerk explained the county is not obligated to meet any part of the construction cost but rather to guarantee its share of any amount in principle and interest on the bonds which could not be met from bridge revenue.

Councillor Redmond said the council should know what would happen if the final cost of construction was more than \$7,000,000. He asked if the provincial government would pay any amount in excess of the estimated cost.

Councillor Dauphinee said he thought the bridge would benefit the Eastern Shore and was surprised to find councillors from Eastern Shore districts opposing the resolution.

Councillor Ferguson said the councillors did not oppose the bridge but wanted more information before committing the county.

Councillor Lomas said the councillors wanted to know what the final cost to the county taxpayers would be.

Councillor Myers agreed it would be well to get more information so that the county would not find itself in a difficult position in the future.

Warden Dowell said council should do all possible to speed construction of the bridge. He felt the bridge would pay for itself in the final analysis.

Councillor Settle said the county would be well advised to accept its share of the responsibility and to accept the resulting risks. The other participating bodies would lose more money than the county if the cost was more than \$7,000,000.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Dauphinee and Gates and Carried: Resolved that the municipality of the County of Halifax enter into an agreement with the Province of Nova Scotia undertaking to reimburse the province for any sums paid by the Provincial treasurer from time to time in respect to the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission Act.

Further resolved that the warden and clerk be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute the said agreement on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

The clerk suggested the council select its representative on the commission.

Councillors Dauphinee and Chisholm moved that Warden Dowell be appointed to represent the county on the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge Commission. Carried.

Warden Dowell expressed his appreciation for the confidence shown in him by the council.

The clerk said it is almost impossible to handle tax accounts by hand now and a machine handling system is needed. He said the county is now collecting capital school tax for a number of sections and under the present system the capital school tax and the county tax are billed separately, causing some confusion. The school districts could set the rate for the school tax before June if they so desired and this would enable one tax bill for both school and county taxes if council approved.

The county would have to assume responsibility for collection of the capital school tax under the one-bill system, he said.

Councillor Naugle said any arrears collected would go to the district concerned.

Councillor Isenor asked if the additional \$3 poll tax collected in some sections would be collected by the district under the new system.

The clerk advised this matter would rest in the hands of the council.

Councillor Gates said the school section could add the poll tax to their capital requirements.

He said a one-bill system would mean less confusion to the tax payers and would mean prompt payment of debentures. It would also result in easier handling of tax accounts and would help keep the municipal office staff down to reasonable numbers.

Councillor Naugle said the ratepayers would be better able to understand their tax bills if one itemized bill was sent out and also the accounts would all come in at the same time.

Councillor Rodgers asked if the county would have to pay the full amount of capital school tax even if the full amount were not collected.

The clerk advised this would be another matter for decision by council.

Councillor Naugle said the probable arrears should be considered when the tax rate is struck.

Councillor Isenor asked if all sections would be required to have collections made through the municipal office.

The clerk expressed doubt that any section would be obliged to give up individual collections.

Councillor Evans asked if a separate warrant to collect school tax would be possible under a one-bill system.

The clerk said the idea would be to take out one county wide warrant to collect all taxes.

Councillor Evans said this might mean a hardship to one district where capital was needed and collections were slow.

Councillor Gates said a progress collection system could be followed.

The clerk said the debentures would be paid from the municipal office, when they were due, even if all the taxes were not collected at the time.

Councillor Gates said the section should allow a certain amount to cover uncollectable taxes.

Councillor Redmond asked if the county is prepared to assume responsibility for collection of the school tax.

Councillor Naugle said he felt the section should receive only the amount actually collected and if enough was not collected to cover the needs then a warrant could be taken out.

The clerk said this might now work well since a county wide warrant would be necessary.

Councillor Gates said a consolidation of collections would be better business practice.

Councillor Naugle said he favored one county-wide school section to give every part of the county equal educational opportunity.

Warden Dowell said he also supported this idea as a progressive move. He felt a one-bill system would be a step in the right direction.

Councillor Naugle suggested the clerk work out some satisfactory system for presentation at the next meeting of the council.

Councillor Myers said council had agreed not to issue warrants for poll taxes until the person was one year in arrears.

The clerk said this step had been taken because the person only had a month at that time to pay the bill after it was issued.

Councillor Chisholm asked what should be done if the person was not available for collection and was advised by Councillor Gates the bill should be sent to his home district.

Councillors Dauphinee and Naugle moved that bills for single \$5.00 poll taxes be sent out during the first week of February and collections be enforced after June 1. Carried.

Warden Dowell announced the Public Services Committee was not prepared to present its report since a permit necessary in connection with the Tufts Cove project was not yet available from the Department of Highways.

Councillor Gates said the committee had done all in its power to bring the matter to a successful conclusion but had received no co-operation from the Highways Department. The committee had met department regulations in connection with the project but still did not receive the needed support. He said the council had promised to supply water to the Tufts Cove development at the first of October but now was being held up by the department.

Councillor Naugle said it was time the general public knew that the department was holding up progress on the project and that the council was eager to co-operate.

Councillor Lomas asked who was holding up the project and was told by Councillor Gates the Minister of Highways.

Councillor Myers suggested highways department officials should be invited to attend a meeting of council in an effort to iron out the difficulties.

Councillor Ferguson expressed surprise that the committee had called the meeting of council before the whole matter was finalized.

Warden Dowell said he had been lead to believe there would be no difficulties.

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

SECOND DAY — MORNING

Tuesday, July 18, 1950

Council met at 10.30 a.m. Roll called.

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

Warden Dowell told council he had been assured that the permit from the Highways Department necessary to go ahead with the Tuft's Cove project would be available this morning.

He suggested council go into committee of the whole to hear from Mr. Mac-Glashen while awaiting word from the Highways Department.

Councillors Lomas and Mosher moved that council go into committee of the whole. Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Lomas moved that council reconvene from committee of the whole. Carried.

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

SECOND DAY — AFTERNOON

Tuesday, July 18, 1950.

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The report of the Public Services Committee was presented by Councillor Gates.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

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

Mr. Warden and Councillors:-

Your Committee on Public Services wish to report to Council on its activities since the Annual Meeting of Council in February of this year.

At that meeting, Council authorized this Committee to call for Tenders for the construction of a water system to serve a part of the Albro Lake Road and the main Tufts Cove Road, as far as the Naval Housing Development at Tufts Cove. This installation also included making provision for serving the whole of the Tufts Cove area eventually and the laying of sewer pipe in the same trench, so that both installations would be made before the Tufts Cove Road is paved by the Department of Highways.

Unfortunately your Committee was not able to call for Tenders for this construction work until an adequate supply of water was assured from the Town of Dartmouth and until arrangements had been made with the Department of Highways for the opening of the Highway.

You will remember that from our reports to Council at the Annual Session, a further supply of water from the Town of Dartmouth for the use of the Municipality seemed an impossibility unless the Town proceeded with the development of their source of supply, which would not only adequately safeguard the water supply for the Town itself for future years but would also put the Town in a position where they could supply water in greater quantity to various areas within the Municipality.

Ratepayers of the Town of Dartmouth, toward the latter part of May, approved expenditures by the Town Council for the expansion of their water system.

Following this and following considerable negotiation with the Department of Highways with respect to the type of construction for the new water system, your Committee was pleased to call for Tenders on the project. Only two Tenders have been received by your Committee, which were opened at a meeting of the Public Services Committee on Friday, July 14th, 1950 with the consent of the majority of the Tenders and Public Property Committee. These Tenders were as follows:

Trynor Construction Company Ltd.....	\$100,864.85
Atlantic Construction Company.....	115,414.15

The original estimate by our own engineers for the Tufts Cove project was \$105,858.00 plus 10% for engineering and contingencies, and as the Tender of the Trynor Construction Company is the most favourable one and lower than the estimate as made by the Engineers your Committee unanimously recommends that this Council accept the Tender offered by Trynor Construction Limited for the installation of a water system and a sewer main in the Tufts Cove area.

FAIRVIEW:

At the Annual meeting of the Council, your Committee was authorized to call for Tenders for the construction of the "Backbone" of the Fairview project but has been unable to do this up to this time for a number of reasons:-

First: At the time our water and sewer installation for the Fairview area was designed there was no thought on the part of the City of Halifax of installing water and sewer mains on the Dutch Village Road. It now appears that both water and sewer mains are being installed on the City side of this road and it therefore becomes impractical for the County to duplicate such mains on the County side of the Dutch Village Road. This leads to various problems that have to be worked out in co-operation with the Engineering Department of the City of Halifax and with the Public Service Commission as well, relative to the method of supplying water. They are all engineering problems that are now well on the way to being solved.

Secondly: Although the Municipality has applied for a permit to open the roads in the Fairview area for the installation of the system of services, no permit has been granted by the Department of Highways. The Department has had the complete plans and profiles for some time now and a study is being carried out by

the Department of the whole proposed water and sewer system for Fairview. Presumably an answer will be forthcoming from the Department of Highways in the not too distant future.

OTHER EXTENSIONS:

Applications have been received by your Committee from residents of Glenwood Ave., and the Harry Walker Subdivision just beyond the Flawn Subdivision and also from Harbour Homes Limited with respect to a new subdivision just beyond the borders of the Town of Dartmouth near the Dundas Garage, for the installation of a water supply system in these areas.

Accordingly your Committee authorized the engineers to submit estimates for these smaller installations. The estimates are as follows:

Glenwood Avenue (District 14D).....	\$5,513.00
Extension to Flawn Subdivision.....	2,000.00
Harbour Homes Subdivision.....	5,400.00

Your Committee recommends that these smaller installations be proceeded with as soon as possible and that Trynor Construction Company, who will be making the larger installation at Tufts Cove, be asked to make these smaller installations at the same unit prices that they have quoted on the Tufts Cove project, and if the Company is not willing to do so at the same unit price, your Committee recommends that they be empowered to call for Tenders for these three streets and award the Contract in the best interests of the Municipality.

It may also be said that an application for water from residents of Gaston Road has been turned down temporarily as it is the Committee's opinion that the cost of water on this street at the present time would be excessive, particularly for the larger users.

Further applications from residents of Frederick Street and Rosedale Avenue in the Fairview area and from the Trustees of Armdale School Section No. 33 with respect to a new school on Rosedale Avenue, Fairview, your Committee has had to hold in abeyance until the situation with respect to the Fairview installation becomes clarified.

SOUTH WOODSIDE:

Your Committee reported at the Annual Meeting that the Engineers had been working on the construction survey and estimates for this area. This survey has been completed and the engineers' estimate for such installation is \$166,250.00 plus engineering costs. The Committee also reported at the last meeting of Council that the problem of water supply on the eastern side of the Harbour was an acute problem and could only be solved by the Town of Dartmouth extending its water supply facilities. This Council has already approved the signing of an agreement with the Town of Dartmouth with respect to the consumption of water, and although the plebiscite, as has been previously mentioned, was held in May — this agreement has not as yet been presented for signature. However, our Engineers have been instructed to prepare the document necessary for the calling of Tenders, and the Committee recommends that Tenders be called for as soon as a supply of water is assured from the Town of Dartmouth and when the necessary permits from the Department of Highways have been obtained for opening the streets in the South Woodside area — and of course in line with this Council's policy we are assured that at least 60% of the ratepayers of the area will become water-users.

TRUCK:

The establishment of services in Tufts Cove and enlarging the number of outlets to the east of the Town of Dartmouth necessitate the purchase of a small truck for maintenance purposes, as the Maintenance Supervisor lives in North Woodside and has all his tools, etc., located at that point. Your Committee recommends to Council that a half-ton truck be purchased for this purpose, when deemed necessary by the Committee.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES:

The agreement between the City of Halifax and the Municipality with respect to the joint use of City Sewers in the north of Halifax to drain the Fairview area, has not as yet been finalized although it had been hoped that such agreement could be authorized at this meeting. Your Committee hopes to finalize these arrangements before long and also hopes to solve the Fairview problem in the not too distant future.

Your Committee also hopes to deal effectively with other problems that will be coming before it from time to time — not the least of which includes the problems of the Highway Traffic Circle at Armdale and the construction of expensive highways by the Department of Highways on the Purcell's Cove Road and the Herring Cove Road. It may be necessary to make installations along these routes before it was originally planned in order to keep ahead of the Government's Road Paving Programme, as it is only good engineering practise to lay the large mains before a new hard surface is applied to any street or road in order to minimize the cutting of pavement.

However, it is your Committee's intention to study these problems carefully as they arise and report to Council as the need arises.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Chisholm said South Woodside is now assured of a supply of water.

Councillor Gates said there is a possibility that water will be supplied for South Woodside, when and if the contract is signed.

He outlined the proposed agreement with the Town of Dartmouth and said he thought the town was willing to provide water for South Woodside if the contract were signed.

The people of South Woodside are very anxious to get water sooner than at first expected, he said.

Councillor Gates and Chisholm moved the adoption of the report.

Councillor Lomas asked why the Gaston Road application had been turned down and also he asked for an explanation in regards to the proposed purchase of a truck.

Councillor Gates said the man in charge of maintenance had been using his own car and the committee felt this was not fair.

Councillor Myers said the maintenance supervisor had to cover a fairly large territory and it is only right that he be provided with transportation. He felt it would be better to buy a truck than to pay mileage.

Councillor Redmond asked for more information in regards to the Trynor Construction Company.

Councillor Gates said it is a New Brunswick Concern now working at the Department of National Defense project in Tufts Cove.

He told council the Department of Highways had required a number of promises before the permit was issued.

The department should have known that the pipe line would run along the highway but despite this the department went ahead with highway improvements and then were reluctant to permit the roads being re-opened.

He read the permit issued by the department.

Councillor Settle said there was a large group of people along Gaston Road who were anxious to get water and he wondered whether the proposed Gaston Road project could not be undertaken to serve these people.

Councillor Gates said the committee did not favor attempting to extend a system where the water users could not afford the cost of the system.

Councillor Settle said the Dartmouth system ran up Gaston Road to the county line and this fact might make the extension economically possible.

Councillor Myers asked how many consumers there were in the area.

Councillor Settle said there were quite a number.

Councillor Gates said he would recommend that the committee be given power to go ahead with the extension if found economically sound and he made this addition to the report.

Councillor Lomas asked if there was any assurance that the Town of Dartmouth would provide water for South Woodside.

Councillor Gates said the town was anxious to sell water to the county so the town could expand its facilities.

Councillor Chisholm said South Woodside could be supplied by the water contracted for North Woodside and not used.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillors Gates and Naugle moved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tender of the Trynor Construction Company, Limited, of \$100,864.85, be accepted for the installation of a water system and sewer mains in Tufts Cove, from the border of the Town of Dartmouth to the D.N.D. Housing Development at Tufts Cove.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Warden and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute the contract on the form attached to the Tender;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Trynor Construction Company be requested to make smaller installations at Glenwood Avenue, Harbour Homes Limited and Flawn Subdivision, at the same unit price as for the Tufts Cove Tender and if this is not feasible that the method as outlined in the report of the Public Services Committee, be acted upon by the Public Services Committee of this Council;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Warden and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to execute any necessary contracts with the Construction Company employed for these three extensions, upon resolution of the Public Services Committee.

Councillor Hutchinson asked if the county had to pay the entire cost of the project.

Warden Dowell said the county would bear the entire cost but the system would eventually pay for itself.

Councillor Hutchinson said he did not feel it fair for the whole county to pay for a system to be used by a few.

Warden Dowell said the people in the fringe area were heavy tax payers and they were very anxious to obtain water. It would be wise policy to provide the water, he said.

Councillor Lomas asked what would be the life of the debentures, and was advised by Councillor Gates that they extended over 40 years.

The resolution was voted upon and carried.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Gates and Dauphinee:

"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 a 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 any municipal purpose whatsoever;

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 that Act until such proposed borrowings have been approved by the Minister of Municipal affairs;

AND WHEREAS by said The Municipal Affairs Act it is further provided that sums to be borrowed under that Act 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 sums required shall be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the municipality to such an amount as the council thereof deems necessary to raise such sums;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, for the purpose of installing a water system in such areas and acquiring or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor, to borrow a sum not exceeding Ninety-three Thousand Dollars (\$93,000) in respect of the Tufts Cove area of District 140, and a sum not exceeding \$4,000 in respect to an extension of the present Flawn Subdivision water installation in District No. 14D, together with a meter pit at the borders of the Town of Dartmouth; and a sum not exceeding Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) in respect to an installation of water mains in Harbour Homes Subdivision in District No. 14D and a sum not exceeding Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) in respect to the installation of water mains on Glenwood Avenue in District No. 14D, and to borrow a sum not exceeding Thirty-six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000) for the purpose of installing a sewer main in the said Tufts Cove area of District No. 14G and acquiring, or purchasing materials, machinery, implements and plant deemed requisite or advisable therefor;

"AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient to postpone the issue of debentures and to borrow from the Royal Bank of Canada such sum or sums of money, not exceeding One Hundred and Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000) as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, the sum or sums so borrowed to be repaid to said Bank out of the proceeds of the debentures when sold;

"BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Municipality of the County of Halifax do, under and by virtue of the Municipal Affairs Act and subject to the approval of the Minister of Municipal Affairs, borrow or raise by way of loan on

the credit of the Municipality a sum not exceeding One Hundred and Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000) for the purposes aforesaid;

"THAT under and in accordance with said the Municipal Affairs Act such sum be borrowed or raised by the issue and sale of debentures of the Municipality to such an amount as will raise the sum to be borrowed;

"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 from the Royal Bank of Canada a sum or sums of money not exceeding One Hundred and Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000);

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

Councillor Lomas asked if the four percent interest rate was not too high.

Councillor Gates said it was in line with the usual rate charged by a bank.

Councillor Hutchinson asked who was responsible for payment of the debentures.

Councillor Gates said this would be a county responsibility.

Councillor Hutchinson questioned the fairness of placing the responsibility upon people who received no benefit from the expenditure.

Councillor Gates said it is necessary to use the county's credit for this purpose in order to keep the county intact.

Councillor Hutchinson said some people felt the county was too large.

Councillor Gates said a larger unit could carry out its business on a more businesslike basis than a smaller unit.

Councillor Myers asked why the South Woodside project could not be constructed on a unit basis.

Councillor Gates said this project would be too large to be handled in this way

The resolution was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Mosher said he felt it improper that a building inspector was appointed for District 9. He said the petition presented by him had not received adequate consideration.

Councillor Ferguson told council of an interview a committee, of which he was a member, had with the minister of highways last year. The minister later denied his statements to the committee.

He said he resented any implication that he had not told the truth.

Councillor Burris also told council the minister had denied statements made to the committee.

Councillor Turner also assured council the report of the committee to council had been a true one.

Councillor Gates said he did not like the treatment given by the minister to members of the council.

He said he could not support a government which had been treating the council as had the present one.

Councillor Mosher pointed out the council meeting could have been concluded yesterday if the department had co-operated.

Councillor Lomas suggested that the appointed members of government were at fault.

Councillor Ferguson said the committee had not been speaking with appointees but rather with the minister of highways.

Councillor Gates said the Highways Minister had also denied his promise in regards to county roads.

Councillor Hutchinson expressed regret that political issues had been brought up in council.

Councillor Ferguson said this matter was not political but rather a personal matter.

Councillor Myers said it was not a matter of politics but rather of government policy.

The department were apparently considered as more important than the people's health, he said.

Councillor Mosher asked who was at fault in the matter.

Councillor Settle said the blame was not sided.

The minutes of the day's meeting were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Settle and Mosher.

On motion of Councillors Myers and Turner, council adjourned Sine Die. God Save The King.

Second Annual Meeting of the Thirtieth Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax

FIRST DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, February 28, 1951

The second 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. D. N. MacDonald of Woodlawn in brief prayer asked divine blessing on the deliberations and decisions of the Council.

The Warden, Mr. W. J. Dowell, presided. The roll was called. All Councillors were present with the exception of Councillors Turner and Smith, who the Municipal Clerk reported ill at home and would not be able to be present for a few days. Councillor D. A. Hutchinson also was reported ill with the flu.

Warden W. J. Dowell presented his annual address. It follows:
To the Members of the Council of the Municipality of the
County of Halifax.

Gentlemen:

Once again I have the pleasure and privilege of welcoming you to the Annual Meeting; this being the second meeting of the Thirtieth Council of our Municipality. After a few years of progressive thought we have now come to a place where we can see the result of that thought in progressive action and today we have our Assessment Survey completed and brought to what we consider a satisfactory condition.

We have also seen water and sewer installed in parts of our County and arrangements made to carry on that work in other areas in the very near future. Both of these measures I consider unusual and progressive and matters that are very rarely undertaken by any Rural Municipality in Canada.

In connection with the above, we must note that such matters as water and sewerage, which both call for the work of Engineers, and remembering that we have adopted the Town Planning Act and set up a Committee to see that it is properly carried out, it seems to me that the time is near, if not here, when our Municipality will require the services of a full time Engineer to look after that part of our work.

Our Building Act, I feel, requires considerable amending and I would like those of us to whom it applies acutely, to meet, consider the various angles and try and have this attended to in time to bring it before this Session of our Provincial Government, so that any improvements that can be made may be brought about without any undue delay.

We are very unfortunate in the matter of being without a Council Chamber or any Committee Room, both of which are necessary to carry on our work as it should be done and I would suggest that we try to impress on the Court House Commission the necessity for carrying into effect the improvements and addition to this building that were suggested and planned over a year ago.

We have to pay tribute to our Provincial Government, which has been very much alive to some of our requirements with a result that we are now assured ("barring" any unforeseen happenings) that we shall have modern transportation from Halifax to Dartmouth or rather from the East to the West of our County by way of the Harbor Bridge; the building of which now is to all intents and purposes, assured. This project will also bring a large amount of work to our people and the set up is such that I feel the Bridge will become a self-liquidating project.

There is very little more necessary to be said with regard to Municipal work, as the reports from the different Committees, as well as our Financial Report, will show a clear picture of the whole, much better than anything I may say.

We are still without any appreciable gain in the way of Industry. In fact we are perhaps worse off in this particular way than we were twenty-five years ago, in that we have a Sugar Refinery plant at Woodside but no sugar being refined there and we have no assurance that there ever will be.

Now in connection with the matter of lack of Industry, which applies all over our Province, I am of the opinion that for some reason or other we are overlooking or paying no attention to our many opportunities. For instance, today the Press is continuously calling our attention to the immense quantity of iron ore discovered within the past

few years in the Newfoundland and Quebec Labrador. While this is, you may say, at Nova Scotia's back door, the thought in general seems to be that it must be taken from our country as ore and made into steel by our friends to the south. This, of course, even from the ore standpoint, will bring a large amount of money into Canada but what will it do directly for Nova Scotia. In Nova Scotia we have Cape Breton already manufacturing steel to a certain extent; parts of Pictou County and parts of Cumberland County, but why is there not a strenuous effort made to have the steel plants that we have here, now developed or extended, so that we can manufacture large structural steel and if not structural, then surely we can develop the possibility of smelting much more in the way of ingots and thus give more work to our own people and export ingots instead of ore.

I noticed in an editorial of the Halifax Chronicle-Herald of January 12th, the following:

"The Maritime-Provinces are now presented with a development which can be termed nothing short of fantastic.

The United States Government has approved the expenditure of \$250,000,000 on a steel plant in the New London-Waterford area in the State of Connecticut. That industry is to be based on iron hauled from the Canadian Labrador past Canadian ports and coal mines.

And, as the announcement is made that the United States is proceeding with this expansion of steel-making facilities, long sought by the New England states, Ottawa says that it is "now conducting a survey to get concrete figures on the various segments of industry on how much steel they need for defence and civilian construction."

That, it seems, is the limit of the vision of official Canada with respect to steel. How much may Canada need? What is to be done about meeting that need in the one area in Canada which has all the natural resources for steel-making, plus all-year, cheap, water transport, is not said.

What would have happened to Canada if the farmer had taken the same attitude, had confined himself to growing enough wheat only for Canadian requirement after a survey?

What would have happened to the country if the Canadian newspaper producers, sitting on the reserves of water-power and timber, had contented themselves with producing only enough for the limited Canadian market after a survey.

To this list of producers might be added many more—those who mine nickel and who sell the bulk of their production abroad, the lumber-

men who cut trees for export trade—what if they had been satisfied with supplying the home markets along—and doing even that only after a survey had been made?

Ten years ago Canada was told that United States would run short of steel-making materials. Obviously, without those materials, that country, the greatest steel consumer on earth, would become short of steel.

Canadians took no advantage of that, nationally, provincially or industrially. United States capital is developing the Canadian ore resources. It is now building the plants in the United States to use those ores. Canada is left out of the picture.

Canada becomes comparable to the Mesabi country in the United States, with its steam shovels, its shunting engines and its piers for shipping. It does not build up a rich compensating "Pittsburg country" where the materials are processed and the wealth is accumulated. The Pittsburg of Canada, in at least one instance, will be south of the border in Connecticut. That is where labor will be employed, where wealth will be made out of Canadian Ore diggings. There and in another part of Canada which must import part of its raw materials."

Then later in the same paper—January 19th—another news item appeared as follows:

"Enough Ore For 225 Years

Montreal, Jan. 19—Within a few years 10,000,000 tons of ore mined in the Ungava and Lake Allard region of Northern Quebec are expected to find markets in the Mid-Western United States, V. C. Wansbrough, executive director of the Canadian Metal Mining Association, said last night.

Addressing the Montreal chapter of the controllers institute of America, he said the new metal market will result in tremendous improvements of Canada's economy.

Total revenue of Northern Quebec's mining production during 1950 had reached \$217,000,000.

He said drilling at Lake Allard has indicated some 200,000,000 tons of ore. A railway had been built and one electric furnace already was operating.

"There is a supply for 225 years ahead," he added.

The Ungava, or New Quebec region, he continued, contains approximately 400,000,000 tons of high-grade iron ore with many other metals, including silver and gold."

So much for the iron ore thought.

For years we have heard that the by-products of coal are as valuable as the coal itself but we hear nothing of that matter in Nova Scotia, although we have three Counties with large quantities of coal. I am at a loss to know just how we would call attention of the Federal Government to this matter, but as a suggestion I would say, that it might be done by means of resolutions from this Body, every other Municipal Body, Boards of Trade, or any other interested Body, which could be forwarded to their representatives in Ottawa, and in addition, followed through by strong letters, showing that the opportunities for Nova Scotia are being, in our opinion to say the least, not taken advantage of.

I think I have taken enough of your time for this morning, so I will bring this to a finish, but in finishing I would just like to ask those who look after our finances, to give a very careful and close scrutiny to all our extraordinary expenditures, so that those who pay the shot may receive for their payment, full value for all moneys spent.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Warden.

W. J. DOWELL,

A letter to the Warden and members of the Council from Mr. R. Graham Murray, the Solicitor, was read. Mr. Murray made application for reappointment as Solicitor.

Councillor Settle recommended Mr. Murray's appointment and moved this nomination. Councillor Naugle seconded the nomination. Councillors Ferguson and Evans moved that nominations cease. Carried.

The Warden deposited a ballot in Mr. Murray's favor and declared him reappointed as Solicitor for the coming year. Mr. Murray appeared before Council and thanked Council for the honor and stated that he would give close attention to all matters that were referred to him.

The following tenders for reporting and printing the minutes were received and opened:

Allen Print Limited, \$6.40 per page, plus \$10.00 per day for a reporter; Patriot Press Ltd., \$6.30 per page, reporting and printing inclusive; or \$5.75 without reporting.

Councillors Naugle and Evans moved that the tender of the Patriot Press Ltd. be accepted at \$6.30 per page which includes reporting, printing, binding and delivery. Carried.

Councillor Burris urged the appointment of an Agenda Committee to speed and facilitate the work of the Council at its present session. Councillor Redmond favored the proposal and added that he hoped that the agenda and all principal reports could be in the hands of Councillors at least a day before the discussion on the reports took place.

Councillors Burris and Cruikshank moved that an Agenda Committee be appointed to draw up a daily agenda for the Council session. Carried.

Warden Dowell appointed Deputy Warden Cruikshank and Councillor Ferguson to act with the Warden on the Agenda Committee.

The following Councillors were named by the Warden to the Nominating Committee: Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Councillors Rodgers, Gates, Webber and Burris.

A letter from the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding grants to the Municipalities was read by the Clerk and referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter from the Kiwanis Club of Halifax, inviting Councillors to the Kiwanis luncheon next week, was read. Councillors Rodgers and Naugle moved that the Council accept the invitation of the Kiwanis Club of Halifax to attend their luncheon on Monday, March 5. Carried.

A letter from the Halifax Musical Festival Association requesting financial support and asking that permission be granted to have a representative appear before Council was referred to the Agenda Committee.

Warden Dowell reported that Mr. George Piercy had requested that a representative of the John Howard Society address Council briefly on the work of that organization. The request was also referred to the Agenda Committee.

A similar request from the Canadian Cancer Society was also referred to the Agenda Committee.

A letter was received from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind requesting a grant to aid their work. This was referred to the Finance Committee.

A request for financial assistance from the Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty was referred to the Finance Committee.

A letter from Mr. Duckworth telling of Y.M.C.A. activities for youth at Grand Lake was read and filed.

A letter from Mr. D. H. Crowe of Stewiacke re opposition to increase in power rates was read and filed.

In a letter to Council from the Municipality of the County of Lunenburg

burg urged support of a resolution regarding snow removal. The letter was referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee.

A letter from the Imperoyal Home and School Association regarding the Victorian Order of Nurses was referred to the Councillors of Districts 14 and 28.

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

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, February 28, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Grand Jury reporting on the Halifax County Jail, the Halifax City Prison, and in regard to jury duty. It was referred to the Jail Committee and the Committee on Juries.

A letter from the Moncton office of the Maritime Hospital Service Association (Blue Cross) was read. The letter, in substance, requested the support of the Council to rural enrolments in the Blue Cross. It was brought out in discussion that the individual enrolment of rural persons would be of much benefit to the County. The letter was referred to the Agenda Committee.

Further discussion took place with respect to a letter from the Imperoyal Home and School Association concerning the need for V.O.N. Services.

Councillor Naugle said that presently any district so wishing can employ the V.O.N. by separate district contribution, but felt that a more efficient arrangement might be for the V. O. N. to serve all districts at established rates for the respective districts served.

Councillor Settle stated that on a previous occasion the V.O.N. were willing to serve Tufts Cove and Albro Lake Road and possibly Port Wallis on a basis of a contribution from the District, but the organization did not wish to serve the rural area.

Councillor Naugle suggested that V. O. N. services should be improved and extended, to include every district, on a boundary subscription basis.

For the present it was decided the letter from the Imperoyal Home and School Association be referred to the councillors of the two districts concerned.

A letter from the Council for Social Service of the Church of England Diocese of Nova Scotia was read. It, in substance, incorporated a resolution addressed to the Government of Nova Scotia and Municipalities of the Province requesting the enlargement of Poor Districts, reduction of five-year resident requirements, and uniformity standards for better administration of funds.

Councillor MacMillan commented that the present system of Overseers of the Poor is not efficient since suitable men will not act, resulting in bad management from those elected.

Councillor Settle suggested that the Poor Relief Act should define what constitutes the poor, to help the work of the Overseers.

Councillor Allen said that the entire Act should be revised, and provide central organization and administration for the Municipality, and that compensation be allotted for Overseers and investigators.

At this point Councillor Chisholm cited a case where he had paid an Overseer, and inquired if he were justified in doing this.

Warden Dowell assured that this was the accepted practice.

Councillor Naugle suggested that the Act should not be changed greatly, that obtaining good Overseers would do much to improve efficiency. However, he stated that Overseers do not know how to interpret the poor, and that the Act should incorporate a means test by which Overseers can qualify the poor.

The County Solicitor, Mr. Murray, said that the Poor Relief Act is based on an old English Act and is unworkable for the purposes of poor relief. He confirmed a suggestion from Councillor Settle that this matter should be referred to the Law Amendments Committee.

On a suggestion that the matter be referred to the Poor Committee, Councillor Ferguson said that the District should have good men for the Overseers of the Poor in order that this Act may function properly.

Councillor Evans doubted that any changes in the Act would cause the Overseer's job of separating the good from the bad to be any easier.

Councillor Allen asked how the matter should be disposed.

Warden Dowell suggested that it should be referred to the Committee on Poor which could study the situation, consult with other committees if necessary, and possibly make suggestions to council.

Deputy Warden Cruikshanks then read the report of the nominating committee to the Council, 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:	Councilors Gates, Rodgers, Allen, Burris and Hutchinson.
TENDERS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY:	Warden Dowell, Councillors Naugle, Evans, Dauphinee and Ferguson.
LICENSES:	Councillors Ferguson, Webber, Chisholm, Smith and Mosher.
ROADS AND BRIDGES:	Councillors Turner, Isnor, Mosher, McMillan and Evans.
ASSESSMENT:	Councillors Naugle, Cruikshank, Burris, Settle and Turner.
INSANE:	Councillors Lomas, Webber, McMillan, Redmond and Hutchinson.
LAW AMENDMENTS:	Councillors Dauphinee, Allen, Rodgers, Chisholm and Isnor.
JURY LISTS:	Councillors Settle, Smith and Redmond.
POOR:	Councillors Redmond, Smith, Myers, Evans and McMillan.
ARBITRATION:	Councillors Burris, Cruikshank and Gates.
JAIL:	Councillors Myers, Lomas and Settle.

(Signed by the Committee)

Deputy Warden Cruikshank moved the adoption of this report, which was then seconded by Councillor Naugle. Carried.

The Warden asked the members of the Council if the 1951 Annual Report of The Director of Assessment should be read now, since it was a long report for the brief time remaining.

Councillor Naugle said that to do the work properly it should be completed at one time.

It was decided that copies of the report should be distributed to each member for perusal at his convenience, and later action by the Council when time would be more convenient.

The 1950 Annual Report of the County Jailor was read by the Municipality Clerk.

Councillor Naugle said that a portion of the fines accumulated under the Liquor Control Act should be set aside for the Poor Fund, since many cases arise where a man convicted and imprisoned leaves a destitute family as a charge to the Poor District.

Councillor Burris suggested that the Statutes should be amended to have payments made from such fines to the Poor Fund.

Councillors Ferguson and Burris moved that the County Jailor's report be adopted. Carried.

Councillor Naugle suggested that the matter of payments from fines be referred to the Law Amendments Committee, and consultation with the Attorney-General.

Councillor Rodgers felt that it would be reasonable to think that these fines are required for law enforcement expenses, and the authorities would not favor the suggestion.

Councillor Burris said that there might be less effort to pay fines.

Councillors Naugle and Burris moved that a portion of the fines collected under the N. S. Liquor Control Act, being returned to the Poor District for maintenance of the families of persons convicted, and that the matter be referred to the Law Amendments Committee, to see if some such arrangement could be made through the Attorney-General's Department of the Province of N. S. Carried.

Councillor Evans and Isnor moved that Council adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING

Thursday, March 1, 1951

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillor Lomas inquired if an ex-officio member of any committee could be the chairman of that committee. Councillor Settle inquired as to whether the Tenders and Public Property Committee was short a member, pointing out that the nominating Committee had named the Warden as a member, yet he could sit on the Committee ex-officio as Warden.

Councillor Gates stated this appointment was covered by the municipal by-laws and read the governing section. He added that a by-law had been passed which stated that the Tender and Public Properties Committee was to be under the chairmanship of the warden.

Councillor Chisholm asked if any action had been on a decision by the Public Services Committee to call for tenders for the installation of a water system at Woodside.

He said ratepayers were willing to pay for this service and he believed there should be no delay in carrying the project through.

Councillor Myers said the county was now purchasing water from Dartmouth.

The clerk explained that the call for tenders had not been issued due to the pressure of work at the municipal office but that action would be taken immediately and the tenders would be on hand in time for consideration at the present meeting of the council.

The director of assessment then presented his report to council.

Councillor Lomas congratulated Mr. MacGlashen on his report and the work accomplished by his staff.

At this point, Warden Sullivan of Cape Breton County was introduced to council and he presented the greetings of the Cape Breton County Council.

The greetings of the Halifax County Council were extended to him by Warden Dowell.

Councillors Allen and Evans moved that council adjourn until 2 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called

The report of Dr. Charman, the Jail Physician, was presented.

Councillors Dauphinee and Naugle moved that the Jail Physician's report be received and filed. Carried.

Councillor Dauphinee noted that the report had said the sanitary conditions in the jail were good and asked if Dr. Charman had personally noted any basis for the Grand Jury's report which recommended abolition of the jail.

Dr. Charman said sanitary conditions were adequate for the number of prisoners housed in the jail and that he had never noted any overcrowding there.

Dr. Charman then presented his report as Medical Health Officer and this was received and filed on motion of Councillors Evans and Gates.

Councillor Rodgers asked Mr. MacGlashen for the assessed valuation for the Halifax watershed properties and was advised that the assessment had been placed at \$.....

Councillor Rodgers said the boundaries of the watershed property had never been clearly defined by the Public Service Commission.

He said he took exception to the commission's accusation that the county building inspectors had been breaking the law since the commission was unable to state definitely where the boundaries were.

Expropriation of the land would mean the loss of excellent residential land to the county, he said. It is important to note, he went on to say, if this area were taken away as tax free the County would have an immediate loss of \$250,000 in assessment. He added that the Minister of Municipal Affairs had intimated recently that he, the Minister, would like this matter considered and cleared up by the Council this year. Councillor Gates said that it would be of great importance that this matter be dealt with immediately, since it is no longer a secret that the P. S. C. will soon be a separate corporation. When such occurs this County will be vitally affected.

Councillor W. A. Gates said he viewed the continual encroachment of the watershed with alarm and he said he blamed the City of Halifax for failing to take action before this date.

He said the commission had extended the limits of the watershed far beyond the original boundaries.

This constituted a great injustice to the people of the county for it meant they could not use their land, a purchaser could not be found and yet they were obliged to pay county taxes, he said.

Councillor Rodgers said the community of Harrietsfield had been isolated by the proposed boundaries of the Watershed Area and as a result the people had been unable to secure telephone service because the closing of part of the Sambro Road would limit the number of people who would be telephone users.

Councillor Ferguson said he found it difficult to believe conditions of this type existed within the county and he urged immediate action by the council to protect the rights of county residents.

Councillor Naugle also urged immediate action, saying the county owned a duty to protect the rights of County property owners until their properties were purchased.

Councillors Cruikshank and Burris moved that the solicitor and Law Amendments Committee draft a resolution and suggested legislation

to be forwarded to the local member for presentation to the present sessions of the Legislature, when it had been approved by this council, that will limit the watershed areas of the City and Town to the original limits and thus protect the ratepayers of the county from further encroachment on watershed properties on both sides of the harbor, and further to make sure that the limitations of watershed areas must be clearly defined and that land used for this purpose must be purchased by the utility concerned immediately. Carried.

Councillor Redmond asked Mr. MacGlashen for further information with respect to widows in his district. He referred to statistics in Mr. MacGlashen's report and said he felt many of the widows were not able to pay taxes.

Councillor Gates also referred to the number of widows in his district and pointed out that many widows were still exempt because even under the new assessment their properties had been valued at less than \$400.

He also pointed out that there are widows who are financially able to pay taxes and who have been totally exempt under the old system.

He pointed out there was no exemption for aged men, who have ceased to do work and yet owned property and stated that in his opinion that any person, widow or otherwise, if they own property and are capable of paying taxes, they should be obliged to do so.

Several other councillors raised objection to the fact that the widows exemption could not be raised to a higher figure.

Mr. MacGlashen said, as he had suggested in his report, that the only fair way in his opinion to assess this class of ratepayers would be to establish some form of means test.

Councillor Ferguson stated that this matter had given him some concern from the time the new assessment was started. He said he was sure it was not the intention of this council to increase revenues at the expense of those who could ill afford to pay taxes.

Councillor Ferguson asked Mr. MacGlashen if there was not some present provision in the Assessment Act whereby a person could be relieved of paying taxes by the council.

Mr. MacGlashen said that in the 1947 amendments to the Assessment Act provision is made whereby the council may upon the petition of any taxpayer duly certified by affidavit relieve that taxpayer of the payment of rates providing the taxpayer has declared that from sickness or poverty he is unable to pay his taxes.

Councillor Naugle said further reference to the matter would be made in the report of the Assessment Committee.

Councillors Gates and Rodgers moved that council adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Carried.

THIRD DAY—MORNING

Friday, March 2, 1951

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

After objections by Councillors Settle, Myers and Chisholm, the warden directed the clerk and reporter to redraft the minutes for the previous day's sessions for consideration at a later date.

Councillor Settle suggested the council give a reporter a trial period in the future to avoid the probability of inaccurate minutes.

Councillor Allen said he believed future tenders should be called on the basis of printing alone in the interests of economy.

Council then continued discussion of the director of assessment's report.

Councillor Dauphinee said he had prepared a brief based on complaints by residents of his district.

He complimented the assessment staff on its work in view of the size of the project undertaken.

He told council certain property owners in his district had complained of the increase in their assessments.

He asked why some personal property assessments had not been based on the 20 percent rule approved by the council. It appeared that the same standard had not been applied to all personal assessments.

He also questioned the higher increase in assessment in certain districts as compared to others.

Councillor Dauphinee said he had been advised by one property owner that he had complained to the director of assessment as to the size of his assessment and had been advised that the director had amended the assessment.

He asked if this action by Mr. MacGlashen was in keeping with the democratic concept.

He told council many widows would suffer because of the increase in property assessments and asked why the basis of assessment had not been fixed at the 1929 valuation rather than the 1939 standard.

Fixing the valuation on the 1939 basis had been contrary to the Assessment Act and if such a violation of the legislation had been undertaken it should have been placed at a sufficiently low level to protect the widows, he said.

He said he believed the Assessment Committee was one of the most important in the council and he asked why it had not held more meetings in the past year.

He expressed concern over the possible loss of control by the committee over the assessment survey.

Councillor Naugle assured council the Assessment Committee was keenly interested in the activities of the assessment department but he had been unable to see an advantage in calling frequent meetings without reason.

Councillor Burris said the committee had held several meetings this year and that he was satisfied with the results of the survey.

Councillor Dauphinee said he did not mean the committee was not interested in the work of the assessment department but rather the members could have taken a more active interest in the survey.

Councillor Lomas said the new survey had been instituted in order to equalize assessment in the county and he questioned that this had been accomplished in view of the different increase percentages for the different districts.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said the different percentages indicated some districts had enjoyed a very low assessment in past years.

He said he had opposed the new survey at the beginning because of his concern over its effect on the county's share in joint expenditures.

Councillor Allen said he believed the assessment director's action in amending assessments was a serious matter since the council does not want to lose control of its activities.

Councillor Gates said the difference in percentages resulted from the different assessment standards used in the the various districts. Many people had been enjoying low assessment for years, he added.

He asked if there had been any variations in the personal assessment standards and was advised by Mr. MacGlashen that the assessors had used the 20 percent basis in most cases but in some instances dif-

ferent standards had been used after the assessor had seen the furniture in the different homes.

Councillor Gates said assessors in other municipalities had amended assessments when they and the property owners had been able to agree on the proper amount.

He said the county had not been bearing its fair share of joint expenditures in the past because of the low assessment and in some cases had been paying too much in highway and education taxes because of double assessments.

Councillor Settle said the different district percentages were mainly due to the large amount of new assessments, particularly in the fringe area.

He pointed out that the overall percentages on personal assessments for Councillor Dauphinee's district was one-sixth of the total property valuation.

He said he had full confidence in the director of assessment and also felt that a large number of committee meetings would not have made a great improvement in the final results of the survey.

Generally, a committee should be advised of any decision reached by the chairman or a sub-committee before action is taken or the public is informed.

Councillor Naugle said the Assessment Committee had maintained a close watch on the work of the assessment department at the beginning of the survey and had been convinced that the work was being done satisfactorily.

In some cases it had been impossible to call the committee together to act on some matters but the members had been advised before any action had been taken, he said.

Councillor Settle assured that he was not criticizing the Assessment Committee.

Councillor Redmond said he had noted in Councillor Dauphinee's brief that some people had not co-operated with the assessor and asked why this had not been noted in the directors of assessment's report.

Councillor Dauphinee said he had been referring to individual cases.

Councillor Redmond pointed out the general application of the 20 percent standard for personal property assessments would lead to inequalities since some people might own large homes but very little furniture and they would be paying taxes on non-existent property.

He said he felt the work of the assessment department should be a matter for the whole assessment committee.

Councillor Settle said the charman should call a meeting if important problems came up but he might not need to call a meeting if the work was proceeding satisfactorily.

Mr. MacGlashen told council he had been directed to use the 1939 valuation by the council because it was felt that prices at the time the survey began were inflationary.

He said the matter of widows' exemptions had been laid down by the legislation and that any changes would have to be made through amendments in that legislation.

The increase in assessment had been due to the former undervaluation and to the rapid development in the past few years.

Personal property valuations were based on the 20 percent rule but adjustments were made when the assessor was convinced that this standard did not fit the individual case.

He told council he felt the assessor was entitled to make adjustments in the assessments where he was convinced that such adjustment was necessary.

Councillor Gates asked if consideration had been given to the replacement of the personal property tax by an occupancy tax and was advised by Mr. MacGlashen that the matter had been discussed but no action had been taken.

Councillor Gates read a report prepared by the Dalhousie Public Affairs Institute, which outlined the difficulties of personal property assessment and recommended abolition or amendment of this form of taxation.

It was possible that the 20 percent standard would not accurately indicate the value of personal property but some rule was necessary in placing a value on personal property, he said.

Councillor Settle asked if the 20 percent rule applied in the case of large farms and was advised by Mr. MacGlashen that the rule was applied to the furniture but an additional amount was placed on livestock and also on equipment on the larger farms. Equipment on small farms was not assessed, Mr. MacGlashen said.

Councillor Myers asked if a similar difference was allowed between large and small business firms and was told that the legislation did not permit special consideration in these cases.

Councillor Myers said he felt the legislation was unfair since the small farmer earned his livelihood from his farm as did the small businessman.

Councillor Myers also asked how the assessor valued the stock in trade of a store and was told that the statement of the owner was generally accepted.

Councillor Rodgers said the number of appeals from District 7 indicated that people there were not too dissatisfied with their assessments.

Councillor Gates said this was not a true indication since many property owners were awaiting the announcement of the new tax rate before deciding whether they would appeal their assessments.

Councillor Myers said people in his district had been computing on the basis of a one dollar rate and that he did not feel any announcement should have been made until the new rate was known.

Councillor Burris said the one dollar rate had been based on the past year's expenditures and expressed doubt that the \$4.50 rate could have been maintained on the former assessment.

Councillor Naugle said the one dollar rate had never been guaranteed but he did not believe a greater number of appeals would come if there was an increase since this had never happend in the past.

Councillor Chisholm said the tax rate was not going to make large jumps since a 50 cent increase would mean the county expenditures would have increased by fifty percent.

Councillor Ferguson said the people of the county would be much concerned if the rate increased over one dollar. He said no public announcement should have been made until the rate was known.

Councillor Evans complimented the director of assessment on his work, saying the District 16 had been carrying an excess burden of taxation in the past years because it had a higher assessment basis than some other districts.

He said he believed it would be possible to have a one dollar rate this year but if the county expenditures were increased then the rate would go up.

The council had no intention to increase the rate unecessarily, he said.

Councillor Dauphinee asked if licensed road equipment should be assessed since licensed automobiles were not assessed.

Mr. MacGlashen explained automobiles are totally exempted and that the question of assessing heavy equipment has been discussed with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and there is a possibility of clarifying the legislation in this respect.

Councillor Myers said that the license fee for heavy contracting equipment was very low and he felt that it should be assessed since it was being used in business.

Councillor Gates asked the present status of the sugar refinery and was advised by Mr. MacGlashen that the fixed assessment did not retire until 1953 but that the company had agreed to an increased assessment totalling \$1,395,000.

Councillor Chisholm said the provincial government had taken over a 20 acre lot of land in Woodside and he felt the county should protest the lack of revenue from this land since it was not being used.

Councillor Settle said he was pleased to hear the sugar refinery assessment had been increased since the fixed assessment had been made on the basis of a going concern, which would offer local employment. He said he felt an increased assessment was justified since the company did not continue operations.

Councillor Myers said the fixed assessment for Fairey Aviation Company had been made on the basis of a going concern offering local employment but that very few local people were employed there.

The report of the director of assessment was accepted on motion of Councillors Naugle and Chisholm.

Councillors Lomas and Evans moved that council adjourn to 2 p.m. Carried.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON

March 2, 1951.

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The report of the Assessment Committee was read by the clerk and a motion to adopt it was moved by Councillors Naugle and Burris.

Councillor Lomas asked if all members of the assessment staff were county people.

Mr. MacGlashen said all but one of the employees either owned land in the county or lived there.

Councillor Myers asked if all assessors would receive an annual salary of \$2,400 and also for information as to the total cost to date of the survey.

Mr. MacGlashen said that \$2400 was the average salary.

Councillor Gates said the budget suggested by the committee would mean an additional \$10,000 from current revenue this year pointing this out as one of the factors that would effect the new tax rate.

He said the assessors received twice the milage rate allowed the councillors and suggested that the people of the county would have difficulty in securing qualified councillors in the future if they were expected to devote their time to municipal affairs at the rate of \$5.00 per day for committee meetings.

In answer to a question by councillor Gates, Mr. MacGlashen said he had not travelled through the county a great deal during the past year but that he intended to take charge of the commercial assessment this year and that he would be travelling more as a result.

Councillor Myers said he had been told in the past that one assessor would be able to handle the assessment work in the county. He asked the cost of the survey to date and was advised by the clerk that the project had cost approximately \$93,000.

Councillor Myers said the council had never been advised that the project would mean so high a total expenditure.

Councillor Naugle said he felt the council had received full value for the money spent, adding that the council now had one person responsible to council for the assessment work.

Councillor Redmond noted that the report made no recommendations in regard to the assessment of woodlands.

He said he saw some value in the suggestion by the director of assessment that the valuation he based on the land's ability to produce but he pointed out some woodland has reached full growth and was not being cleared.

Any new system should make provisions for both classes of woodland and further that availability of the land should be considered, he said.

Councillor Naugle said the question was under study at the present time but that the committee was unable to make definite recommendations at the present time.

Councillor Redmond said the survey had already proven very expensive and he felt that the matter should not be left uncompleted.

Warden Dowell said the director of assessment had pointed out the need for consultation with officials of the Department of Lands and Forests before a scheme is evolved.

Mr. MacGlashen said much study would be necessary before the problem could be solved.

Councillor Allen asked if the members of the assessment staff were to be hired permanently and was advised by the warden that employment would be on a year to year basis.

Councillor Burris said the question of financing the whole budget from current revenue would be a matter for the Finance Committee.

Councillor Gates said the money would have to come from current revenue for it would be unwise to continue using surplus funds. He said he did not expect a lower budget for the department next year because of rising costs.

Although the budget would mean an additional \$10,000 from current revenue the work of the assessment department would mean much increased revenue to the county, he added.

Councillor Burris said he also felt the size of the budget was not excessive and that the money spent to date on the survey had been a worthwhile investment.

Warden Dowell said Halifax County was becoming a partially urban Municipality and should be ready to accept the added responsibilities such a development entailed.

Councillor Dauphinee asked if any action had been taken in regards to obtaining grants from the federal government in lieu of taxation of exempted property.

Warden Dowell said he hoped the council would pass a resolution at the present meeting to bring the question before the federal authorities.

Councillor Gates read the report of the 1946 assessment committee and said it showed there had been no intention to have one assessor for the whole county.

He said he favored financing the assessment department from current revenue rather than taking part of the money from surplus funds.

Councillor Settle said purchases had been made from surplus funds without the knowledge of council and Councillor Gates replied that all expenditures from the surplus funds had been brought to the attention of the councillors.

Councillor Settle suggested that some provision should be made in the estimates for anticipated revenue from tax arrears.

The clerk said this would be difficult since it was impossible to predict the amount that would be collected.

The motion to adopt the report of the Assessment Committee was voted upon and carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Redmond moved: That this council refer to the Finance Committee and Assessment Committee, the matter of investigating all government property for which no revenue is received by the municipality and preparing a brief for presentation to the parties concerned asking for payment of some sum in lieu of taxation, on the property they possess. Carried.

Councillor Chisholm asked for any information available in regards to a piece of land owned by the provincial government in Woodside.

Councillor Gates said the land was to be used by an oil company but the government had expropriated the land to protect the Nova Scotia hospital.

He said he had been advised by a former Minister of Health that the government did not intend to use the property and that it might be available to another type industry.

Councillor Chisholm said the land was large enough to provide 80 homes and that many people would be happy to erect their homes there.

Councillor Gates said another excellent industrial sit existed on the shore of the harbor and he feared it might become lost to the county. He suggested steps be taken to encourage industrial development there.

Councillor Myers said another excellent industrial site existed on the south side of the Imperial Oil Limited property.

Councillors Lomas and Dauphinee moved that an industrial committee be appointed and that this committee investigate any sites that may have potential use for the developement of industry. Carried.

Warden Dowell appointed Councillors Gates, Myers and Settle to comprise the Industrial Committee.

On motion of Councillors Myers and Evans, council adjourned to 10 a.m. tomorrow.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING

Saturday, March 3, 1951

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and adopted as amended, on motion of councillors Evans and Settle.

Councillor Settle questioned whether the minutes should be so exhaustive in the interests of economy.

Councillor Myers said he believed that the opinions of every councillor should be included in the minutes since the people of the county accepted the minutes as a guide to the council's activities. Councillors Naugle, Evans, Chisholm, Redmond and Lomas agreed.

Councillor Gates said council could consider the advisability of a verbatim account of the proceedings.

Councillor Ferguson said the by-laws limited the number of times a councillor could speak on a subject and suggested strict adherence to the by-laws might limit the length of the minutes.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Redmond and Naugle: That whereas that section of the highway between Dartmouth and Chezzetcook, commonly known as the Lower Road, is now in a bad state of repair; and whereas due to the condition of the road, His Majesty's Mail, is considerably delayed; be it resolved that this council insist that the Department of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia, take steps to rebuild or repair said Highway. Carried.

The report of the Special Committee on Elections was presented by Councillor Allen.

Councillors Allen and Gates moved that the report be adopted.

Councillor Mosher said he was in accord with the recommendation for a revising officer in each polling district. It is impossible for one man to cover the whole constituency, since he would not know all eligible voters.

Councillor Naugle said the recommendations should be followed up immediately.

The motion to adopt the report was voted upon and carried.

The solicitor told council the proposed changes would mean greater expense and suggested this factor should be considered.

Councillor Mosher said the county must be prepared to face an increased cost if accurate lists were desired.

Councillor Allen said it would be difficult to estimate cost of the new system but felt that the benefits would make the higher investment worthwhile. He agreed to a suggestion by Warden Dowell that the new system might increase election costs by 100 percent.

Councillor Myers said he did not believe the fee of \$6 for presiding officers, as proposed by the report, would be sufficient since the man would lose a day's work.

Councillor Allen said the question of fees for the revising barrister would be a subject for further study.

Councillor Gates said the increased cost for elections would have an effect on the new rate.

Councillor Ferguson said the council should be guided by the benefits resulting from the new system in considering the increased cost.

Councillor Settle said he did not fear the rate would be greatly affected since there had been much new construction in the county during the past year.

Councillors Myers and Lomas moved that council adjourn until 10 a. m. Monday. Carried.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING

Monday, March 5, 1951

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of Saturday's meeting were read and adopted as amended on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Naugle.

Councillor Rodgers said he felt it unfair for some councillors to be late in arriving for meetings.

Councillor Myers asked if new committees were expected to submit reports.

Councillor Redmond said he felt the new Jail Committee should make a report since various important matters had been submitted to its attention.

Councillor Myers said the previous recommendations of the Jail Committee had not been acted upon.

Warden Dowell said its recommendations had been presented to the Court House Commissioners and the clerk advised that action had been taken on the recommendations.

Councillor Lomas said the Jail Committee had made recommendations in past years and that no action had been taken on them. He felt recommendations made by any committee should receive consideration.

Councillor Myers said the jail was clean but that certain parts of the building should be repainted. He did not feel the jail should be termed unfit for habitation.

Councillor Gates said problems of joint expenditures had been the reason for lack of action on jail committee recommendations. The jail was being cared for as well as possible but both jail and court house were a disgrace to the municipality. Plans for remodelling the building had been submitted to the Court House Commissioners but they had not been put into effect because the city refused to bear a major part of the cost.

Warden Dowell said he hoped council would pass a resolution on the matter at the present sessions.

Councillor Myers said a large sum of money had been expended on court house repairs a few years ago and asked for information as to the use of this money.

The minutes of the Second day, Thursday, were read and adopted on motions of Councillors Naugle and Evans.

The matter of purchasing water from Dartmouth was discussed.

Councillor Settle said he felt retiring committees should report to council on their past year's activities.

Councillor Gates urged the new Jail Committee to ask in its report for the reasons that former recommendations had not been implemented.

Councillor Rodgers said committee reports should be prepared and available at the first session of council.

Warden Dowell said it was impossible for all committees to finalize their reports in time for the opening session.

Councillor Naugle said council could receive reports from the retiring committee leaving reports from new committees for the following year.

Councillor Gates said reports should be received only from the retiring committees.

Councillor Evans agreed, saying he had not been permitted to sign the report of the Assessment Committee presented at last year's meeting although he had been a member of the committee that did the work.

Warden Dowell said the members of the old committee should sign the reports.

Councillor Myers said the retiring committee could report only on the work it had carried out and could not report on the work for the new committee.

Councillor Redmond said retiring committees should report but that the new committee would have to submit any recommendations.

Councillor Settle said some new committees, because of the nature of their work, would have to make reports but they could not report on the past year's work.

Councillor Lomas said the Committee on Poor would have to submit a report to Council because it had to determine the new rate.

Warden Dowell suggested there could be no standing rule as to which committees would report.

Councillors Dauphinee and Naugle moved that council adjourn to go into committee work and reconvene at 2.30 p.m. Carried.

FIFTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Monday, March 5, 1951

Council met at 2:30 p.m. Roll called.

Ira P. Macnab, general manager of the Public Service Commission, was introduced to council by Warden Dowell.

Mr. Macnab briefly reviewed the history of the commission and turned to a discussion of the watershed problem.

He said he agreed where people owned property on the watershed they should not be denied the use of that property but he had no sympathy for those who had bought for speculative purposes.

The commission was willing to serve the county districts contiguous to the city and had allotted money to purchase pipe for the Fairview extension if an agreement could be reached with the county council. In view of these future extensions of service the watersheds were important to county residents.

He denied there had been any extension of the watershed boundaries since 1945, when the Big Indian Lake was added to the system used by the commission.

The commission had expended over \$100,000 last year in purchasing watershed properties and these were acquired through purchase based on negotiation with the original owners; not by expropriation.

He said definition of the watershed boundaries was difficult since the area was bounded by natural contours. An attempt was made to make a manual survey in 1945 with \$10,000 expended on the project but it did not prove very satisfactory.

An aerial survey was started at a cost of \$50,000 to include all areas on present watershed and those likely to be used in the future. The survey results should be available in two months. Maps will then be available with five foot contours.

He announced the commission hoped to purchase all properties on the Chain and Long Lakes watershed this year. The watersheds for the four lakes being used, Long, Chain, Spruce Hill and Big Indian lakes, excluding the water surfaces totalled 10,155 acres of which 3,733 are now owned by the commission.

Last year after it was reported that much building was underway in some watershed areas, Mr. Macnab said, a meeting was held with representatives of the county and city where it was agreed that no further building permits would be issued within the known boundaries of the watershed and that where permits were sought for the fringe areas they would not be allowed until permission had been received from the commission.

He said it was essential that the watersheds be protected so that the water being used by the city residents would be pure. The work so far in cleaning up the watersheds had shown an improvement in the purity of the lakes.

Councillor Lomas asked how far the commission was planning to go in purchasing county properties and Mr. Macnab advised it was planned to purchase every watershed property where agreement could be reached with the owner.

Mr. Lomas said the county might suffer since the commission could expropriate where it wished and Mr. Macnab replied that the expropriations could be carried out only on the watersheds.

Councillor Rodgers asked how long the Long and Chain lakes watershed had been defined and Mr. Macnab said they had been defined since 1860.

Councillor Rodgers replied that since it had taken so long to begin purchasing lands on these watersheds, what was the prospect for purchasing on the other watersheds.

Mr. Macnab said he had received authorization to buy the properties on Long and Chain lakes watersheds and that the commission was not greatly concerned over Big Indian Lake.

Councillor Gates said the county residents wanted clarification as to the plans for future enlargement of the watershed areas and information as to the original boundaries of the Chain, Long and Spruce Hill lakes watersheds. The program of buying land in lots totalling \$100,000 per year was not sufficiently extensive.

He asked the area of the Big Indian Lake watershed and Mr. Macnab said it was approximately the size of the Long and Chain lakes watersheds combined.

Councillor Gates said the Big Indian Lake watershed will become increasingly valuable. He appreciated the concern over the protection of the city's water supply but was also vitally interested in the security of the people living in this area. They were concerned over the future action by the commission.

He asked if the commission had plans for Peters and Narrow lakes and Mr. Macnab said the commission did not want them.

Councillor Gates said council wanted a clear cut clarification of the commission's policy. He asked why the commission did not purchase all the properties now and if the people living on the Big Indian Lake watershed could use their properties and for how long.

Councillor Settle asked if land bought for watersheds, if it eventually became suited for subdivision and development, could be rebought by the county for the original purchase price.

Mr. Macnab said the cost of making these lands fit for such development would be so high that this problem would not arise for many years.

Councillor Settle said Dartmouth was considering extending its lines to Lake Major and that the watersheds on lakes now being used might become available for subdivision.

Councillor Rodgers asked the present status of Rockingstone Road and was advised by Mr. Macnab that except for a few houses, this area was not on the watershed.

Warden Dowell asked if accurate maps of the watershed would be available and was advised that they would be ready in two months.

Councillor Lomas asked why properties at Beech Hill had been bought as watershed land and then permission had been granted to Radio Station CJCH to build there.

Mr. Macnab said the station had constructed sewage facilities that did not drain into the lake.

Councillor Settle asked if the commission could restrict use of properties on the watershed before they were purchased and Mr. Macnab said use of these properties was restricted by law.

Councillor Settle said the law should be amended and that the city, town and commission were large enough organizations to buy these properties.

Warden Dowell said he felt the property owners should have an agreement with the commission whereby that body would pay the county taxes plus a sum to the owner until the properties are bought.

He said he favored a system whereby one utility would serve the whole urban area rather than having a duplication of services.

Councillor Gates said the commission had agreed to serve the areas West of Halifax if an agreement was approved by the council. The matter should be finalized as soon as possible to avoid unnecessary material costs.

He said the original estimates for this project, when the county had planned to carry out the work itself, had been \$783,000 but that this figure would no longer cover the cost due to rising material prices.

Councillor Allen asked if the proposal of a metropolitan area commission was being considered.

Mr. Macnab said he favored the idea that one utility serve the whole area, since the commission had the facilities and experience for the project and it would mean the services could be provided with greater economy.

Councillor Gates said the great population increases of the future would be in the county and that the county had an interest in the watersheds.

Warden Dowell expressed the thanks of the council to Mr. Macnab.

Councillor Naugle said the council could do little on the problem until maps clearly defining the watershed were available and that it might be advisable to hold the question over to that time, when a special meeting of the council might be necessary.

Councillor Rodgers said that it has taken the commission 100 years to buy the land on the watershed and that these areas must have been extended according to the maps available.

He said council had wasted time if it did not carry the matter to conclusion and he urged passage of the resolution proposed at an earlier session.

Councillor Gates said it was important to know the commission's future plans in regards to Big Indian Lake watersheds and that if the commission intended to use this lake the area should be defined and agreements to purchase the properties on it should be made at once.

Councillor Rodgers read the draft resolution prepared by the Law Amendments Committee.

Councillor Chisholm said the County Planning Board had been greatly inconvenienced during the past year because it could not approve subdivisions in certain areas without permission from the commission.

Councillor Dauphinee said it would be necessary, in passing the resolution, to be able to define the original boundaries of the watershed.

Councillor Rodgers said the commission already knew where these original boundaries were located.

Councillor Gates said he had received a map from the city and that the boundaries shown for the watershed on that map did not correspond with those on the map provided by the commission.

Councillor Lomas said he had understood that the boundaries had not been changed since 1945.

Councillor Rodgers said Councillor Dauphinee had been advised by Mr. Macnab that Peters Lake was in the watershed boundaries but that Mr. Macnab had told council it was not included.

Councillor Naugle suggested the matter be discussed with the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Councillor Rodgers said he had been advised by the Minister of Municipal Affairs that he, the minister, was vitally concerned over the problem.

Warden Dowell suggested the resolution be discussed with the minister before it is approved by council.

Councillor Lomas asked why the resolution did not provide for the problem in regards to the Dartmouth watershed.

Councillor Dauphinee said the proposed resolution was dealing specifically with the Halifax problem.

Councillor Settle said if the matter could be solved satisfactorily it would leave the county in a stronger position to deal with the Dartmouth problem.

On motion of Councillors Myers and Dauphinee, council adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow.

SIXTH DAY—MORNING

Tuesday, March 6, 1951

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

Minutes of the previous day's meeting were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Evans and Turner.

Councillors Dauphinee and Gates moved that Council adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to enable councillors to pay their annual visit to the County Home. Carried.

SEVENTH DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, March 7, 1951

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

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

Councillors Evans and Dauphinee moved that the thanks of councillors be extended to the Kiwanis Club of Halifax for its hospitality in inviting them to its weekly luncheon. Carried.

Councillor Dauphinee told council he was much concerned over the condition of St. Margaret's Bay Road. The highway had developed into a death trap with a large number of fatal accidents each year.

He said the shrubbery along the highway grew to the edge of the travelled way cutting down the view when approaching the many turns on the road.

The government had purchased a property near his home and had razed the building but had not erected any barrier to warn motorists of the danger.

He urged council to call upon the department of Highways to make an immediate study of the problem, and to take action.

Councillor Ferguson said similar conditions existed on the Eastern Shore Road.

Warden Dowell suggested that the solicitor draft a resolution for presentation to the department, pointing out the dangers.

Councillor Naugle said the resolution should protest the general condition of highways in the county. One road in his district had not been repaired in many years.

The report of the Jail Committee was read by the clerk.

Councillor Mosher said sanitary facilities in the Court House were a disgrace to the municipality.

The motion of Councillors Chisholm and Settle to adopt the report was carried.

The report of the Board of Appeal was submitted by the clerk and Councillors Settle and Chisholm moved that it be laid on the table to permit further study. Carried.

The report of the County Planning Board was read by Councillor Gates.

He said the model zoning by-laws as included in the report should be studied by the councillors. Much property in the county had depreciated because there had been no zoning regulations, he said.

Councillor Gates and Dauphinee moved that the report be adopted.

Councillor Naugle suggested the report be tabled until further information as to the road specifications is available.

Councillor Mosher asked who was to pay the building inspector in his district. He opposed the action of a defeated councillor handling district funds between the time of the election and the swearing in of the new councillor.

Councillor Dauphinee agreed the defeated councillor should not continue in office after he lost the election.

Warden Dowell suggested the question be held over until the appointment of officers is carried out.

Councillors Cruikshank and Evans moved the report of the Planning Board be tabled to permit further study. Carried.

Councillors Mosher and Lomas moved council adjourn until 2 o'clock to go into committee work. Carried.

SEVENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 7, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

On motion of Councillors Ferguson and Smith Council adjourned to go into committee work, until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

EIGHTH DAY—MORNING

Thursday, March 8, 1951

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

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

Councillor Ferguson protested the lateness of some councillors in arriving for meetings and Councillor Gates said he had been delayed because of the pressure of county business.

Councillors Burris and Myers moved that the report of the Board of Appeal be adopted. Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Rodgers moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS by Section 675 of the Halifax City Charter and, in particular, sub-section (1) (2) (3) and (7) thereof severe restrictions are placed upon the user and enjoyment of "any land forming part of the watershed of any lakes at any time forming part of the water system of the City;"

AND WHEREAS this Council approves in principle such legislation inasmuch as it is designed to protect the water supply of the City of Halifax;

NEVERTHELESS in the opinion of this Council the said legislation is in the conditions existing at the present time ill-conceived and detrimental to the best interests of the ratepayers of Halifax County for the following reasons:

- (a) the restrictions should only apply to watershed property which has been clearly defined and has been purchased by either the City of Halifax or the Public Service Commission;
- (b) neither the City of Halifax nor the Public Service Commission of the City of Halifax can, at the present time, clearly define the limits of the watershed sought to be protected;
- (c) only a certain portion of what is claimed by the City of Halifax as watershed property has been purchased to date and no undertaking has been given by either the City of Halifax or the Public Service Commission as to probable date when all watershed property will be so acquired;
- (d) that as a result, the owners of private property on, in or near the watershed area sought to be protected have been placed in the intolerable position of having a vested interest in land which they are not permitted to enjoy or develop.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this council go on record as favouring the immediate repeal of sub-sections (1) (2) (3) and (7) and any other relevant sub-sections of Section 675 of the Halifax City Charter and requesting that legislation be obtained at the present sitting of the Legislature of the Province of Nova Scotia to provide:

- (a) that no restrictions shall be made in respect to any watershed property of the City of Halifax unless and until the said property shall be clearly defined, shall have been purchased or otherwise acquired either by the City of Halifax or by the Public Service Commission of the City of Halifax, and a plan of the same filed at the Registry of Deeds, Halifax N.S.
- (b) that the present watershed of the City of Halifax shall be as shown on a plan of same to be filed at the Registry of Deeds, Halifax, N.S., within 90 days of March 1, 1951;
- (c) that the whole of the said watershed shall be acquired by either the City of Halifax or the Public Service Commission on or before December 31 1951;
- (d) that at such time or times as it is considered necessary to acquire further land for the protection of the water supply of the City of Halifax, that such land be acquired by direct negotiation (or expropriation) by either the City of Halifax or the Public Service Commission with the property owner concerned;
- (e) that when, and only when, the purchases referred to in Sections (c) and (d) of this resolution have been made shall restrictions of any kind be placed on the user of the property so purchased.

Councillor Naugle asked if the Minister of Municipal Affairs had been consulted.

Councillor Rodgers said he had conferred with the minister on the previous day and the resolution was along lines suggested by him.

Councillor Dauphinee urged the council approve the resolution at once since a resolution from Halifax City Council dealing with the same question was before the legislature.

The solicitor advised there would be a public hearing on the matter and that the resolution would go before the proper legislative committee at this term.

The resolution was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Settle asked if council should take up the matter of Dartmouth watersheds at this point. Further study might be advisable but it was not desirable to delay too long.

The solicitor said he did not believe there would be a possibility of bringing that question before the legislature at this term.

Councillor Settle said council should study the matter for action next year.

Councillor Rodgers asked if the council should appoint representatives to attend the public meeting and Councillor Naugle said councillors from the affected districts should attend.

Warden Dowell announced he would appoint a special committee for this purpose at the afternoon session.

Councillor Myers said the question was of general interest to the county since the loss of watershed properties would affect the tax rate.

Councillor Gates announced he had received a sample of road specifications for sub-division roads and that it was the same as that used on major road construction jobs.

He said he had hoped for a simple set of specifications that could be reasonably met by the sub-divisor.

He said he could not recommend the acceptance of these specifications to council and that he was prepared to vote against the report, himself.

Councillor Naugle said a property owner would have to spend thousands of dollars in bringing his roads up to these specifications.

Councillor Dauphinee said it was well that council did not approve the report when first presented since these specifications would mean the property owner would have to build a first class highway before he could sub-divide his land.

Councillor Gates said acceptance of these specifications would stop sub-division in the county for the cost of road construction would be greater than the total returns from the sale of lots.

He conferred with the Minister of Municipal Affairs on the previous day, asking changes in the municipal legislation to enable the payment to councillor of \$10 per day for committee meetings plus 10 cents per mile travelling expenses.

The minister had agreed to the fairness of the suggestion but would not amend the act because other municipalities might take advantage of the change in regulations.

He asked if it was fair for this municipality to be penalized in this way because of fear that others would take advantage of the changes.

He said some councillors served their districts at considerable sacrifice to themselves.

Councillor Naugle said the council should ask the Minister of Highways for definite information as to the specifications to be met by the sub-divisor.

Councillor Chisholm said the cost of road construction would absorb all returns from a subdivision.

Councillor Ferguson said he felt it unfair that the county's efforts toward self-improvement should meet with lack of co-operation.

Councillor Rodgers said a number of property owners had appealed their assessments because they felt the roads by which they were served had devalued their land. The council could not abandon its efforts to solve the road problem and in this way desert the people who have been contending with poor roads for many years.

Councillor Naugle suggested the minister be invited to attend the council meeting to discuss the whole question.

Councillor MacMillan agreed saying it was a very serious problem.

Councillor Burris said the county should receive additional revenue if it was expected to build road.

Councillor Redmond suggested the report be tabled until the whole question is discussed with the minister. The proposed specifications asked more than could reasonably be fulfilled.

On question by Councillor Dauphinee, Councillor Gates reviewed the whole process of negotiations with the department on the matter.

The department had agreed to take over all roads on their individual merits, following a meeting on Jan. 14, 1948, provided the board insisted on a 66 foot right-of-way. No roads had been taken over to date.

There had been a series of meetings since that date but no satisfactory solution was found, Councillor Gates said.

The proposed specifications would make it financially impossible for the land owner to sub-divide his land.

Warden Dowell said the department had agreed to take over old roads on their merits but now they made the question contingent on council's agreeing to the department's proposals on other roads.

Councillor Gates read the section of the Planning Board's report dealing with the conditions for the taking over of the roads.

Councillor Myers said he had opposed the adoption of the town planning program and now it had proved unworkable.

Councillor Gates said the council was not to blame because it was unworkable. The question of roads had been a major problem before the board was established.

He suggested the minister be invited to meet council so that the whole matter could be discussed.

Councillor Evans asked why council had spent so much time in discussing the question if it was intended to invite the minister to meet council. He said he approved such a move so that councillors could determine personally the problem to be faced.

Warden Dowell said all councillors should express their views if the the minister does accept the invitation.

Councillor Settle asked who should pay for the construction of sub-division roads, the tax-payers or the property owner, since the roads would increase the value of the property. Lack of foresight by some property owners had presented impossible problems.

He said the presentation of the council's views of the matter might not have been presented to the department in a sufficiently diplomatic manner. The chairman of the board should be prepared to submit counter-proposals.

He said there could have been greater representation on the planning board since two of the councillors and the warden were from the Western part of the county as were the three outside members.

Councillor Lomas said there were many excellent blocks of land in the rural areas that would be suitable for sub-division but because of their lower value the owners could not pay high road construction costs.

Councillor Myers said much land would not be developed if road costs were high with the result that county development would be held up.

Warden Dowell said the minister could be invited but that he doubted that the invitation would be accepted.

Councillor Redmond said sub-division would be impossible in many cases if road construction costs were high and that he felt proper grading should be sufficient.

Councillor Myers said he knew of no reason why the minister would not accept the invitation since other cabinet ministers had attended council meetings in the past.

Councillor Gates said the board had recommended the hiring of a full time engineer so that he could investigate sub-divisions and provide necessary information to the board.

He said the board was willing to discuss the whole question of the roads with department officials at any time.

Councillor Myers asked if a road was necessary in cases of sub-dividing land into two lots. Councillor Gates said the board would accept the plans if there was provision for a right-of-way.

On motion of Councillors Lomas and Smith, council adjourned to 2 o'clock.

EIGHTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 8, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

At the request of Warden Dowell, Councillor Gates outlined the present position in regards to water service to the D.N.D. development at Tufts Cove.

He said the county guaranteed 160,000 gallons of water per day to the development and were ready to begin service several months ago but several delays had occurred. Officials of Wartime Mortgage and Housing Corporation had been requested to sign an agreement to be effective at the first of this year but they reported they were not then ready and would advise the council when they wished to sign the agreement.

He reported they had recently installed a large reservoir at the development and had asked for water to test this reservoir. Certain adjustments to valves were necessary to provide the water necessary and after some consideration these adjustments were made and the water was supplied today, March 8, 1951.

Councillor Gates said the county had made all efforts possible to cooperate with all groups but that some people had taken advantage of this attitude.

Councillor Myers said he thought the county had signed an agreement with the corporation to supply water to the Tufts Cove development. There was no assurance the corporation officials would ever sign an agreement.

Councillor Gates said it wished it entered on record that the request for water had been received for the Tufts Cove development on March 8, 1951.

Councillor Lomas asked if the county was paying for water that was not being used since an agreement had not been reached in regards to the D.N.D. development. He said the county was now legally bound to purchase water from Dartmouth.

The solicitor told council he felt the signing of the agreement to buy water from Dartmouth had been a wise move. The town had threatened to cease supplying water for other developments if agreement was not reached.

Councillor Myers doubted the town could have cut off the supply for Woodside since there was an agreement in effect as regards that supply.

Dr. J. J. MacRitchie presented his report to council.

Councillor Ferguson said he found the report very encouraging and he asked if there were many cases in the county that were not receiving institutional care.

Dr. MacRitchie said he did not think there were such cases since the local doctors knew all tuberculosis cases and took action to assure adequate care.

Councillor MacMillan said he had received excellent co-operation from the department and had been able to secure admission to institutions for all serious cases.

Warden Dowell said the report indicated tuberculosis was no longer a family disease and Dr. MacRitchie agreed.

Councillor Lomas asked if a list of diseases, for which schools could be closed, was available.

Dr. MacMillan said the need for closing the school was largely a matter for the local boards of health.

Councillor Lomas said the local doctors often were in doubt and he was wondering if any definite regulations were available.

Councillor MacMillan said if the local doctor did not know then no one would. The board of health had to use its own judgement. It could be guided by the number of pupils absent from school.

He asked if any improvement could be expected as to the supply of district nurses and Dr. MacRitchie reported another nurse for the Eastern part of the county might be available in the Spring.

Councillor Remond asked why some patients were released from sanitoriums after being sent there by their doctors.

Dr. MacRitchie said it was very difficult to force a patient to stay.

Warden Dowell reported the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities had requested doubling the number of district nurses.

Councillor Burris asked if the theory of tuberculosis as a family disease was outmoded and also if there was any charge for surgery in connection with tuberculosis treatment.

Councillor MacMillan said there was no charge for such surgery and that people closely associated with a tuberculosis patient developed some resistance to the disease but could catch it if no care was taken.

On motion of Councillors Naugle and Isenor, council adjourned to go into committee work, to reconvene at 10 o'clock tomorrow.

NINTH DAY —MORNING

Friday, March 9, 1951

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

Minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and adopted on motion of Councillors Evans and Mosher.

The report of the Committee on Insane was read. Councillors Lomas and Evans moved the adoption of the report.

Councillor Settle said he had been advised by a former solicitor that this committee should report on the financial situation at the County Hospital but that this was not included in the report.

The motion to adopt the report was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Settle read the section of the by-laws dealing with the duties of the committee, saying it provided that such a financial report should be included.

Councillor Lomas said it had not been included by former committees.

Councillor Settle replied that the solicitor's ruling had been sought because of that fact.

Warden Dowell said this information would be included in the report of the Tenders and Public Property Committee.

The report of the Special Medical Committee was read by Councillor Gates.

Councillor Redmond asked if the figure of \$2,000 as mentioned in the report had been arrived at following consultation with doctors.

Councillor Gates said the committee had considered the subsidizing of doctors in areas where it would be impossible to have them settle otherwise.

Councillor Smith said doctors had to travel up to 35 miles to see some people in his district.

Councillor Redmond said a doctor in his district was now considering leaving his practice there.

Councillor Gates said if this occurred then consideration could be given to the subsidization of a doctor there. He had become concerned over the problem because the high cost of a doctor's visit meant some people would not summon medical aid when it was needed.

Councillor Naugle asked if there was any set fee for a doctor's visit. The charges seemed unreasonable and some doctors would not come until the fee was guaranteed. He asked if there was any established mileage rate.

Councillor Gates said the mileage rate comprised the major part of the fee.

Councillor MacMillan said the doctors were often too busy to care for people living some distance away. The usual rate was \$1 per mile but some doctors charged more.

In some cases the cost of medication given the patient was higher than the fee received. The proposed scheme was intended to entice doctors to settle where they were needed since it was very difficult to have doctors establish themselves in remote areas.

Councillor Smith said some doctors charge as high as \$40 for a visit to some parts of his district while others charge much less. Impassable roads also proved a major problem.

Councillor Lomas said he had suggested to the doctor in his district that he come under the proposed scheme but the doctor said he did not find it sufficiently attractive. The scheme adopted should be sufficiently attractive to provide necessary medical services.

Councillor Webber said he found some doctors quite uncooperative.

Councillor Burris said his area was served by one doctor and that the present arrangement was not too satisfactory. A scheme such as that proposed might encourage another doctor to settle there.

Councillor Rodgers said a doctor had to travel up to 30 miles in his district to see some patients. Roads were often impassable so that the doctor could not travel over them. The people in his district would support any scheme that would bring better medical services and would be willing to allot a share of the district funds to establish such a scheme.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank noted the committee's recommendations proposed the county would not subsidize doctors unless the province also paid part of the scheme. He questioned the wisdom of this proposal.

Councillor Burris said the committee intended the matter should be discussed with provincial government authorities since it was felt the county could not bear the whole burden of cost alone.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked if new doctors would be permitted to use outpost hospitals and was advised by Warden Dowell that they would have that right.

Councillor Ferguson said health was of paramount importance and that any money spent to improve the health of county residents would be a worthwhile expenditure. At the present cost, many people tended to wait too long before summoning a doctor and some doctors would not come until they were assured of their fee.

Councillor Turner said a doctor had been established in his area because he was assured of subsidization. A scheme to bring better health services to the outlying areas would be one of the councils most progressive moves.

Councillor Chisholm said the council owed an obligation to bring better services to the people if possible and that there could be no reasonable objection to an expenditure for that purpose.

Councillor Mosher said some people in the county died because they could not afford to pay a doctor's fees. He urged full support of the proposed scheme.

Councillor Settle said the provincial government should be vitally concerned over the health of the people. The government and the municipalities had together subsidized veterinarians and that the government had subsidized some doctors without municipal aid. The government might be willing to increase the amount of subsidization to physicians by the amount that the county would give.

Councillor Gates said it had never been the intention to subsidize all doctors in the county but rather to give those in certain districts a sum of money to offset their transportation costs so that the fee would be within the limits that the county people could afford.

Warden Dowell suggested the report be tabled pending an interview by the special committee with the provincial government authorities to see if a general policy could be worked out.

Councillor Evans said a doctor travelled only 8 miles from Dartmouth to Preston but charged \$15 to \$20 per call. He asked at what distance from the city or town the proposed scheme would come into effect.

Councillor Gates said the scheme was not intended to cover the whole county and that he did not believe it should come into effect eight miles from Dartmouth.

Councillor Evans asked what would be done in cases where the person living eight miles from the doctor was charged \$15 or \$20 and could not pay that fee.

Councillor MacMillan said the problem of mileage would not be serious since the doctors would reduce their fees when subsidized. The main problem would be getting doctors to establish themselves in outlying areas. A charge of \$15 to \$20 was unfair for an eight mile trip. That problem should be placed before officials of the Department of Health so that a study could be carried out and some corrective measures taken.

Councillor Gates said his district funds were used to pay doctor's bills where the patients could not afford the fee, since it was as important to care for the health of the people as to feed them.

Councillor Evans said he had been objecting to the high charges and not saying any person in his district was neglected because they could not afford a doctor's fees.

Warden Dowell said establishment of a definite policy by the provincial government would mean more doctors would be encouraged to settle where needed and it was possible the scheme proposed by the county would encourage the establishment of such a policy.

Councillor Chisholm said the committee should also press for standardization of fees.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said the report should not be adopted before the committee met government officials because the committee might want to make some change in its recommendation.

Councillor Dauphinee urged the report be tabled until the interview had taken place.

Councillor Lomas said he had asked the former solicitor how far the county could go in regards to the establishment of public health schemes and had been advised there was no limit.

Councillor Gates asked that the motion be amended to provide that the report be tabled and dealt with after the Department of Health had been interviewed on the matter. Carried.

Councillors Evans and Myers moved that council adjourn to 2 o'clock. Carried.

NINTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Friday, March 9, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Warden Dowell introduced Mr. Mulcahey, who briefly reviewed the history of the Blue Cross.

He said the main problem had been organizing in the rural areas and that its ideal of service was not being fulfilled if people living in these areas did not have an opportunity to join.

A large enrollment was necessary if the scheme was to be financially sound since at present the organization was paying more than it was receiving in these areas.

He announced it had been decided to open a country-wide drive for members and he asked the support of councillors in the campaign.

Councillor Lomas said he had encountered some difficulty in his relations with the Blue Cross recently, when he was unable to secure his registration certificate.

Mr. Mulcahey said Councillor Lomas would have been admitted to hospital by contacting the Halifax office of the Blue Cross.

Councillor Gates asked if the scheme provided for medical attention outside the hospital and was advised it did not.

Councillor Burris asked when the benefits began and was advised under the proposed scheme for the rural areas benefits would begin about six weeks after enrollment.

Councillor MacMillan said he had found the Blue Cross very satisfactory. The freedom from financial worry upon entering hospital had been a factor in the patients' speedy recovery.

Councillor Dauphinee also said he believed the Blue Cross to be an excellent organization and urged the support of councillors.

Councillor Lomas said he also believed it was an excellent organization but it would be impossible to receive benefits without a certificate.

Councillor MacMillan said the certificate would not be necessary if the patient could produce a receipt showing he had paid his dues.

Councillor Webber asked if there was an age limit to membership and was advised new members must be under 65 years of age.

Councillor Ferguson asked if a person who joined before his 65th birthday could remain in the organization and was advised that he could.

Councillor Gates expressed the gratitude of council to Mr. Mulcahey.

Councillor Gates asked permission to speak concerning an article published in the Halifax press, saying Councillor Settle had been quoted as saying negotiations with the Highways Department concerning sub-division roads could have been handled more diplomatically.

He said he would be happy to vacate the chairmanship of the County Planning Board if his activities in that position were not satisfactory.

Councillor Naugle said he regretted the remark had been quoted in the press. He wished to publically contradict the impression that Councillor Gates did not represent the county's views in a proper manner.

Councillor Chisholm said Councillor Gates had presented the county's views in a proper way.

Councillor Ferguson said the council was entitled to have its views expressed and had nothing to hide.

Councillor Settle said he had the right to express his opinion. He had questioned whether proper consideration had been given to the provincial body as the senior government. He might have been mistaken but was entitled to express his opinion.

The report of the Tenders and Public Property Committee was read and adopted on motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Evans.

Councillor Gates asked if there had been any additions to the staff of the county Hospital and if any changes in salaries.

Warden Dowell said there had been some salary increases and staff changes.

Councillor Dauphinee said the proposed salary scale should be studied carefully to determine whether salaries for certain hospital officials was sufficient.

Councillor Naugle moved that council go into committee of the whole to discuss the whole question.

Councillor Rodgers asked if there was a reason why the report should not be discussed publicly.

Warden Dowell said it was proposed to discuss future plans in committee of the whole.

Councillor Rodgers asked why the report had been adopted without an opportunity for questions.

Warden Dowell said any questions could be answered although the report had been adopted.

Councillors Settle said the salary scale should be studied by the Finance Committee.

Councillor Ferguson and Redmond moved that the resolution to adopt the report be recinded. Carried.

Councillor Gates said the Finance Committee had never been consulted in regards to financial matters affecting the hospital in previous years.

The Finance Committee's activities were confined to one meeting a year. Accounts of the municipality were paid on the authority of the warden and clerk. He asked if the clerk authorized payment of these accounts when the warden was not available.

Warden Dowell said the clerk did certify the accounts in such an event.

Councillor Gates said he did not believe this was sound financial procedure and would debate the question if a resolution was introduced this year to grant similar power of authorization.

Councillor Settle said the Finance Committee should consider all financial matters and he moved the proposed salary scale be referred to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Naugle asked if he Finance Committee would be called upon to authorize the salary scale each month.

Councillor Gates said he believed the Finance Committee should be consulted at the beginning of the year.

Councillor Rodgers said he had been advised the Tenders and Public Property Committee was not controlled by the council and that the by-laws gave it complete authority over the operation of the hospital.

Warden Dowell said the management of the home rested with the Tender and Public Property Committee, but the committee was responsible to council.

Councillor Naugle said he thought this might be covered by the provision giving the committee authority to manage the hospital.

Councillor Gates read the by-laws governing the operation of the hospital but said he did not see any reference to salary scales.

Councillor Rodgers asked if the by-law meant council would be obliged to accept the committee's report.

Councillor Gates said the report should be dealt with in the usual way

Warden Dowell suggested new committees should be appointed toward the end of the annual meeting.

Councillor Gates said this would largely end the problem of submitting two reports.

Councillor Naugle said the committee had violated the by-laws only in that it did not call for tenders for purchase of supplies.

On question of Councillor Myers, Councillor Naugle said purchase by tender would be more expensive.

Councillor Settle said it was run by the Tenders and Public Property Committee and after that Committee was appointed by council they had greater power than the council, in other words the part is greater than the whole.

Councillors Mosher and Ferguson moved that council adjourn to 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

TENTH DAY—MORNING

Saturday, March 10, 1951

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 Mosher.

A letter from the Halifax County Exhibition was referred to the Finance Committee while a request by the Salvation Army to have a representative address council was referred to the Agenda Committee.

A letter from A. W. Burns, asking permission to address council concerning the Municipal Building Board, was read by the clerk.