

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.

Councillor Gates said Mr. Burns intended to make a complaint concerning a decision of the Municipal Building Board and he suggested the pressure of work confronting the council would rule out consideration of matters of this type.

Councillor Settle asked if the decisions of the building board were final.

The solicitor said a person still had the right of appeal by law.

Councillor Gates said he did not believe the council could consider appeals from the decisions of the board.

Warden Dowell read a draft resolution asking the federal government to take a more active interest in the industrial life of the province.

Councillor Settle said he would like a definite ruling as to the appeal by Mr. Burns to appear before the council.

Councillor Gates said Mr. Burns had made heavy demands upon the time of the municipal office staff and he did not think this was proper.

Councillor Evans said he felt the records should be open to the public.

Councillors Dauphinee and Gates moved that the letter be received and filed and that Mr. Burns be advised that where the council had no authority to deal with the matter, that if he felt aggrieved in respect to the matter it should be taken up through the courts. Carried.

A letter, presented by Councillor Myers, was read by the clerk. It dealt with notices received by residents at Clarence Park to vacate homes they have been occupying.

• Councillor Gates said he did not believe the federal Government had a right to order these people from their homes. There should be a legal interpretation of the governing regulations. Some immediate action should be taken.

Councillor Chisholm stated that the Government had inaugurated the Legislation and it would appear that they are violating the regulations. He wanted to know whether they had the right to do this.

Councillor Settle said the homes had been built to house industrial workers and that they were still fulfilling that function.

Councillor Myers had suggested to a committee of ratepayers that the matter be placed before the federal and provincial members.

Warden Dowell said the question would be discussed with the solicitor and would be reviewed by Council at a later date.

Discussion on the report of the Tenders and Public Property Committee continued.

The clerk outlined the changes in personnel and salaries made during the year.

Councillor Naugle said the medical doctor's salary had been increased because of the increased pressure of work.

Councillor Gates asked how much time the doctor spent at the hospital and was advised by the Warden he was there regularly.

Councillor Myers asked why there was a difference in salaries paid nurses and the clerk advised the nurse's experience and responsibility was considered.

The financial statistics for the year were reviewed.

Councillor Myers asked why the Committee had not called for tenders.

Councillor Gates explained the committee did not call for tenders because the present system had proven more economical.

Councillor Mosher said calling of tenders would give all county merchants an opportunity to obtain this business.

Councillor Gates said it was not good business practice to pay more for supplies in order to give business to county businessmen.

Councillor Naugle said substantial savings could be made by using the present system.

Councillor Myers asked whether it was cheaper to buy from a retailer or a wholesaler.

He was advised that purchases were made direct from the manufacturer whenever possible, e.g. drugs are purchased in bulk from manufacturers—but prescriptions must be made up locally. Molasses is purchased from Hedley O'Brien at a very good rate as he has a price advantage because of being a member of a chain. We pay exactly what he pays per barrel.

Councillor Turner also said buying by tenders would be more expensive.

Councillor Dauphinee said the matter had been discussed many times by the committee and it was felt the present system was the most satisfactory.

Councillor Mosher asked the cost of fish used by the county hospital and was advised it totalled about \$200 per month.

Councillor Naugle said he would like to obtain the views of council on the question of calling for tenders.

The members of council reported their pleasure with the success of the Kentville Curling Team at the championship matches underway in Halifax and felt their showing should be a matter of pride to all Nova Scotians.

Councillor Rodgers said he wished to express his confidence in the work of the Tenders and Public Property Committee during the year.

Councillor Burris said the affairs of the hospital had been handled in a highly satisfactory manner during the past year and he thought the question of calling for tenders should be left in the hands of the committee.

Councillor Gates said he also would rely on the judgment of the committee and that if the members felt it better to continue purchasing as at present he had no hesitation in accepting that recommendation.

Councillor Settle said no vote of confidence was necessary. He had full confidence in the committee.

The clerk assured council that all bills received very careful consideration by the committee.

Councillor Chisholm said that he felt the council had full confidence in the committee and that a vote of confidence was unnecessary.

Councillor Ferguson said the committee would probably call for tenders in the near future as a means of comparing results with those obtained under the present system.

Councillor Dauphinee and Evans moved that the report be adopted.

Councillor Evans said the committee had carefully studied the whole question of purchasing by tenders and felt the present system was best.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Turner moved that council adjourn to 11 o'clock Monday morning. Carried.

ELEVENTH DAY—MORNING

Monday, March 12, 1951

Council met at 11 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillor Myers said it was necessary that important questions asked by councillors be recorded in the minutes since the people of the district accepted the minutes as a guide to the councillors stand on important questions. Councillors Chisholm and Naugle agreed.

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

The report of the medical doctor for the County Hospital was read and received and filed on motion of Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee.

Councillors Naugle and Turner moved that council go into committee of the whole.

Councillor Redmond asked why council should go into committee of the whole and Warden Dowell said there was much to be discussed and that it would be impossible to record this discussion in the minutes.

Councillor Myers asked if council had anything to hide and Warden Dowell said it did not.

The report of the Special Building Committee was read by the clerk and received and filed on motion of Councillors Gates and Chisholm.

The motion to go into committee of the whole was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Naugle and Dauphinee moved that the warden be chairman of the committee of the whole Carried.

Councillors Evans and Webber moved that council reconvene from committee of the whole and adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

ELEVENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Monday, March 12, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Mr. Piercy and Mr. Arnot of the John Howard Society of Nova Scotia were introduced by Warden Dowell.

Mr. Piercy briefly reviewed the circumstances leading up to the establishment of the society in the province, saying it had already proven its value and official bodies were becoming interested in its activities.

He said the provincial government had unofficially signified its willingness to make a financial contribution, the city and town of Dartmouth had been requested to contribute and that a similar request was being made to the county.

Mr Arnot reviewed the work of the organization in Halifax saying it had found employment for many ex-prisoners who could not have found jobs otherwise. Few agencies had taken an interest in the problems of the ex-prisoner before the society started here. The society also assists families of men serving prison sentences.

The problem of prison reform had to be faced, Mr. Arnot said. The matter of segregating young offenders from hardened criminals was a vital one. The first offenders are reformable in many cases and something should be done to give these men an opportunity.

Councillor Chisholm said he was convinced something better than the present system of jails should be worked out. The prison farm system should be considered. On farms, prisoners could work and so speed his own rehabilitation.

The solicitor said the districts were faced with the problem of caring for the families of prisoners and for this reason the councillors should be sympathetic toward the story of the society.

Councillor Myers said the problem of caring for the family of a prisoner usually was left to the overseers of the poor in the district. Welfare agencies were not willing to assume this task although the families suffered most when a man was sentenced to prison.

Councillor Chisholm said proper penal institutions would raise the percentage of those who were reformed.

Councillor Ferguson said he had long been interested in the problem of first offenders. Many of these men could make an important contribution to their communities if they are properly guided. People should be more concerned with the welfare of these men than condemning them for their crimes.

Mr. Piercy said the society was hoping a system of probation could be instituted in the province so that fewer young people would go to prison.

Mr. Arnot said he hoped there would be more probation officers in the near future.

Councillor Myers asked if the society represented these men in courts and Mr. Arnot said a system of free legal assistance was being worked out.

Councillor Myers said such a system would be of value since some young people pleaded guilty to crimes through ignorance of the law.

Councillor Redmond said much of the trouble with young offenders could be traced to their childhood environment and asked if any action was taken in this matter.

Mr. Arnot said a probation system would tend to improve home environment for many young people for it would mean their fathers, when convicted of a crime, could continue to work and provide a good home.

Councillor Myers agreed that some children were embittered by the fact their fathers were in prison.

Councillor Lomas said movies and crime comics contributed to juvenile delinquency.

Councillor Settle asked if the society assumed responsibility for the care of prisoners' families.

Councillor Settle said the problem of caring for prisoners' families was always difficult since the social service agencies were unwilling to assume the burden so that it finally rested with the overseers of the poor.

Warden Dwell said the main task of the society was to rehabilitate ex-prisoners.

Mr. Arnot said the society first attempted to refer the cases of needy families to other organizations before rendering direct assistance.

Councillor Settle said the overseers of the poor usually were the responsible parties.

The solicitor said if the society rehabilitated men then the families would be financially independent more quickly.

The request for assistance was referred to the Finance Committee.

Warden Dowell then introduced Mr. Larson, principal of the Halifax County Vocational High School.

Reviewing the financial arrangements whereby the school was built and operated, Mr. Larson said the county had agreed to pay four percent of the cost of building and running the school with a ceiling on the total cost of \$225,000, with the federal, provincial, city and town governments paying the remainder.

A year ago the council had been asked to pay four percent of an increased amount and had agreed to do so on condition that the other bodies also agree to increase their contribution.

Mr. Larson said Dartmouth had refused to increase its contribution and that the city had agreed to increase its contribution for one year.

The matter was to be discussed by the town council again in the near future, he said. The Minister of Education had told Dartmouth that it could pay its original share but that its enrollment would be restricted in proportion to the amount it contributes to the total cost.

Mr. Larson said the Minister of Education wished to reach a new agreement whereby all parties would agree to pay their percentage. He asked the council to pay its full share for the new fiscal year.

The original agreement had been for 4 percent of \$225,000 which amounted to \$9,000 and now a total contribution of \$13,000 was requested. The increase was necessary because of higher construction and operating costs.

Councillor Rodgers asked if the number of students was based on the percentage of contribution and was advised that this was the basis.

Councillor Rodgers said the county would be entitled to have 35 pupils at the school and that its contribution was \$14,000. He questioned if this was a reasonable figure for that number of pupils.

Mr. Larson said the number of county students would increase next year.

Councillor Dauphinee asked the number of county pupils at the school at the present time and was advised by Mr. Larson that they totalled 70. Mr. Larson said at present the county was paying only as much as it cost to send a pupil to Queen Elizabeth High School.

In answer to a question by Councillor Gates, Mr. Larson said the school was being amortized and that when the cost of construction was cleaned up, the only expense would be operating cost.

Councillor Gates said he had been under the impression the federal government was making a direct donation for the school.

Mr. Larson replied the cost of construction was being amortized and when the amount was cleaned up each participating body would own an interest in the building.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked the number of students that could be accommodated at full capacity and was advised there were 360 students at the school now but this would increase to 850 in three years.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked why the maintenance cost had increased and if it could be expected to go even higher.

Mr. Larson said it had been thought the building could be constructed and operated for \$225,000 but higher costs had made this impossible.

Councillor Myers asked how far from the school would a pupil have to live before transportation is provided.

Mr. Larson said there was no set rule but if it was believed that the pupil required transportation then it was provided. Board was provided when reasonable transportation was unavailable.

Warden Dowell said employees at the school were paid according to the civil service salary scale and that if that increased then operating costs would increase.

Councillor Chisholm said the transportation allowance was not sufficient in some cases.

Mr. Larson said the amount would be increased if the child could show he was not receiving sufficient.

Councillor Chisholm doubted that the allowance of \$5 for Woodside children was sufficient. Councillor Ferguson said the pupils travelled at reduced fares.

Warden Dowell said all council could do was to continue paying its share on a year to year basis.

Councillor Gates pointed out the original share for the county had been fixed at \$6,000 and that it had continually increased. He was concerned over the future, since there should be a clear cut understanding of what commitments the county was making.

Councillor Naugle said the resolution passed by council last year was void because all parties concerned did not agree to the increase.

Councillor Gates asked if the number of county students would be reduced if the council did not agree to contribute an increased amount and Mr. Larson said this would probably be the situation.

Councillor Settle said he understood the increased operating costs had been due to general price and wage increases, and the increased number of students at the school. All costs were rising steadily and education should not be the first thing effected by an economy move.

Mr. Larson said the school authorities must know if the increased amount of money would be available so that the number of students that could be accommodated next year could be established. If the money needed was not available then it would be necessary to make drastic reductions in the number of classes and students.

Councillor Chisholm asked of the money available this year had been sufficient to cover operating costs. Mr. Larson said it had been sufficient to cover operating costs. Mr. Larson said it had been sufficient because the school had been operating only seven months in the year.

Councillor Chisholm said he understood the industrial classes would be discontinued if the additional money was not available and that this would mean these students would have wasted a year. Mr. Larson said this was the situation.

Councillor Ferguson said he felt the county could not withdraw its full support of the school since it was not desired to deny the children of educational opportunities offered by the school.

Councillor Evans said he agreed. Money spent on education would reduce the need for penal institutions. It was impossible to spend too much money on the coming generations since they would be building the better world of tomorrow.

Councillor Chisholm also agreed. The training program offered by the school was not restricted to trade training but also character building.

Councillor Gates asked if the county would be asked to increase its contribution to absorb Dartmouth's share and was advised by Mr. Larson that such a request would not be made.

A letter from the Minister of Education was read by the clerk.

Councillor Naugle said the council could do little but continue on a year to year basis until the situation was clarified. The work of the school should not be curtailed since the children had benefited and it was generally considered a progressive move.

Councillor Myers asked what revenue was derived from night classes and Mr. Larson advised the school did not sponsor the classes but did charge a reasonable rate for the use of the school facilities.

Councillor Lomas said there was a danger that the school would become a city school and that the council should consider the matter carefully.

Councillor Redmond said he would like to see the work of the school continued.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked if the province would be willing to bear any additional share for the county if it exceeded \$13,000 and Mr. Larson said he could not answer that question.

Councillor Gates wondered if the county's share would level off at \$16,500 as had been predicted by the Minister of Education. He would support the increased contribution on condition that the county would not have to participate in absorbing Dartmouth's share. He would like to see an agreement reached based on the figures provided by the minister, with a maximum for the county of \$16,500, and with a condition that the question could be discussed again if special circumstances arose.

Warden Dowell said he believed the county should proceed on a year to year basis until the situation as regards Dartmouth's share is finalized. Councillor Burris agreed.

Councillor Myers said Dartmouth might agree to the additional contribution if the county was willing to bear its full share.

Councillor Gates said there should be assurance the program would not be curtailed if the county agreed to pay the additional amount but Dartmouth did not.

Councillor Myers and Isenor moved that council adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow. Councillors Gates and Dauphinee called for a roll call vote on the motion. The vote was recorded by the clerk as follows: For—Councillors Myers, Evans, Lomas, Webber, Isenor and Chisholm. Against—Warden Dowell, Councillors Dauphinee, Smith, Gates, Settle, Naugle, Redmond, Turner, Burris, Deputy Warden Cruikshank.

Councillor Myers asked for an itemized account of County Hospital expenditures other than for that bought from wholesale firms.

Councillor Dauphinee said all supplies came from wholesale firms aside from prescriptions.

Councillor Myers said he understood some supplies were bought from retail firms.

Councillor Redmond asked why repairs for the hospital truck had amounted to \$1,072 last year and to what extent the vehicle was used.

Councillor Naugle said new tires had been purchased and that the truck had been used to haul coal.

Councillor Gates said if a charge of \$1 per ton was for the coal hauled then that alone would have offset the repair costs.

Councillor Dauphinee said a new motor job had been done and Councillor Myers said a new motor could have been purchased for that amount.

Councillor Dauphinee said it was proposed to replace the present truck with a new lighter vehicle next year.

Councillor Evans said it had been intended to dispose of the truck but it had been required to haul coal when the installation of the new oil heating system was not completed in time. He doubted that any other reasonable course of action could have been advised by any councillor in view of the circumstances.

Councillor Redmond said he wondered why the new truck was not bought and was satisfied with the explanation offered.

Councillor Gates said he doubted any person would have hauled coal from Dartmouth to the hospital for less than \$1 per ton and that over 1,000 tons were hauled by the truck last year.

Councillor Lomas asked where the coal had been obtained and was advised it had been bought through Dartmouth Coal and Supply Company, in carload lots.

Councillor Lomas said the coal could have been secured at a more reasonable cost if it had been purchased directly and had been shipped by rail closer to the hospital.

Councillor Myers protested the council was out of order on the grounds that the motion to adjourn had been debated. He asked for a ruling from the solicitor.

The solicitor said he believed Councillor Myers was correct; but he would secure a definite ruling for the council.

Councillor Settle asked if the call for a roll call vote had not constituted debate of the motion. Councillor Gates disagreed.

Councillor Ferguson said council had accomplished little during the period it had sat beyond the usual hour of adjournment.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that council adjourn to 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

TWELFTH DAY—MORNING

Tuesday, March 13, 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 Naugle and Evans.

Town solicitor advised council he had gone into the question of adjournment and found a motion to adjourn was always in order and could not be debated but he believed there had been no debate on the motion on the previous day.

Hon. R. M. Fielding, Minister of Municipal Affairs, was introduced by Warden Dowell.

Mr. Fielding expressed his pleasure with meeting the council and said the number of long service members indicated the stability of the municipal system and the satisfaction of the county people with the work being done by the council.

He invited councillors to attend the annual dinner at the Lord Nelson Hotel Friday night.

Hon. Merrill Rawding, Minister of Highways and Public Works and Mr. MacNearney of the same department were introduced.

Warden Dowell announced the members of the special committee to deal with the watershed question would be Deputy Warden Cruikshank and Councillors Gates, Dauphinee, Rodgers and Naugle.

Mr. Rawding told council Mr. MacNearney would be devoting his entire time to the problem of sub-division roads. Council was familiar with the problem and he would be willing to answer any questions.

Warden Dowell said the main question was that the Planning Board wanted some simple directions to pass along to a sub-divisor as to the amount of road construction necessary before the roads would be taken over by the department.

Mr. Rawding said the department would set out the specifications to be followed.

Warden Dowell said council feared county development would be hampered unless there were simple specifications available to pass along to a prospective sub-divisor.

Councillor Gates also said this was the main problem. The board had received a sample set of specifications from the department and had realized it would be impossible to give these to a sub-divisor as a guide to his road construction. The sub-divisors wanted some definite directions as to the amount of work that must be done before the lots could be sold.

Mr. Rawding said it was impossible to set out a rigid set of rules because of the wide variety of conditions encountered in Halifax County. It would be simpler to treat each sub-division on its own merits. The sample set of specifications provided by the department was to be used as a reference to explain what is meant by certain road construction terms.

He said the sub-division problem is now confined largely to the fringe area but it would move into the rural areas following the construction of the Halifax-Dartmouth Bridge. The department did not desire to hamper development in the county but it was necessary that there be some regulations in order to protect those people who buy lots in a sub-division. Treating each sub-division on its own merits would provide the most satisfactory and economical solution to the problem.

Councillor MacMillan said he agreed with the minister that some rules are necessary and that the individual plans be considered on their merits. He asked if the planning board had received co-operation from the department.

Councillor Gates said he had not been too satisfied with the co-operation received in connection with a former agreement which, according to his understanding, had provided that the board would require that a 66 foot right-of-way be provided by the sub-divisor and that the department would then take over old roads on their merits. No roads had been taken over by the department to date.

Mr. MacNearney said he had never understood that such an agreement was reached.

Councillor Gates said there had been no discussion as to construction of roads at that time but rather there had been the understanding that the provision of 66 foot right-of-ways for all future roads was the condition whereby the department would take over the old roads.

Mr. Rawding asked if Councillor Gates was under the impression the department would build roads if the 66 foot right-of-way was provided. Mr. Gates said that had been his understanding. Mr. Rawding replied the department had not done this in any other county and there had been no intention to do if it in Halifax County.

Warden Dowell said he had been hoping a simple set of specifications would be available which would tell the sub-divisor what he must do, subject to further directions by the department.

Councillor Burris asked if it was possible for a department engineer to accompany the planning board to examine proposed sub-divisions so the amount of road construction necessary could be decided upon.

Warden Dowell said the county was now considering the hiring of its own engineer and that this might help solve the problem.

Councillor Dauphinee said the board examined so many plans that direct examination of the land involved would be impossible by the Planning Board.

Mr. MacNearney said it was intended that the proposed plan be submitted to the department for consideration and upon examination by the department engineers, specifications for the road construction required would be submitted for that individual case. The department would probably require grubbing, clearing, some surfacing and proper drainage. Drainage would be the main question to be considered. Some surfacing would be necessary so that the road would be usable throughout the year.

Councillor Settle said he had understood that the board was to send sub-division plans to the department for approval. The members of the board could not determine the topography of land by examining the plans. He asked if plans were not being submitted to the department for approval.

Councillor Gates said he agreed the department should not be expected to construct roads so that the property owner could profit. The board had examined a large number of plans last year so that it would be impossible to examine each one directly on the ground. Plans were not approved where the board could see the situation to be impossible. He realized proper roads were necessary to protect those who bought lots. He felt the explanation by Mr. MacNearney had clarified the department's position on the matter.

Councillor Chisholm said some sub-divisions were so clearly impractical that their development should not be permitted. Some property owners had sold lots under false pretenses and the purchasers had suffered.

Councillor Rodgers said the department had overlooked some important roads. A number of property owners had appealed their assessment on the grounds that the poor roads had devalued their property. Some secondary roads in his district were in very bad condition. He asked what the department would do for people living along these roads.

Mr. Rawding said it was a matter of economics. Road construction was an expensive undertaking and could not all be carried out within a few years.

Councillor Naugle said he understood sub-dividers had to build roads that would be passable throughout the year. Such construction would be very expensive and probably impossible for property owners with modest means. If the land owner could obtain information as to the probable cost of road construction necessary, he would be in a better position to decide whether to proceed with the proposed development or not.

Councillor Webber said people living along a short road in his district faced a severe problem during a heavy snowfall since it was not plowed by the department. The residents were willing to deed a 66 foot right-of-way to the department. He asked if they could expect solution of their problem.

Mr. Rawding said the matter would be considered when the right-of-way was deeded. The 66 foot width was required to provide for possible future development and did not mean the department was going to build a 66-foot wide road.

Councillor Webber said little road work would be necessary to make the road passable for the snow plow.

Warden Dowell asked what would happen in the case of a road in group three, where additional work might be required on existing roads, if the sub-divisor was no longer available.

Councillor Gates said nothing could be done in a case of that type.

The solicitor said prospective sub-divisors should, if possible, be provided with an estimate of the cost of needed road construction, so he could decide if he wished to proceed with the project.

Mr. MacNearney said the Municipal Act allowed for the provision of private right-of-way and this could be done where the land owner could not afford to undertake road construction. The purchaser should know that it was a private right-of-way and would not be taken over by the department.

Councillor Gates said the planning board did give permission to sub-divide lots with a private right-of-way but required that the fact be marked on the plan.

Warden Dowell said the board did refuse permission for private right-of-way where it lead to a large prospective sub-division. Councillor Dauphinee agreed.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked if a 66 foot right-of-way would be absolutely necessary in cases where the land to be sub-divided was in a rocky area.

Councillor Gates said it was necessary since future development must be considered.

Councillor Settle said he felt much satisfaction had been derived from the discussion. There were many problems on the Eastern side of the harbor. Some bad right-of-ways existed in thickly populated districts. Residents along these roads protested because the department gave attention to new roads while neglecting the old ones.

Councillor Naugle said attention should be given to the Port Wallis School Road since it was a very important road and there are times when the school bus can't travel this road.

Councillor MacMillan expressed hope that the minister would meet council at future dates when serious problems arose.

Councillor Dauphinee said the problem had been well reviewed during the morning. Councillor Gates expressed council's appreciation for the visit by the minister and Mr. MacNearney.

Councillor Dauphinee and Evans moved that council adjourn to 2 p.m. Carried.

TWELFTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 13, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank took the chair at the request of Warden Dowell.

Councillors Naugle and Dauphinee moved that the new schedule of rates for patients at the Halifax County Hospital shall be as listed in a schedule to be signed by the warden and clerk and filed with the proceedings of the council for the year 1951.

Councillor Mosher said he had examined the accounts for the county hospital and had noted unusually high prices for a number of items. He asked for an itemized account of the articles purchased.

Councillor Redmond said he was unable to understand the high repair bill for the hospital car. He did not think the cost of repairs as shown was justified and was willing to have his stand on the matter judged by the taxpayers of the county.

Councillor Myers asked if the amount shown included depreciation and Councillor Redmond said it was listed as operating expenses.

Councilor Mosher said he had particularly noted the price listed for 288 tins of milk at \$213. This was far out of proportion to the cost of milk.

Councillor Myers asked who audited the figures and the clerk replied they were audited by the auditors.

Councillor Redmond said it was the duty of the council to find out where the trouble was and that there should be no attempt to hide anything.

Councillor Naugle said there should be no insinuation that anyone had acted dishonestly.

Councillor Gates said there had been no attempt to hide anything.

Councillor Myers said the figures shown in the report were clearly incorrect.

Councillor MacMillan said the councillors were entitled to ask any questions but should give an opportunity to have the answers supplied.

The clerk said the car travelled over very bad roads and repair bills would be high because of that fact. The cost of operating the car had differed little from the previous year. The cost of oil, tires, gasoline, insurance and licence was included in the figures shown.

Councillor Gates asked why the depreciation was shown at \$1,266.97 since it was a new vehicle. The clerk advised this was the total for the reserve fund and that no further amount would be added until the actual depreciation had equalled the amount in the fund.

Warden Dowell said the cost of operating the car had been a little over \$12 per week and he did not think that excessive.

Councillor Gates said the members of the Tenders and Public Property Committee had to travel over these roads at a rate of 5 cents per mile.

Councillor Mosher asked for figures as to the cost of extract since the figures shown indicated the hospital had paid \$18.50 per gallon. Extract did not cost that much.

The clerk said the extract had been purchased from an Ontario firm and that the extracts cost \$18.50 per gallon.

The motion to adopt the new schedule of fees for the hospital was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Myers said the increase allowed for outside patients was lower than that for county patients.

Councillor Mosher asked for information as to the prices paid for milk and flour. The supplies should be purchased by tender.

The clerk advised flour had been bought at a price of \$5.65 per bag and Councillor Mosher said the report indicated the cost was higher than that given by the clerk.

Councillor Myers asked for the price paid for molasses.

Councillor Lomas asked why coal was not purchased directly from the mining companies.

Councillor Naugle said the coal could not be purchased from the mining company directly.

Councillor Lomas asked why it was not shipped closer to the hospital.

Councillor Naugle said there was no railway spur near the hospital.

Councillor Lomas said a spur could be placed there.

Councillor Gates said the hospital would be using oil in the future.

Councillor Lomas said the oil could be shipped to a siding near the hospital.

Councillor Gates said the hospital did not have the facilities for handling oil, in this way.

Councillor Lomas urged that the matter be carefully investigated.

Warden Dowell said the question had been considered in the past and that it had been decided that it was not advisable to have a siding placed there.

Councillor Lomas asked what quality coal was being used. He felt the carload price of \$11.75 per ton was excessive.

Councillor Naugle said he felt it was quite reasonable.

The clerk advised that molasses had been purchased at 86-95 cents per gallon.

Councillor Myers said it could be bought for 80 cents per gallon and that was an all-time high price. It could not be bought from a retailer as cheaply as from a wholesaler or the factory.

Councillor Mosher said the report did not give enough information as to the type of articles purchased.

Councillor Myers asked the amount of business given to Hedley O'Brien of Dartmouth and was advised by the clerk it amounted to \$400 per month.

Councillor Myers said the retailer apparently received business amounting to \$5,000 per year and that a 10 percent saving could have been effected if the supplies had been bought from a wholesaler. If supplies were to be bought from a retailer then other merchants should have received some of the trade.

Councillor Evans said he felt the business had been distributed fairly. He would welcome any suggestions.

Councillor Myers said it would be impossible to buy supplies from a retailer as cheaply as from a wholesaler.

Councillor Chisholm agreed that the retail prices would be higher than those offered by the wholesaler.

Councillor Ferguson said the committee had carefully studied each bill but could have made mistakes. He would welcome any suggestions since as much economy as possible was desired. Comparative prices should

have been produced by the councillors to support their claims.

Councillor Myers said the whole financial situation was confused if the figures shown were incorrect. The hospital supplies should be bought as cheaply as possible. They should be bought from the wholesalers.

Councillor Ferguson said there had been no attempt to deceive anyone. He was willing to have all the committee's activities reviewed.

Councillor Lomas said he did not question the honesty of the committee but did ask whether the business had been conducted in the most efficient manner.

Warden Dowell said he believed the matter of purchasing molasses had been studied and that it had been bought from O'Brien because it was cheaper than from a wholesaler.

The clerk said O'Brien was the only retailer to do business with the hospital and that the amount given to him was a small proportion of the entire amount.

Councillor Myers said he did not criticize the committee but wanted information so that he would be able to answer questions from county taxpayers.

Councillor Mosher said the report did not contain enough information to answer all questions asked him.

Councillor Myers said the incorrect figures on the report would change the deficit shown and the clerk advised the change would not be a substantial one.

The clerk said the figures might be incorrect on the report but were correct in the ledgers. The pressure of work before the opening of council did not permit individual study by him of each report.

Warden Dowell said the clerk had been very busy previous to the meeting.

Councillor Myers asked why the committees did not appoint their own secretaries and the warden said the clerk was required by the by-laws to be the secretary of the committees. The clerk had a better grasp of the committees' work and could co-ordinate the work of the various committees.

Warden Dowell and Councillor Evans moved that the financial statement and revenue and expenditure statement of the Halifax County Hospital be adopted. **Carried.**

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Gates and Dauphinee and carried:

WHEREAS this Council did, by resolution passed on the 8th day of March, A.D. 1946, approve the principle of the erection and maintenance of a Vocational High School; the capital costs and maintenance thereof to be borne on a proportionate basis between the Province of Nova Scotia, the City of Halifax, the Town of Dartmouth and the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

AND WHEREAS the amount payable by the Municipality of the County of Halifax was set out in an agreement, which was confirmed by resolution on March 1, 1948, whereby the Municipality would be obliged to contribute 4% toward the annual maintenance, interest and amortization upon the capital cost, amounting to a sum not exceeding \$225,000.00;

AND WHEREAS it now becomes apparent that the capital cost and the maintenance of the said Vocational High School will exceed the amounts that were set out in the previous agreements;

AND WHEREAS the Department of Education of the Province of Nova Scotia, is desirous of executing a new agreement on behalf of the same parties who entered into the original agreement to bear the same proportion of costs as specified in the original agreement without setting any specific limit on the amount to be paid under said agreement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that,—

- (a) this Council go on record as being desirous of not limiting the educational programme to be carried out in the said Vocational High School;
- (b) this Council do assent to an increase in expenditure for the Vocational High School for the next school year to an amount of \$13,000.00, which would be the increased cost of maintenance, interest and amortization upon the capital cost of the Vocational High School to the same extent as if the Municipality had entered into a new agreement on the basis proposed by the Minister of Education;
- (c) this Council is only willing to consider a re-negotiation between the original parties with the thought of framing the new agreement, providing they are assured that even if the Town of Dartmouth does not assent to any such new agreement, that the programme of the said Vocational School will not be, in any way, curtailed, nor would the City or County be asked to pay the share of the cost that would normally have been borne by the Town of Dartmouth in connection with the increased cost of maintenance, interest and amortization on the capital cost of the Vocational High School.

The following resolution was moved by Warden Dowell and Councilor Naugle and carried:

That whereas the discovery of vast quantities of iron ore in Labrador has encouraged Nova Scotians to think that once again their Province may become a great industrial Province;

AND WHEREAS the expansion of the steel industry in Nova Scotia can be greatly facilitated if it receives the full encouragement and endorsement of the Government of the Dominion of Canada;

AND WHEREAS the recently established Department of Defence Production, if it lacks power to order steel industries to come to Nova Scotia may still lend great weight in encouraging such industries to operate in this Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council go on record as urging the Government of the Dominion of Canada to take a more active interest than it has hitherto shown in the industrial problems of this Province and at this time in particular, do all in its power to see that Nova Scotia receives its due share of the steel industry which will inevitably develop out of the great Labrador ore discoveries.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to each City, Town, and Municipality in the Province and that they be asked to deal with it and that Resolutions be forwarded to the different representatives in the Federal Government and further, that copies be supplied to all interested bodies.

The following resolution was moved by Warden Dowell and Councilor Dauphinee and carried:

That whereas the market for Nova Scotia coal has rapidly diminished in recent years;

AND WHEREAS modern research indicated that the by-products of coal may be as valuable as, if not more valuable than coal itself;

AND WHEREAS this Council is of the opinion that we in Nova Scotia are missing our opportunities in not urging the rapid development of the manufacture of the by-products of coal;

AND WHEREAS this Council is further of the opinion that the Province of Nova Scotia should take the lead in encouraging the coal industry to take advantage of this tremendous opportunity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council go on record as urging the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia to take whatever steps are necessary to accelerate research and to encourage enter-

prize in the production and distribution of the by-products of coal produced in this Province,

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to each Municipality in the Province to be dealt with and that all Resolutions be forwarded to the Provincial authorities.

Councillor Dauphinee said a public hearing on the city bills would be held tomorrow and that the special committee should appear to present the county's case in regards to the watershed.

The clerk advised the hearing would begin at 10 o'clock.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that the report of the County Planning Board be adopted.

Councillor Gates said he believed the county needed the services of a full time engineer and that a recommendation to that effect would be included in the report of the Public Services Committee. He was satisfied with the proposals made by the Highways department after the explanations offered by the minister.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Rodgers said council had no assurance as to what the sub-divisors would have to do in the way of road construction. He could not see that the original position had been greatly changed.

Councillor Gates said he believed the department was anxious to cooperate fully with the county and that the sub-divisors would receive fair treatment.

Councillor Settle said the position of the department had been outlined by the minister. He felt the town planning consultant might have the qualifications to act on sub-division problems and that it would be unwise to hire another engineer, in that event, since it would lead to duplication of work.

Councillor Gates said the planning consultant was not a qualified engineer and could not deal with engineering problems. The consultant received a fee of \$25 per day and this would mean a substantial salary on a full time basis. A qualified engineer would not require so high a salary.

Councillor Gates read the letter from the Minister of Highways.

The solicitor asked that an insertion be made in the agreement whereby the property owner would be obligated to pay the cost of the necessary documents.

Councillor Ferguson asked if council had received any additional information as to what work must be done before the road would be taken over. Councillor Gates said each sub-division would be considered on its merits.

Warden Dowell said the county had gained ground through the agreement.

The solicitor said if the county had a full time engineer, he could guide the sub-divisor as to the probable amount of work that would be required.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that the county planning board be empowered to approve the recommendation of the Advisory Committee of the Department of Highways and Public Works, re sub-division roads in the County of Halifax.

Councillors Rodgers, Ferguson and Redmond asked to abstain from voting. The vote was taken with the three councillors abstaining and the motion carried.

Councillor Chisholm asked for the advice of council on a problem in his district. A sum of \$4,000 had been borrowed from the district funds for fire purposes and now a bill to enable the borrowing of \$7,000 to replace the original sum was before the legislature. A resident of Woodside was preparing to oppose the bill at its third reading.

Councillor Gates suggested raising the district rate in order to obtain the amount borrowed from the district funds.

Councillor Dauphinee said a resolution had been passed by council last year to enable District 14 to borrow \$24,000 for fire purposes but the money had not been used to date.

Councillor Settle said the people of the district were now studying the matter and that action would be taken when they had decided what they wished.

Councillors Dauphinee and Myers moved that council adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow. Carried.

THIRTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, March 14, 1951

Council met at 10 o'clock.

Councillors Mosher and Smith moved that Councillor Ferguson be

appointed chairman as both the Warden and Deputy Warden are in attendance at a committee meeting of the House. Carried.

Roll called.

Councillor Ferguson suggested that the minutes for the previous day's sessions be deferred until the afternoon.

Councillors Smith and Evans moved that Council adjourn to go into committee work until 2 p.m. Carried.

THIRTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 14, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The clerk commenced reading the minutes of the previous day.

Councillor Gates announced that Mr. Macnab, General Manager of the Public Service Commission, wished to confer with members of the Public Service Committee. He asked that committee members be excused.

Warden Dowell suggested that the reading of the minutes be deferred. Council agreed with the exception of Councillor Myers.

Councillors Gates and Smith moved that Council adjourn to go into committee work, until 10 o'clock tomorrow. Carried.

FOURTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Thursday, March 15, 1951

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

Reading of the minutes for the Twelfth Day's session was completed.

Councillor Gates advised council the provincial government has legislation before the house to increase the fines for violation of weight limits regulations.

Councillor Myers reported Dartmouth ice companies had been fined for carrying loads of ice, heavier than the limits, from Mount Uniacke, although the ice was being brought to Dartmouth in order to serve the people this summer.

Councillor Naugle said he felt the regulations were unfair. The

council should strive to protect the trucking firms if more industry was to be encouraged to establish here.

Councillor Ferguson urged council to press for more satisfactory regulations.

Councillor Chisholm said the council would win the support of the general public if efforts to change the regulations were continued.

Councillors Naugle and Isenor moved that the minutes of the Twelfth Day be approved. Carried.

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

Warden Dowell said a number of councillors had expressed their desire that the annual meeting be completed by Good Friday. A few night sessions would be necessary if this was to be accomplished.

Councillors Turner and Naugle said they would favor a few night sessions. Councillor Redmond said the business could not be completed by Good Friday and he did not favor night sessions.

The majority of councillors signified they would be willing to attend night sessions.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank suggested a meeting be held this night.

Councillor Myers said councillors should receive prior notice of night meetings so that the necessary business arrangements could be made.

Councillor Gates said the council could not complete its business by Good Friday and he was not prepared to attend night sessions.

Councillor Rodgers said many councillors attended the meeting at considerable financial sacrifice. He would be unable to return for sessions following the Easter holiday.

Councillor Myers said a person should not contest an election unless he was in a position to give the necessary time to the work involved.

Councillor Rodgers assured that all matters in his district were receiving proper attention. If the council began its sessions promptly and was willing to sit a little longer each day, then the business could be completed by Good Friday.

Councillor Lomas said he did not believe it fair that a councillor should lose money because he wished to work in the interests of his district.

Councillor Dauphinee said many important matters remained to be discussed. The councillors did not wish to sit longer than necessary but the business had to be completed.

Councillor Gates said the Public Services Committee had a number of important matters to complete before a report could be made. He doubted it would be ready by Good Friday.

Councillor Macmillan said the council could make an effort to complete its work before the Easter week-end. If the work could not be completed then council would have to meet again after the holiday.

Councillor Gates said the time had long passed when council could operate properly with one annual meeting. Four meetings per year were needed. The business could then be finalized as it came up and the annual meeting would be much shorter. It was not good business practice to defer matters until the annual meeting.

Councillor Chisholm agreed. No organization could carry out its business efficiently in a short period each year.

Councillor Allen agreed. He suggested the council terminate its sessions before Good Friday and hold a meeting later in the year.

Warden Dowell said he also believed one annual meeting was insufficient. Council might begin by holding two meetings yearly.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank and Councillor Naugle moved that council hold a meeting on this night. The motion was defeated.

Councillor Gates said the council should take some action in respect to the load limits on highways. Roads could be provided that could be used throughout the year without a load limit. Many communities depended entirely on the roads for needed supplies. Some of the better highways were impassable during part of the year.

Councillor Lomas said all states in the United States had weight limits. The bridges in Nova Scotia could not carry heavy weights. The license fees for trucks did not compensate for the damage they did to the highways. There was no possibility of an unlimited weight allowance.

Councillor Dauphinee said the council had accomplished nothing in its efforts to have the restrictions relaxed last year. The new regulations would mean financial ruin for the trucking firms of the province.

Councillor Ferguson said road closings could cause much hardship for many people. Every effort should be made to protect the interests of the people.

The clerk suggested the council might urge the government to undertake a bridge building program.

Councillor Ferguson said the Minister of Highways had advised a special committee of council last year that the limits had been imposed to protect the bridges.

Councillor Settle said the matter was within the jurisdiction of the provincial government. The roads had been financed by all the taxpayers and it was questionable that they would want to pay higher taxes for roads that could be used throughout the year. The problem should be left with the department.

Warden Dowell said the council was entitled to make representations on behalf of the county people.

Councillor Myers said the weather conditions had little to do with the road closings since the roads had been closed this year after an extremely mild winter.

The solicitor said council could expect little results from a resolution to the government. A committee could be set up to study the whole question so that definite recommendations could be made.

Warden Dowell said the province of New Brunswick had a road and bridge policy while Nova Scotia had only a road policy.

Col. F. C. Wightman said New Brunswick had excellent bridges but poor roads, while Nova Scotia had good roads but poor bridges. Many bridges had been built many years ago and were inadequate for today's conditions. Increasing trouble with the bridges in this province would probably develop in the next few years.

Councillor Lomas asked what had caused deterioration of New Brunswick roads and was advised by Col. Wightman that it was largely due to the fact that roads in that province were not closed as strictly as those in Nova Scotia.

Councillor Lomas asked if the heavy loads allowed there was a factor and Col. Wightman agreed that it was.

Councillor Dauphinee said the department should place a heavier levy on truck drivers directly, if that was its intention, rather than collect the money through fines.

Councillor Lomas said the fines imposed were a matter for the provincial government.

Councillor Myers said the province itself permitted heavy machinery

to travel over the roads. Councillor Gates said they were exempted from limits.

Councillor Naugle suggested the Roads and Bridges Committee study the whole question. He felt the department's claim that the limitations that were imposed to protect the roads were not very realistic since the truck was permitted to continue with the load after being found in excess of the limits.

Councillor Lomas said that it should be more satisfactory to the truck driver than a requirement that the load must be removed.

Councillor Dauphinee said the department would have to guard the part of the load removed if trucks were not permitted to proceed.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Turner and Mosher: That the Department of Highways of the Province of Nova Scotia be urged to proceed immediately with a bridge construction programme so that weight limits can be raised for all types of wheeled vehicles at the earliest opportunity. Carried.

Councillor Dauphinee said department officials might adopt a more strict attitude to those members of council who owned trucks and who served on the committee.

Councillor Settle said the committee would be attempting to assist the department and there would be no reason for discrimination.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said the matter should be handled by the Roads and Bridges Committee.

Councillor Evans said his truck had been stopped and he was fined last year. He suggested councillors should use discretion in their remarks.

Councillor Ferguson said he found it difficult to believe the department would discriminate against a councillor because he was attempting to protect the interests of the people.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Ferguson and Redmond: That the Roads and Bridges Committee be charged with making a study of the present highway problem with respect to weight limits on vehicles and report back to this council at the next annual meeting the results of their study in detail and their recommendations, if any. Carried.

Ex-Councillor Fraser was welcomed by Warden Dowell and he spoke to council briefly.

Councillor MacMillan asked what changes in the regulations should be sought by the Roads and Bridges Committee.

Councillor Naugle suggested the committee should obtain as much information on the problem as possible and report back to council.

Councillor Ferguson said he had full confidence in the committee and suggested the matter be left entirely in its hands.

Councillor Naugle also expressed his confidence in the committee.

Councillor Evans assured that the committee would welcome any suggestions from councillors.

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

Councillor Myers said a trucker would use his own judgement. He would not place an excessive load on his truck or take it over bad roads.

Councillor Chisholm said the province was anxious to preserve the roads and that this fact should be taken into consideration.

The motion to adjourn was voted upon and carried.

FOURTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 15, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The report of the Committee on Licenses was read by the clerk.

Councillor Lomas asked what type of licenses were referred to in the report and was advised by Warden Dowell they were peddler's licenses.

The report was adopted on motion of Councillors Ferguson and Rodgers.

Reports were read from building inspectors in Districts 7, 8, 10, 11 (Harrietsfield-Spryfield), 11 (Purcell's Cove), 11 (Herring Cove), 14, 18 and 27.

A letter was read from the building inspector of District 27 in respect to a permit granted to a man in that district.

Councillor Allen explained the permit had been issued to permit repairs totalling \$3,500, but the man had carried out work greatly exceeding this amount and had in effect rebuilt the house. The house was within the highway's right-of-way.

Councillor Myers said the person was entitled to carry out repairs on the building if it had been established there before the right-of-way was established. If the Highways Department wanted it removed it should buy the house.

Warden Dowell said the house had not been repaired but had been rebuilt.

Councillor Ferguson said the owner should have the right to rebuild the house if it was on the original foundation.

Councillor Allen explained the permit had been for repairs to an extent of \$3,500 but the actual work had far exceeded that amount. The highways department had refused to give a permit for the work.

Councillor Myers said the owner should be permitted to improve his property if it was on the original foundation.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said the municipality did not enter the picture.

Councillor Ferguson said the building inspector may have been at fault in issuing the permit.

Councillor Allen said the permit had been for repairs and not reconstruction of the house.

The report of the building inspector for District 28 was read.

Councillor Chisholm said the amount of building would remain small until definite action was taken in respect to property which had been expropriated at Woodside by the government.

The report of the building inspector for District 7 was read.

Councillors Rodgers and Settle moved that the reports of building inspectors for Districts 7, 8, 10, Purcell's Cove, Harrietsfield and Herring Cove districts of Districts 11, 14 D, 14 G, 18, 27 and 28 be received. Carried.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Rodgers and Allen: That the whole of District No. 11 including those areas that are now building districts, be declared by the council to be a Building District under the Halifax County Building Act, being Chapter 124 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1928 and amendments thereto and also subject to the Municipal By-laws and amendments thereto. Carried.

The report of the Municipal Building Board was read.

The clerk advised that applications for building permits had been re-

ferred to the board in cases where there was no building inspector in the building district.

Councillor Redmond asked to what distance from the highway a permit was required from the Highways Department before building could be built.

Warden Dowell advised such a permit was required for building within 100 feet of the highway on 133' from the centre line.

Warden Dowell said he believed every councillor, whose district was a building district, should meet with the Municipal Building Board. Building inspectors should also attend the meeting. Needed changes in the regulations could be discussed.

Councillor Rodgers and Lomas suggested such a meeting be called.

Mr. Ward said he wished to discuss several matters with the councillors. He believed there should be one chief inspector for the whole municipality.

Warden Dowell said that proposal would not be practicable under present conditions.

Councillor Myers said that would mean appointment of another official and maintenance of another office.

Councillor Rodgers suggested the proposed meeting be held after the council's annual meeting.

Councillor Smith asked if the inspectors' expenses would be paid and Mr. Ward said the board would pay the expenses.

Councillor Dauphinee said he was not in favor of the present arrangement whereby the board approved permits for a district where there was no inspector and then did not notify the councillor of the permits granted.

Mr. Ward read the minutes for the meeting of the board on June 8, 1950. It had been decided the board would receive applications for permits for those districts where there was no inspector.

Councillor Gates said he believed the board could issue such permits since it was the final court of appeal on matters pertaining to building.

Councillor Settle said he did not believe the board was empowered to issue permits. The councillor would be the right person to do this if there was no inspector.

Councillor Dauphinee agreed. The councillor would be more familiar with the individual conditions in the district.

Councillor Gates said it would be impossible for him to deal with building permits in his district, if there was no inspector, because of its size and density of population.

Councillor Dauphinee said District 12 did not present the same situation as other districts.

Councillor Gates said the board was the governing body on matters on building in the county. Its duties were to assist the inspectors and to hear appeals from the inspectors' decisions.

Councillor Chisholm said the board had acted fairly and properly in his experience.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank suggested an amendment to the legislation to permit the warden and three councillors on recommendation of the councillor in the district to appoint new inspectors where needed.

Councillor Gates said this provision would not cover the situation where the councillor would not recommend a new inspector. The people in that district would suffer. The board should be empowered to issue permits where there was no inspector.

Councillor Rodgers said the board did issue permits when it reversed a decision by the building inspector.

- The clerk said he had referred persons who wished to secure permits for districts where there was no inspector to the board feeling it was the logical body to deal with matters of that type.

Councillor Settle said there should be provision in the Act to enable the appointment of inspectors between terms of the council. The act now defined the duty of the board to be that of hearing appeals.

Mr. Ward said the board had no authority to issue permits other than that it had assumed following the passing of the resolution. It had been appointed to hear appeals.

Councillor Gates said he believed the board had the power to issue permits where there was no building inspector.

Warden Dowell said he believed the board should have the power to appoint inspectors following consultation with the councillor for the district.

Councillor Chisholm agreed.

Councillor Dauphinee said the power to appoint building inspectors should not be removed from the council.

Councillor Chisholm said the appointment would be effective only to the next meeting of council.

Councillors Gates and Rodgers moved: that inasmuch as the duties of the Municipal Building Board are not specific that we ask our solicitor to draft a by-law enabling this board to issue permits in districts where there are no building inspectors or where the building inspector is not attendant to his duties. And further that the Municipal Building Board can appoint an inspector after conferring with the councillor of the district concerned, until the next session of the municipal council.

Councillor Settle said the resolution would set up the building board as an appeal board on itself. The duties of the board are specifically laid down in the act. Unless a permit has been requested and refused the board does not enter the picture. The warden and three councillors would be the proper body to make appointments.

He moved an amendment: That this council ask the solicitor to draft an amendment to the Building By-law so that if the position of building inspector becomes vacant in any district, the warden and any three councillors shall appoint a building inspector, such appointment to have effect until next session of council, in the same manner as any other municipal officer is appointed.

Councillor Rodgers asked what would happen where the councillor does not ask the warden and councillors to appoint a building inspector.

Councillor Gates said the proposed amendment would be of no value in cases of that type.

Councillor Dauphinee said he had not been satisfied with some decisions of the board.

Councillor Naugle said the amendment would not empower any body to appoint a building inspector when the councillor of the district involved requested.

The amendment was voted upon and defeated.

The original motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillors Myers and Chisholm moved that council adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow. Carried.

FIFTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Friday, March 16, 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 Turner and Evans.

Councillor Gates reported on the activities of the special committee set up to determine the amount to be paid to the Municipal School Board by the county for the next three years.

He reported the committee had held several meetings and after much discussion had passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS this Committee made up of the undersigned has been appointed under Section 171 (c) of the Education Act, to fix the amount to be provided under this sub-section by the Municipal Council, Municipality of the County of Halifax to the Municipal School Board of the same County for the next succeeding three year period;

AND WHEREAS the Committee has considered the evidence that has been presented before it;

AND WHEREAS the Assessments on the Imperial Oil Co. Ltd., and Moirs Limited have been adjusted in the years 1949 and 1950 in such a manner so as these two Assessments are, in effect, a part of the revision in Assessment rather than a normal increase in Assessment.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the amount to be paid the Municipal School Board of the Municipality of the County of Halifax by the Municipality for the next three year period be the 1950 Assessment of \$8,064,517 less the amount of \$220,000, being the amount of revision referred to above, and already included in the 1950 Assessment, multiplied by 90% of the median rate of \$2.02 or an amount of \$141,985.75.

Councillors Naugle and Gates moved that the resolution of the committee appointed, having two members appointed by this council, to adjust the amount payable to the Municipal School Board, following an adjustment in the basis of assessment, be approved. Carried.

The report of the Municipal School Board was read.

Councillors Burris and Naugle moved that the report be adopted and that recommendation re finances be referred to the Finance Committee.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked what was meant by tuition fees referred to in the report.

The clerk advised the Halifax City school board had ruled that county students must pay a tuition fee to attend a city school. The provincial government had agreed to pay the major portion of this fee.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked if this meant parents of students attending city school paid little, those attending high schools in the county paid the whole amount for such education while still other areas did not have the necessary facilities.

Inspector Silver said the parents of pupils attending city school paid the regular taxes in addition to the tuition fees.

Councillor Gates asked if some students attended city schools although adequate facilities were provided locally.

Inspector Silver said some parents had sent their children to city schools before adequate facilities were available in the county. Some city pupils have been attending county schools.

Councillor Gates asked if county taxpayers were paying part of the cost to send county students to city schools although local facilities were available.

Councillor Redmond said he would also like information on this point.

The clerk advised that the Municipal School Fund contributed about \$7 per pupil.

Councillor Rodgers said parents in many school sections paid taxes but school facilities did not go beyond Grade 9. The student had to go to another area to complete his education. Tuition fees were required before the students could attend these schools outside his own district.

He asked if the school section, which did not provide the required facilities, was responsible for payment of these tuition fees.

Warden Dowell said the school section in which the student lived was responsible for the payment of these tuition fees.

Inspector Silver said the school sections were responsible for the payment of the fees and many sections had acknowledged that responsibility.

Councillor Ferguson said the council should ask the reason for the failure of the provincial government to establish a rural high school in the St. Margaret's Bay area. There was no reason the rural high school proposed for that area could not be constructed somewhere else if it was not intended to go ahead with the project in the St. Margaret's Bay area. There was a great need for a rural high school in the Eastern Shore area.

Warden Dowell suggested the question be discussed with the Minister of Education when he appeared before the council.

Councillor Naugle said various school districts had been placed in a difficult position because of the delay in establishing the rural high schools. They felt it unwise to build needed school buildings at present because the construction of the rural high school in the near future would lower the attendance in the other schools.

Councillor MacMillan said the same situation confronted the people of Sheet Harbor.

Councillor Chisholm asked who was responsible for the supervision of the teachers. There seemed to be little overall supervision at the present time.

Inspector Silver said the principal was responsible for supervision in schools with 12 or more departments. Supervision in smaller schools was the duty of the inspectors and the supervisors of curriculum.

Councillor Gates asked if the rural high school area ended at Glen Margaret.

Inspector Silver said he believed the initial area extended from Hubbards to Glen Margaret. Other school sections could come into the area but had not decided to date if they would enter.

Councillor Burris said the solution to the problem seemed to be the initiation of the rural high school program in the county. He suggested the councillors asked the Minister of Education as to future plans.

The motion to adopt the report of the Municipal School Board was voted upon and carried.

Councillors Smith and Ferguson moved that council adjourn to 2 p.m. Carried.

FIFTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Friday, March 16, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Warden Dowell introduced Inspector Silver, Miss Orchard and Mr. MacKay of the department of Education.

Miss Orchard reported on the activities of the supervisors' of curriculum for the past year.

Inspector Silver presented his report.

Councillor Evans expressed the thanks of council for the reports. There was a growing need for schools in the county. The officials of the department were to be commended for their work.

Councillor Rodgers said the new assessment would put the school districts on a sound financial basis. A lot of valuable land in the county did not lie within any school section and did not pay toward school purposes. He asked if this situation could be remedied.

Inspector Silver said there had been an area of land near Tangier that was not included in a school district under the former school board system. He asked if this situation had been changed.

Councillor Ferguson said a part of that area had been included in a school section.

Warden Dowell said he believed the only way this situation could be remedied would be by creating the whole county as one school district.

Councillor Naugle said the land would be included if the whole county were divided into 10 school districts.

Councillor Smith asked if it was necessary to have schools built by contractors.

Inspector Silver said the Education Act required the trustees to make contracts or agreements to cover the decisions of the ratepayers.

Councillor Smith asked if the work could be done by a local carpenter.

Inspector Silver suggested the matter be discussed with department officials before any action is taken.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said all District 23 had been assessed for high school purposes and that it should have been assessed for common school purposes at **same time**.

Councillor Burris said the section of land, lying outside a school section, was not at present assessable for capital school purposes. He hoped the situation could be remedied in the near future.

Warden Dowell said this problem would not exist if the county was one school district.

Councillor Evans said he believed the creation of larger school units would enable the inclusion of these outside properties.

Councillor Naugle said the boundaries of the school districts were not changed when they were united.

Councillor Rodgers said there was a group of children on Herring Cove Road that did not live in any school district and were not entitled to attend any school. They did attend a school three miles away.

Inspector Silver said he thought that piece of land had been divided between the Herring Cove and Spryfield school sections.

Councillor Gates said he was under the same impression and would investigate the matter.

Inspector Silver asked what would happen in respect to people living on the watershed areas.

Councillor Gates said he hoped that situation would be clarified in the near future.

Inspector Silver said a full time engineer in the county would be of assistance to school districts in matters of construction. Much money would be saved. Building inspectors could also be of assistance.

Councillors Dauphinee and Ferguson congratulated Miss Orchard on her report.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked for the Rural High School Programme and Inspector Silver said that was not his field of activity.

Councillor Gates asked how the council could encourage more county young people to become teachers.

Miss Orchard said bursaries would provide part of the answer and that it was important that teachers be included into the life of the community.

Councillor Gates said there was no guarantee that a teacher, trained through county assistance, would return to teach in county schools.

Mr. MacKay said the council could place conditions in awarding the bursaries. Teachers would be encouraged to remain in county schools if the county obtained the reputation as a good place to teach.

Inspector Silver said the council should be vitally concerned with the provision of good teachers for rural schools.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked how many county people had attended normal college last year and was advised by Inspector Silver there had been 18 such students.

Councillor Gates asked what would be considered a reasonable scholarship to induce young people to become teachers.

Inspector Silver said he would consider the question and give an answer tomorrow.

Mr. MacKay said the I.O.D.E. had fixed the amount at \$200.

Inspector Silver said the government will loan up to \$300 to students attending normal college and in exceptional cases up to \$400. A loan of \$50 could be secured by pupils attending summer school at the Normal College.

Councillor Ferguson said Education was the most important matter to come before the council. He did not believe there should be any conditions attached to scholarships offered by the county. Teachers would not leave county schools if they presented as attractive a livelihood as that offered in other parts of the province.

Councillor Naugle said Miss Orchard and Mr. MacKay were making a major contribution to the educational life of the county.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved a vote of thanks to Inspector Silver, Miss Orchard and Mr. MacKay, which was applauded by members of the council.

Inspector Silver assured the full co-operation of department officials.

Councillor Settle asked if the municipal school board could raise teachers salaries.

Inspector Silver said they did not have funds for that purpose.

The clerk said the board could not deviate from the salary scale unless council provided the money.

Councillors Dauphinee and Ferguson moved that council adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow. Carried.

SIXTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Saturday, March 17, 1951

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillor Allen suggested copies of the report of the special committee recommending changes in the election legislation be sent to other rural municipalities. Council agreed.

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

Councillors Dauphinee and Lomas moved that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to Hon. Ronald M. Fielding and Hon. Geoffrey Stevens for the enjoyable dinner tendered this council on the evening of March 16, 1951. Carried.

Councillor Gates referred to a letter carried in Friday's edition of the local press. The statements therein contained many inaccuracies. There was no reason for the county to buy watershed lands and turn them over to the Public Service Commission, as suggested in the letter. All money spent to buy these lands would be paid through the water rates. The city does not pay taxes on property in the county.

Councillor Mosher said the paper was quoting a few councillors while others were being ignored.

Councillor Lomas said statements such as those included in the letter created a wrong impression and should be contradicted.

Councillor Mosher said there had been nothing in the paper concerning his statements in regards to purchases for the county home and the calling for tenders by the Tenders and Public Property Committee.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank suggested a public reply to the letter should be made by Councillor Gates as chairman of the Public Services Committee.

The following resolution was moved by Councillor Burris and Evans and was carried:

WHEREAS in the opinion of this Municipal Council, teachers are not being trained quickly enough by the Provincial Educational Authorities to take the place of teachers who either have resigned or are about to resign, or to take over new school-rooms that are continually being opened in various parts of the Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Education of the Province of Nova Scotia be requested to take immediate action to expand the Teachers Training Programme in this Province;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education of the Province of Nova Scotia give serious consideration to paying teachers some remuneration during their training period, such as the Training Courses for Nurses and other Apprentices provide;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Department of Education does embark on an extended Teachers Training Programme, along with remuneration whilst in training, that one of the conditions that all applicants would have to agree upon before starting such a Course should be that the individual concerned would agree to teach for a period of two to three years in the Province of Nova Scotia, after completing such Course.

Councillor Burris told council that residents of Mooseland had asked to be included in the Musquodoboit Valley rural high school area.

Councillor Burris and Ferguson moved the following resolution which was carried:

WHEREAS the residents of Mooseland School Section are of the opinion that Mooseland School Section does not provide adequate High School facilities for children of High School Grades;

AND WHEREAS Mooseland is only eight miles from Moose River, to which point the busses from the Musquodoboit Valley Rural High School now pick up students for that school;

AND WHEREAS all normal traffic from Mooseland School Section moves toward the Musquodoboit Valley area;

AND WHEREAS this Municipal School Board has received a petition signed by a majority of the ratepayers in Mooseland School Section No. 14, Halifax East, therefore the Municipal School Board does respectfully request the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to include Mooseland School Section No. 14, Halifax East, in the Musquodoboit Valley Rural High School area, at least until such time as a Rural High School is established on the Eastern Shore as the ratepayers of Mooseland School Section have expressed their willingness to share on the same basis as all other School Sections now included in the Musquodoboit Valley Rural High School area, in the operational costs of the Musquodoboit Valley Rural High School, and as the said ratepayers also understand that this amount will be levied on all ratepayers in Mooseland School Section No. 14, Halifax East, on the County Tax Bills for as long a period as this arrangement exists.

Councillor Ferguson explained the people of Mooseland wished to come into the high school area in order to improve the educational opportunities for their children. A petition asking to be admitted to the area had been signed by almost all residents.

He said he had received a letter from one resident saying the long bus ride to the rural high school might prove impossible for younger children. The letter asked that the right to attend the local school be protected.

The clerk advised he had received a ruling from the Department of Education which said the local school would not teach grades taught in the high school if Mooseland were admitted to the high school area.

Councillor Ferguson said he thought this unfair. It did not seem proper that children should be deprived an education because they were physically incapable of making a long bus ride.

Councillor Burris said there would seem to be no alternative to the legislation as set down in the act.

Councillor Settle said there should be provision in the act to deal with exceptional cases of this type.

Inspector Silver said the children who could not attend the rural high school could take correspondence courses. These children would be encouraged to do their studying in the school.

Councillor Ferguson asked if the teacher would assist the pupil taking correspondence courses.

Inspector Silver said this would be determined by the arrangements made by the board of trustees with the teacher when she was engaged.

Councillor Mosher asked if Inspector Silver had the authority to force trustees to engage an available teacher rather than to keep the school closed.

Inspector Silver said the policy has been to have the trustees select the teacher. It was a very dangerous practice to put a teacher in a school when local people were opposed.

Councillor Naugle said there would be no problem of this type if the municipal board had the authority to make the decisions. The board was bound by the law.

Councillor Ferguson said the legislation should enable the board to use common sense in problems of this type.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Redmond felt there should be some provision in the act so that arrangements could be made for pupils who could not attend rural high schools because of physical handicaps.

Councillor Burriss said there had been only one case of this type in the Musquodoboit Valley area and he did not believe it would become a difficult problem.

The suggestions made by the municipal school board in regards to the setting up of 10 school districts in the county were read.

Councillor Burriss said it was thought that the board would be given power to assure some areas would not build bigger schools because the burden would be spread over the whole larger school district.

Councillor Evans said there would be a change in the school rates because of the increase in assessment.

The clerk advised every school section would have to adjust its rate.

Councillor Evans said they would have to base their rate on their indebtedness.

Councillor Rodgers said the proposed setting up of 10 districts would solve many problems. All taxpayers would pay a fair rate.

Councillor Gates said the matter would require close study. The tables appended to the suggestions did not present a true picture. No provision had been made for new construction which would have a large effect on the rate in some districts. He would prefer to see the whole county set up as one school area so that the burden would be spread over the whole county.

He said residents in the outlying districts did not want to share in the burden of capital expenditures made by the fringe areas. It should not be forgotten that the major part of the county's revenue came from the fringe area.

Councillor Lomas asked if councillors would not lose touch with the school districts if the proposed plan were adopted.

The clerk said there could be such a tendency and that it should be considered in making any decision.

Councillor Dauphinee asked if there would be one board of trustees for each larger district.

Councillor Naugle said it had been proposed to leave the local school trustees.

Councillor Burris said the board did not propose to take authority away from the local trustees if such a step could be avoided.

Councillor Dauphinee said there would be nothing to stop children from attending the better schools in a larger district if the local school did not suit them.

Councillor Webber said there might be a tendency for some areas to build bigger schools because the cost would be shared by taxpayers in the larger school district.

Warden Dowell said the larger district plan would probably lead to more consolidation and transportation of pupils.

Councillor Naugle said it was proposed that the board would have the power to affect consolidation where necessary.

Councillor Lomas pointed out there was no capital school rate in the Musquodoboit area and that that larger section would enjoy special advantages.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said every person in the rural high school area paid \$1.50 toward that school in the past year, and that if it were not for the Rural High School many school sections in the Mus-

quodoboit Valley Area would have more school accommodation and thus would have a capital school tax.

Councillor Evans said some areas that had neglected to build needed schools would probably want to build them under the larger district scheme because the burden would be borne by all the people including those who had taken on the burden of building schools when they were needed. This would be unfair. Larger areas might result in less interest in local problems.

Councillor Burris pointed out that taxpayers in all the larger areas would have to approve school construction.

Councillor Evans said even this provision would not remove the element of unfairness to those who had undertaken heavy expenditures for new schools.

Councillor Settle said the proposal was a good idea generally but the problem of capital expenditures would have to be solved.

He suggested the municipality take over the capital expenditures for the whole county, since the province was unwilling to do this. Schools would then be valued and some older schools might have to be replaced. This would not be an impossible solution to the problem.

Councillors Mosher and Myers moved that council adjourn to 11 a.m. Monday. Carried.

SEVENTEENTH DAY—MORNING

Monday, March 19, 1951

Council met at 11 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillor Chisholm asked for information as to a questionnaire that was to be circulated in South Woodside in connection with water service.

Councillor Gates said the questionnaire had not been sent out since it was not known what the rate would be for the consumer. It had been necessary to receive the tenders for the project before the rate could be determined. The questionnaires had been delayed pending a decision as to the amount that was to come from the Municipal Loan Fund.

Councillor Myers asked if the petition had not been sufficient.

Warden Dowell said it was necessary for the people to sign an agreement.

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

Councillor Chisholm said he had received many inquiries as to the reason for the delay in sending out the questionnaire.

Councillor Myers asked why tenders had been called before it was known whether 60 percent of the people would take the service.

Councillor Gates said the resident could not be asked to sign a contract before the rate was known. It was necessary to have the tenders before the rate could be determined.

Councillor Myers asked why the estimate by the engineer was not used. The contracts should have been signed before tenders were called.

Councillor Gates said the engineer's estimate was a year old and was no longer accurate because of increased costs.

Warden Dowell said the matter could be discussed when the report of the Public Services Committee is received.

Councillor Mosher said a building inspector had been appointed for his district at a special meeting of council and that this action had been contrary to the by-laws.

Councillor Settle said a matter in connection with roads had been referred to him and he asked if he should report to full council or to the Roads and Bridges Committee. If it was reported to the committee it would have to be included in the committee's report.

Warden Dowell suggested the report of the committee be tabled until the matter was finalized.

The report of the Committee on Poor was read and adopted on motion of Councillors Redmond and Evans.

The reports from Building Inspectors for Districts 9 and 12 were read.

Councillor Mosher asked who had paid the building inspector for his district.

The clerk advised the building inspector had not been paid to date. He was usually paid from district funds.

Councillor Mosher said he did not believe the money could be taken from district funds without his consent. It was illegal to appoint the inspector at a special session.

Warden Dowell said the inspector had been appointed legally.

Councillor Mosher said he had been advised by the solicitor that the appointment had to be made at an annual meeting.

Councillors Gates and Lomas moved that the reports of the building inspectors for districts 9 and 12 be received and filed.

Councillor Myers asked what would happen if there were no district funds.

Councillor Gates said the by-laws provided that the municipality could pay the bill on the authority of the warden and that the district funds could be used to reimburse the municipality and the district then could be assessed for the amount.

Councillor Mosher said he was not going to approve payment of the building inspector.

The motion to receive the reports was voted upon and carried.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that the sum of \$150 be paid to the building inspector of District 9 out of district funds of District 9 for the year 1950.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said the council should secure a legal interpretation of the legislation.

Councillor Mosher said he did not believe any money could be taken from the district funds without his consent.

Councillor Myers said it was unfair for the council to overrule the councillor for a district on a district matter.

Councillor Settle said provision had been made by statute for the payment of the building inspectors and that this statute took precedence over the by-laws.

Councillor Naugle said the councillor must be guided by the council.

Councillor Gates said the councillor had to comply with the law. The district had been declared a building district and that it had to comply with the regulations.

Councillor Mosher said he was not against building regulations for metropolitan areas but did not feel they were necessary for his district.

Councillor Lomas said it was unfair that the district had been brought under the regulations against the wishes of the people and that nothing could be done to have it taken from within the regulations.

Councillor Gates said the only solution would be to have the people in the district petition the local member of the legislature to bring in a private bill to exempt the district.

Warden Dowell suggested the matter be tabled pending a legal interpretation of the regulations.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank suggested the motion to pay the inspector of District 9 be withheld pending that interpretation.

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

SEVENTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Monday, March 19, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillor Myers asked if the serviceman for Woodside had a telephone.

The clerk advised there was no phone registered in his name. He was contacted by phone in his neighbor's house.

Councillor Myers asked how he could be contacted in time of emergency.

The clerk advised there had been no difficulty to date. One could be installed if the Public Services Committee so directed.

Councillor Myers said he had tried to contact the man but the neighbor could not get him.

Councillor Chisholm asked when the Public Services Committee would present its report.

The clerk advised it probably would be presented on Tuesday.

Councillor Chisholm said the public services committee was one of the most important of council. Much time had been wasted on less important things that could have been devoted to that report. He wanted definite word as to the Woodside project. He asked if tenders for the work had been received.

The clerk advised all these questions would be covered in the committee's report.

Councillor Myers said this had been the first time tenders were called before the number of water consumers was known. The people of Woodside had asked for the water regardless of the price.

He asked if the project had been sidetracked in favor of a development in Armdale. He asked for definite word as to the reason for the delay.

Councillor Chisholm said he had been assured that the Woodside project would receive first consideration.

Warden Dowell said all the information asked for would be included in the report.

The clerk advised there had been no attempt to sidetrack the project.

Councillor Chisholm asked that his stand on the matter be given proper prominence in the press. His stand on important matters to his district had not received recognition while casual remarks on other subjects had been quoted.

Councillor Lomas said Woodside had not been treated badly. There were more people in District 12 than Woodside but there had been no public services installed in District 12 although services had already been supplied to residents of not only Woodside but Tufts Cove, Albrow Lake Road, Flawn Sub-division, Glenwood Avenue and Harbor Homes Sub-division.

Councillor Chisholm said he had been promised water and sewer services for Woodside and only half of the work had been completed.

Councillor Gates said District 12 was the largest in the municipality and he was vitally interested in its welfare but no public services had been installed there to date. He had made his best efforts to fill the greatest needs first. Woodside had been well treated. The committee was doing its best and could do no more.

Councillor Myers asked why an engineer had been hired to make a survey of the job and submit an estimate if the figures were not used. The people of Woodside had requested water, and it had been promised to them. A special meeting of the council would probably be necessary to finalize the matter. Woodside had asked for water before Armdale and should receive the service first. He asked why the mains had been installed in the Banook sub-division but no houses were being served.

The clerk advised the house connections could not be made until the street was graded to the proper level.

Councillor Ferguson said council should have faith in Councillor Gate's ability and fairness to do the work. He suggested council await the report of the committee.

Councillor Naugle said no other member of the council would be prepared to spend the time and effort given by Councillor Gates as chairman of the committee.

Councillors Myers and Chisholm said they had not been criticizing Councillor Gates personally.

At the request of Warden Dowell, the solicitor told council the municipal act gave council power to appoint a building inspector at any time.

Councillor Mosher said the building inspector in his district had not been paid. He might have to pay him this year from the district funds but in the future he would put all the money into the poor fund.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved that an additional district rate be levied on District 9 sufficient to cover the cost of a building inspector in that district for the year 1951.

Councillor Mosher said the defeated councillor had paid the inspector out of district funds after the election. This was unfair. The new councillor should take office shortly after the election.

He said 95 percent of the people in the district had signed a petition asking to be taken from under the building regulations.

The motion was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Myers said he had called for a recorded vote.

The Warden said the vote had been taken.

Councillor Myers said he wished to be recorded against the motion.

Councillor Dauphinee said he wished to uphold the decision of the warden.

Councillor Ferguson suggested a recorded vote be taken.

Councillors Dauphinee and Gates moved that council adjourn to 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Councillor Myers asked for a ruling by the solicitor, who said that a call for a recorded vote can be made even after the vote has been taken.

The resolution was again put to vote and was recorded as follows: For— Warden Dowell, Councillors Dauphinee, Smith, Rodgers, Gates, Settle, Naugle, Evans, Redmond, Webber, Ferguson, Burris, Hutchinson, Cruikshank, Isenor. Against— Councillors Mosher, Myers, Lomas, Chisholm.

Councillor Evans asked if money for the salary of a building inspector could be taken from district funds without the consent of the councillor when the people of the district were against a building district.

The solicitor said there was no provision in the legislation for the intervention of the councillor. The payment to the inspector could be made on the approval of the warden.

Councillor Chisholm asked if the money had been deducted from the district funds before Councillor Mosher came to council.

Councillor Mosher replied that they had.

Councillor Gates said the salary had not yet been paid.

Councillor Mosher asked for an accurate financial statement on the county hospital.

He said it was not right that his district funds for this year be used to pay the building inspector and that the whole amount should come from next year's funds.

Warden Dowell suggested council vote on the resolution tabled at the morning session that the sum of \$150 be paid to the building inspector of District 9 out of the district funds of District 9 for the year 1950.

Councillors Dauphinee and Gates called for a recorded vote.

The vote was recorded as follows: For— Warden Dowell, Councillors Chisholm, Isenor, Cruikshank, Hutchinson, Burris, Ferguson, Webber, Redmond, Evans, Naugle, Settle, Gates, Rodgers, Smith, Dauphinee. Against— Councillors Mosher and Myers.

Councillor Lomas was excused from voting by the Warden. Councillors Dauphinee and Gates withdrew their motion to adjourn.

A Notice of motion was given by Councillors Gates and Lomas, that the Warden and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to arrange with the Royal Bank of Canada, Spring Garden Road Branch, for an overdraft at such bank for a sum of not exceeding forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) and the Treasurer is authorized to use such overdraft to defray ordinary expenditures of the Municipality during the present year.

A Notice of Motion was given by Councillors Redmond and Webber that the Warden and Treasurer of the Municipality be authorized to borrow, on behalf of the Municipality, a sum not to exceed Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for the purpose of paying the Provincial Treasurer the Taxes payable to him under provision of the Highway Act, Chapter 75, Revised Statutes for Nova Scotia, for the year 1951, and to do such acts as are necessary to effect such loan.

Councillor Gates said he thought the Chairman of the Finance Committee should also certify accounts before they are paid as an additional safeguard.

A notice of motion was given by Councillors Evans and Lomas that until the next annual meeting of the council, the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay all accounts rendered to him or to the clerk, which the warden and chairman of the Finance Committee, deem to be properly payable by the municipality and do so certify.

Council then began discussion of the by-laws.

The solicitor advised the main obstacle to having them passed had been the proposed \$10 for councillors for committee meetings.

Warden Dowell said the minister of Municipal Affairs would not approve this provision.

Councillor Lomas doubted many councillors would attend committee meetings at the \$5 rate. When their expenses are covered they would have lost money by attending the committee meeting.

Councillor Dauphinee said the council could not continue to function at the \$5 rate.

The clerk said the minister had refused to approve the change because other municipalities might take advantage of the provision.

Councillor Gates said Halifax County should not be penalized because other municipalities might take advantage of legislation. Some solution had to be found or the work of the municipality would be hampered.

Councillor Myers said the time was long past when \$5 was sufficient. The rate should be at least \$10.

Councillor Dauphinee said work would be hampered if the increase was not granted. If Halifax County could pay a proper rate it should not be stopped because other municipalities could not.

Councillor Settle said here was no reason why the Municipal Act could not be changed so that municipalities could pay up to \$10 and then each county could set its own rate.

The solicitor said it could be suggested to the minister that each council set its rate by resolution to be subject to approval by the minister.

Councillor Gates said the county was being hampered by an outmoded municipal act that should be revamped.

The clerk suggested a committee be sent to interview the minister immediately.

Councillor Ferguson also urged immediate action.

Councillor Rodgers said that he had been advised by a member of the council that he should not stand for election unless he was prepared to give the time required for the work. He was willing on that basis to abide by the decision of the minister. He questioned if the people of the county had received full value for the money paid councillors for the present session.

Councillor Gates said he believed the people were receiving full value for their money.

Councillor Redmond said council had wasted much time and he doubted the taxpayers had received full value for the money spent on the session. Some committees did more work than others but no member of council had refused to do the work requested.

Councillor Lomas said salaries had been raised for other levels of government. Councillors were asking only fair remuneration for their services.

Councillor Myers said a person could not be expected to serve his district at a personal loss. He did not feel council had wasted time.

Councillor Naugle agreed with the suggestion by the solicitor. The ratepayers could then judge if the councillors were earning the rate they were paid.

Councillor Mosher said he opposed the increase. A petition presented by his district had received arbitrary treatment by council.

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

EIGHTEENTH DAY—MORNING

MINUTES AND REPORTS

7

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and adopted on its session by Friday if night meetings were held.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank suggested that council might complete motion of Councillors Dauphinee and Lomas.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank and Councillor Burris moved that council meet in session tonight at 8 o'clock.

Councillor Settle suggested council sit from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. That would extend the hours of meeting so that night sessions would be unnecessary.

Councillor Evans advised he favored night sessions as a general rule but would be unable to attend tonight or tomorrow night.

Councillor Allen said he was in the same position.

Councillor Dauphinee said he was not prepared to attend night meetings. Many councillors would have religious duties during the week which is Holy Week and could not attend night meetings.

The motion was voted upon and defeated.

Councillor Allen suggested that the by-laws governing procedure be read. They were read by the clerk.

The solicitor and members of council discussed necessary changes in the proposed by-laws.

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

EIGHTEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Monday, March 20, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

The reports of the Chief County Constable to the council and to the Constable's Committee were read.

Councillors Gates and Burris moved that the report of the Chief constable be tabled until the report of the Constables Committee is read. Carried.

The report of the Constables Committee was read. Councillors Rodgers and Webber moved that the report be adopted.

Councillor Settle suggested the report be tabled for further study.

Councillor Naugle said the report should be considered immediately since the members of the committee were available for questioning.

Councillor Evans thought councillors should be given an opportunity to study the report.

Councillor Gates said the report should not be deferred unnecessarily.

Councillor Rodgers said the committee had found that the chief constable did not make any reports of his activities other than the yearly report to council. A daily report had been requested and received and it was decided to have the chief constable personally execute a warrant in the field. Results had been very favorable.

He said there had been much duplication of work under the present system. Records were being kept in the constables office that were also kept in the municipal office. Greater results would be achieved if the work of the constables was co-ordinated more closely with the municipal office.

The requests made by the chief constable had been carefully studied. It was felt that the present earnings were adequate. Appointment of another deputy would not be an economical move. No criticism was directed toward the chief constable but it was felt that too much time had been spent in the office on minor complaints and conferences.

Councillor Gates said figures should be supplied so that the results achieved this year could be compared with last year. He asked if it was proposed to close the constable's office.

Councillor Rodgers said it was proposed that the chief constable spend 75 percent of his time in the field. Constable Longard would be employed in the municipal office for the present time. The office space used by the constables could be used as committee room.

Councillor Gates said the report did not go far enough. He would have proposed that the chief constable spend all his time in the field, that Constable Longard be dismissed and that the dog taxes be collected by the municipal office.

Councillor Myers said it was necessary to have comparative figures before the value of the constables office could be determined.

Councillor Evans said the constables office had been established because of lack of space in the municipal office. He did not understand how the necessary space would be found in the municipal office now.

Councillor Lomas said the present arrangement had proven to be a good one. A good return had been received from the office.

The clerk advised that the constables office had collected \$7,821.23 in county taxes and \$4427.15 in school taxes in 1949 and had collected \$12,916.12 county taxes and \$3,198.30 school taxes in 1950.

Councillor Gates said the collection of dog taxes had been intended as the job for local constables. The tax was instituted to provide control of dogs and to provide for the disposal of dogs and burial of dead animals.

Councillor Evans said he understood the district funds had been set up to care for matters of this type.

Councillor Gates said he was willing to assume control of dogs in his district if the dog taxes could be collected for the district.

Councillor Naugle said the district funds had been set up for health purposes. He never understood they were to be used for purposes of the type outlined by Councillor Evans.

He said he supported the recommendations of the constables committee.

Councillor Settle said the present arrangement had never been given a fair trial. He asked what part of the office expenses had been used for district matters. He felt a warrant, when issued, should go to the chief constable until the matter is finalized.

Councillor Webber said the committee had made a study of the whole matter. He fully supported the recommendations contained in the report.

Councillor Burris said he supported the recommendations. He had felt the constables office was not paying its way. The work of the constables was closely aligned to the work of the municipal office.

Councillor Lomas said he had been advised that the chief constable had not been getting the warrants in time to execute them. If he received them sooner the revenue would increase.

Councillor Myers asked how the figure for the office expenses had been arrived at.

Councillor Rodgers said it was made up of \$1,275 for mileage, \$1,200 for Constable Longard's salary and about \$300 for general office expenses.

Councillor Myers said the figures did not show enough detail. The dog tax collections would finance the constables office.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank asked if the chief constable had encountered difficulties in receiving warrants early.

Councillor Rodgers said the committee had found there were several unfinished warrants in the field several months old. These could have been finalized while the chief constable was awaiting the new warrants. When the constable had executed warrants himself the results had been very good.

The committee had to insist before daily reports were supplied by the chief constable, he said. The committee had been surprised at the amount of mileage charged for periods when the chief constable spent most of his time in the office.

Councillor Myers asked if other county employees were required to make daily reports. Much time would be spent in compiling these reports that could have been used to more useful purposes.

He said a fund had been set up to finance burial of dogs in the county. He wondered how much of the fund had been used.

Councillor Evans said the fund owed money to District 16 since district funds had been used for that purpose.

Councillor Gates said the cost of collecting overdue taxes by the constables office had amounted to 37 percent.

Councillor Allen said the committee had been set up to make a thorough study of the matter. Its report should be accepted.

Warden Dowell said he had attended many of the committee's meetings and knew the work had been carried out in a very thorough manner. It had taken four months before a request for daily reports on the chief constable's activities were submitted.

Councillor Gates noted the chief constable had termed collection of dog taxes as a nuisance. He said the chief constable was to get local constables to do the job.

He said there was no guarantee the percentage for collection of taxes would not increase.

Councillor Hutchinson said he had often questioned the reason why more outstanding taxes were not collected. He had been advised the difficulty was the poor titles for many properties. It felt taxes should be collectable regardless of the title.

Warden Dowell said the regulations provided there had to be a proper title.

The clerk said it was a problem facing all rural municipalities.

Councillor Dauphinee said the constables spent much time in answering calls to nearby districts. Many of these calls should be a district cost.

He said the county now had a tax collector and local constables who could collect taxes.

Councillor Myers said the constables had to make many calls before the entire amount of taxes due was collected.

Councillor Ferguson said the county had set up the office in order to increase the collection of overdue taxes. After 3 years operation it appeared that the desired results were not being obtained. The problem of collecting these taxes must be found.

Councillor Naugle said the chief constable could increase his income by collecting hospital accounts on a percentage basis. The county could not pay too high a rate to have the taxes collected.

Councillor Settle said the report showed the chief constable could do a good job in collecting taxes. The accounts turned over to him were the difficult ones.

Councillor Evans said the chief constable would need adequate office space to keep the necessary records and to do his work. He asked if space was available.

Councillor Myers said a businessman had to pay 25 percent to collect overdue bills.

Councillor Rodgers questioned if anything had to be done to increase the chief constable's income.

Councillor MacMillan suggested the vote be taken.

Deputy Warden Cruikshank said the report showed the best results had been obtained when the chief constable was in the field.

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

Councillors Ferguson and Turner moved that the report of the chief constable be received and filed. Carried.

Ex-Councillor Spracklin was welcomed by Deputy Warden Cruikshank, Mr. Spracklin addressed council briefly.

Discussion of the proposed by-laws was continued.

Councillors Gates and Redmond moved that a peddler, hawker or trader who is not a resident of the county be required to pay a license fee of \$50. Carried.

Councillors Gates and Redmond moved that a peddler, hawker and trader, hackman and carters who are residents of the county pay a license fee of \$10. Carried.

Councillors Rodgers and Lomas moved that the council approves the new by-laws as amended and direct the solicitor to present same to the Department of Municipal Affairs. Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Lomas moved that council adjourn to 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

NINETEENTH DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, March 21, 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 Evans and Chisholm.

Councillor Lomas said a number of councillors felt that the section of the Constables Committee's report dealing with the abolition of the constables office should be deleted. He moved that the section be deleted.

Warden Dowell advised notice of reconsideration should have been given immediately after the motion was passed. The by-laws on the question were read by the clerk.

Councillors Redmond and Webber moved that the Warden and Treasurer of the Municipality be authorized to borrow, on behalf of the Municipality, a sum not to exceed Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) for the purpose of paying the Provincial Treasurer the taxes payable to him under provision of the Highway Act, Chapter 75, Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, for the year 1951, and to do such acts as are necessary to effect such loan. Carried.

Councillors Redmond and Evans moved that the Warden and Treasurer be and they are hereby authorized to arrange with the Royal Bank of Canada, Spring Garden Road Branch, for an overdraft at such bank for a sum not exceeding Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) and the Treasurer is authorized to use such overdraft to defray ordinary expenditures of the Municipality during the present year. Carried.

Councillors Lomas and Evans moved that until the next annual meeting of the council, the Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to pay all accounts rendered to him or to the clerk, which the warden and Chairman of the Finance Committee deem properly payable by the Municipality and so certify. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Turner moved that the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer be authorized to take delivery of paid coupons and bonds charged to the account operated in the name of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, Coupon and Bond Redemption Account in the Royal Bank of Canada, Spring Garden Road Branch. Carried.

Councillors Evan and Webber moved that the clerk and treasurer be authorized to sign the Royal Bank of Canada's form re safety box and that he have access to the said box. Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Isenor moved that the annual poor tax of thirty cents for the support of the poor as provided by Section 3 (4) of Chapter 2 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1938, be not levied for 1951. Carried.

Councillors Turner and Webber moved that: WHEREAS the employment of many municipal employees is considered permanent in character, having regard to the normal practice of the employment and may be exempted from the operation of the Act under the provisions of Item (1) of Part II of the first schedule to the Act, upon certification satisfactory to the Commission, that the employment is having regard to the normal practice of the employment permanent in character;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council desires exemption of its employees set out in Schedule A to this resolution on the ground that the employment is permanent in character and that the warden and clerk be authorized to forward a certificate to the Unemployment Insurance Commission accordingly. Carried.

Changes in legislation that would effect the municipality were read by the clerk and discussed by council.

Councillor Dauphinee suggested that municipal and education rates should be shown separately on the tax bills.

The clerk advised this could be done if the council so decided.

Councillor Naugle said the proportion of the taxes for educational purposes should be shown on the bill.

Councillor Dauphinee said the different rates should be shown at least.

Miss Barbara MacLellan, Lower Sackville and Miss Barbara Blakeney, Oyster Pond, were introduced to council by Inspector Silver. The students were congratulated by Councillor Burris and received the county's education bursaries from Warden Dowell. Both students expressed their thanks to council.

Councillors Naugle and Smith moved that council adjourn to 2 p.m. Carried.

NINETEENTH DAY—AFTERNOON

Wednesday, March 21, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Mr. Weir of the Department of Education was introduced by Warden Dowell and spoke briefly.

Hon. Henry D. Hicks, Minister of Education, was introduced by the warden.

Mr. Hicks explained that when the larger school units were established in the county in 1942 provision was made to provide money for school expansions through grants. A median tax rate was also established at that time to raise money for school purposes. As new classrooms were opened, additional amounts were charged to the equalization fund. Grants were also allotted for teachers. The schools were financed through the median tax rate, the municipal school fund and equalization grants.

The new bills, currently before the legislature, would freeze the grants from the equalization fund at the level established this year. The government will continue to pay the same amount now paid for conveyance routes but if new routes are opened after January 1, 1952 then the government would pay 50 percent of the cost of these new routes.

He said once the figure for the equalization grant was fixed in the fall it would remain at that level. If new school rooms were opened then the county would no longer be able to draw upon the equalization fund for these additional expenditures. The province will pay the teachers grant but the county will be responsible for the basic cost.

He said the established rate would remain fixed if consolidation of schools was effected.

The new regulations in regards to conveyance grants would not affect conveyance for rural high schools.

Mr. Hicks said the province had been paying about 66 percent of the education cost in the county. The percentage would remain about the same under the new system. The amount provided by the province for additional teachers grants would be continued and would tend to stabilize the percentage.

Warden Dowell said the county had undertaken some major expenditures on the advice of other government departments and he wished the new bill had been deferred until next year.

Mr. Hicks said there would be no change in the present arrangement this year since the establishment of the permanent rate would be on the basis of this year's share from the equalization fund.

Councillor Naugle said money could be saved if consolidation of school districts were carried out. He asked if money could be saved if fewer teachers were needed.

Mr. Hicks said no change would be made in the fixed sum but salary grants would not be paid for teachers no longer employed.

Councillor Gates said he had understood there was to be two rural high schools in the county, one in the Musquodoboit Valley area and one in the St. Margaret's Bay area. He would also like to see a rural high school at Armdale. He asked how long it would be before the St. Margaret's Bay school would be built.

Mr. Hicks said he regretted it was impossible to build the schools as rapidly as might be desired. More than two schools were needed in the county, one of which should be on the eastern side of the harbor.

He said the department had encountered much difficulty in securing a site for the St. Margaret's Bay rural high school. The proposed site would cost \$50,000. It was felt this was too high a figure. The problem could be solved if the site was secured by local authorities and turned over to the department. He did not believe construction of the school would get underway this year.

Councillor Settle asked if it would cost \$50,000 if the land was expropriated.

Mr. Hicks said the department of Public Works was not anxious to expropriate the land.

Councillor Ferguson said he thought the department might build a school in the Eastern Shore area since it could not go ahead with the one in the St. Margaret's Bay area. The need was great. Children would make excellent use of the facilities if they were available. There would be no difficulty in securing a site there.

Mr. Hicks said several counties did not have a rural high school to date and he did not believe three schools should be constructed in Halifax County until each county had at least one.

Councillor Settle pointed out Halifax County had a heavy population compared to other municipalities with a greater need for adequate educational facilities. He suggested some priority system should be used.

Mr. Hicks agreed Halifax County had a special problem but there was an urgent need for better facilities in many parts of the province.

Councillor Gates said the other areas would probably be satisfied with less expensive schools than that constructed in the Musquodoboit Valley area.

Mr. Hicks said that question was being considered.

Councillor Smith said a taxpayer should be permitted to express his opinion at school meeting even if their taxes were not paid.

Mr. Hicks said that was a provision in the Education Act.

Councillor Smith said a taxpayer should be permitted to express his views particularly on questions of capital expenditures. A person who had been unable to pay his taxes would be in a worse position if higher rates were imposed through capital expenditures.

Councillor MacMillan said he believed a person would not be entitled to a vote if he did not make the effort to pay his taxes.

Mr. Hicks said he believed this was the most generally held view on the question. The matter should be brought before the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities so that the view of the other municipalities could be obtained.

Councillors Gates, Burriss and Warden Dowell expressed the thanks of council to the minister for appearing before the meeting. Mr. Hicks retired from the meeting.

Councillor Burris said he did not feel that a property owner who had failed to pay his taxes should be in a position to increase the financial burden for those who did pay their taxes.

Councillor Settle said these people were still obliged to pay their taxes in the future and any increased capital expenditure would make it more difficult for them to pay their taxes. Some residents could pay a low tax on personal property and be entitled to a vote. There should be some protection for those who had not paid their taxes particularly on matters of capital expenditures.

Inspector Silver said the people who did not own real estate could be made to pay their share of the education costs through a poll tax.

Councillor Settle said one section to his knowledge had a \$10 poll tax.

Councillor Naugle asked where the money would come from for educational purposes if the bill was passed. He asked what Mr. Weir thought of the proposal to divide the county into 10 school areas.

Mr. Weir said government had already expressed favor of the closing of the smallest schools.

If this bill was passed the county could save money for other educational purposes if there was consolidation of schools in suitable areas.

Councillor Gates asked if Mr. Weir favored the creation of 10 school districts instead of the present 150 districts.

Mr. Wier said the sectional boundaries had been a problem in planning school expansions. Some problems would be solved if the boundaries were erased. Creation of the 10 school districts would not in itself save money for the county unless there was some consolidation within the larger districts.

Councillor Naugle said there was a lot of property which did not lie within any school district. If the county was divided into 10 districts then this property would be included and would bear its share of the education costs.

Councillor Burris asked if it was possible to tax such property under the present arrangement and divide the amount recovered among adjoining school areas.

Mr. Weir said this could be done but careful thought should be given such a project before it is undertaken.

Councillor Naugle said the property lying outside the school sections would be worth several millions of dollars.

Councillor Gates suggested that the county be set up as one school area. Schools could then be placed where needed and the cost would be borne by the whole county.

Councillor Naugle said it was unfortunate this was not carried out when the larger school units were established. It might not be fair to the smaller districts to bear the cost of major expenditures in other areas.

Inspector Silver said the increased population in the county had brought about many serious problems.

Inspector Silver and Mr. Weir retired from the meeting.

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

Councillors Gates and Naugle moved that the report be adopted.

Councillor Chisholm asked when the maintenance superintendent would begin distribution of the letters to Woodside. The clerk advised that the Engineer would begin on Thursday.

Councillor Chisholm asked what was meant by the rate of 75 cents shown for sewage services in South Woodside.

Councillor Gates advise this was the rate fixed for \$100 of assessment.

Councillor Rodgers asked if the figures shown included cost of installing house services.

Councillor Gates said the house services were the responsibility of the water consumer.

Councillor Rodgers asked if rates were levied against a person who signed a contract for services but did not use them.

Councillor Gates said the person could not be charged for services not used but the county would probably have grounds for legal action.

Councillor Settle asked the present status of claims for damages from people in the Tufts Cove area.

Councillor Gates advised the claims were being settled by the contractor.

The Resolution to adopt the Report of the Public Services Committee was put to Council and carried unanimously.

Councillors Myers and Lomas moved that council adjourn to 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

TWENTIETH DAY—MORNING

Thursday, March 22, 1951

Council met at 10 o'clock. Roll called.

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

Councillor Evans said he understood the report of the Public Services Committee was to be tabled after it was read on Wednesday.

Councillor Gates advised council had decided to deal with the report.

Councillor Myers said the people of Cow Bay had been put to great inconvenience because the local post office had been closed. Residents had to come to Eastern Passage to collect their mail. A rural route service was needed for the district.

Councillor Settle said a petition from the area would be needed before the route would be established.

Councillor Naugle said council should pass a resolution urging that adequate service be provided these people.

Councillor Gates suggested the matter be brought to the attention of the federal members for the area.

Councillor Burris suggested council pass a resolution to be forwarded to the federal members.

Councillor Myers and Chisholm moved that whereas the Cow Bay Post Office has been closed for the past year. And whereas the population of this area has increased since the post office was first established. Therefore be it resolved that this council ask the representatives of this county in the Federal House to intercede with the Post Master General to see if a rural route cannot be established in this area. Carried.

Councillor Gates said there was a move underway to take the constables office from the municipality. The county had paid for the renovation of the room. It could be used as the office for the county engineer. The council should resist any move to take the office for other use.

Warden Dowell said it has been allotted to the county and he did not feel it would be taken away.

Councillor Myers said it could be utilized for committee purposes.

Councillor Lomas said he had feared the office might be lost and had opposed the closing of the constables office for that purpose.

Councillor Evans said he questioned whether the county would be able to retain the office.

The following resolution was moved by Councillors Gates and Rodgers and carried:

That WHEREAS at the 1950 Session of the Nova Scotia Legislature, an Act was passed, authorizing the Municipality of the County of Halifax to borrow a sum not exceeding Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), to be expended upon the adding to, improving, altering and furnishing of the Court House in Halifax;

AND WHEREAS it is urgent that the Court House be enlarged at the earliest possible moment to provide, among other things, the necessary accommodation for the Council of the Municipality of the County of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS the Court House Commissioners are charged with the responsibility of providing such accommodation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council urge the Court House Commissioners to take immediate steps to enlarge the Court House for the purpose of providing space for the County Council and other offices and facilities required by the County.

The following report was presented by Councillor Settle:

In reference to a Petition of seven ratepayers of Wright's Cove for the appointment of a Commissioner under the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Statutes of Nova Scotia 1926, to examine and lay out a private road twenty feet wide from a point in the J. J. Kelley Subdivision to the property of His Majesty the King to enable them to get their cars to and from their cottages, sent with covering letter to the Warden of Halifax County Council; same having been read to Council and referred to me as Councillor for the District concerned, and having consulted with Mr. Towill, who presented the petition for the Petitioners, his lawyer—Mr. Hatfield of Barss and Hatfield—our own Solicitor, Mr. Murray, and Assessor, Mr. MacGlashen, would recommend that—upon their undertaking to assume the responsibility for all costs of acquiring land, deeds, transfers, etc., laying out, constructing and maintaining same, their request be granted.

Councillor Settle said the project actually meant a sub-division of land and it might be advisable that the matter be referred to the County Planning Board. If it was referred to the board Mr. Hatfield requested permission to appear at the hearing.

The letters and petition in respect to the matter were read by the clerk.

Councillor Gates said it would be necessary to make a sub-division of the land in order to construct the road. The matter should be referred to the Planning Board. A map of the project would have to be provided, showing the road as a private right-of-way, to be filed with the Registrar of Deeds.

Councillor Settle said the solicitor had advised him the legislation providing for the appointment of a commissioner was still in effect.

Councillor Naugle said the project might interfere with the rights of other property owners in that area.

Councillor Gates said that would be the responsibility of the people constructing the road.

Councillor Settle said the road might eventually be taken over by the Crown.

Councillor Naugle said other houses might be built along the road and trouble might result.

Councillor Gates agreed the situation might create future trouble.

Councillor Settle said more property could be acquired to widen the right-of-way if more houses were built along the road.

Councillors Settle and Turner moved that the matter be referred to the Planning Board and that Mr. Hatfield be notified so that he might appear. Carried.

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

Councillors Gates and Burris moved that the report be adopted.

Councillor Rodgers asked what was to be done to provide medical service to districts 10 and 11.

Councillor Gates said the minister would not set a definite policy but would consider each case individually.

Warden Dowell said the first step would be to find a doctor who would settle in the area and then to take the matter up with the government.

Councillor Naugle said there was need for a doctor in the area between Musquodoboit Harbour and Dartmouth.

Councillor Gates said he did not believe it necessary to subsidize a doctor for an area only 14 miles from an established doctor. He believed doctors were needed where the nearest doctor was 30 miles away.

Councillor Ferguson said Dartmouth doctors were not anxious to tend patients outside the city. Dartmouth doctors were very busy.

Councillor Naugle said the area was a large one and residents found it very difficult to obtain a doctor's services.

Councillor MacMillan said the doctor at Musquodoboit Harbour needed part of this area to round out his practice. If doctors refused to tend patients in the rural areas, then the matter should be taken up with the Medical Association of Nova Scotia. It was a very serious problem.

Councillor Settle said he was in favor of subsidizing doctors in outlying areas. He did not believe any committee should pay a doctor but rather that the payment should come from the Municipality on the recommendation of the committee.

The clerk advised that the payment to doctors would be made by the treasurer on recommendation of the committee.

Councillor Evans asked if the subsidy would provide services for needy families only or for all residents in the area. First consideration should be given to these needy families who could not afford to pay the present rates.

Councillor Burris said the purpose of the scheme was to help needy families.

Councillor Dauphinee said few people could afford the present fees.

Councillor Gates said it was never intended to provide free medical care for some people. The county did not wish to set up a scheme of socialized medicine.

Councillor Settle said the scheme was intended to provide necessary medical attention to county residents at reasonable rates. Doctors would be encouraged to settle in outlying areas and to provide service at rates that the people could afford.

Councillor Redmond said the report if adopted would not equalize the medical services throughout the county. Some areas which needed medical services were not provided for in the report. Further study should be carried out before the scheme was adopted.

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

The clerk read a letter from the Sheet Harbour Board of Trade asking support for its request that the Highways Department fix the East River Bridge.

Councillor Ferguson said the bridge had been unsafe for many years, according to residents in the area. Repairs to the bridge had been requested but no action had been taken to date. The council should press for immediate action before a serious accident results.

Councillor MacMillan said the bridge was not safe and should be repaired before an accident occurs.

Councillor Redmond reported the bridge trembled when a heavy vehicle passed over it.

Councillor Gates asked if an engineer had examined the bridge.

Councillor MacMillan said it had been examined by highways department engineers and they had advised local residents the bridge was not safe. The department had later said the bridge was not very dangerous.

Councillor Myers said the department apparently did not intend to fix bridges until they collapsed.

Councillor Gates said the Minister of Highways had admitted the bridges were not in good condition but that the department had difficulty in securing steel.

Councillor Ferguson said he felt it a poor policy to neglect bridges until accidents occurred.

Councillor Turner said the bridge was not in good condition. A pier at the centre of the bridge had subsided. Some action should be taken immediately.

Councillor Ferguson and MacMillan moved: That this council support the following resolution of the Board of Trade of Sheet Harbour.

Be it resolved that inasmuch as it is the belief of the Sheet Harbour Board of Trade that the highway bridge crossing the East River at Sheet Harbour, is neither safe for pedestrians or vehicles, that the Department of Highways is requested to take immediate steps to improve this condition, as this bridge is a vital part of the transportation system of the Eastern Shore.

And Further, be it resolved that this municipal council request the Minister of Highways to take immediate action to have the bridge repaired. Carried.

Councillors Webber and Lomas moved the following resolution:

That WHEREAS the residents living on or near the by-roads of District 19 of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, are in urgent need of adequate transportation service to and from the District;

AND WHEREAS the existing franchise for bus service on certain of the by-roads is far from sufficient to look after the transportation needs of the majority of residents living on such by-roads;

AND WHEREAS other by-roads in said District have no means of transportation at present;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council urge the Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities for the Province of Nova Scotia to grant one or more additional franchises to any proper person or persons who may be able to provide the additional transportation services required by the District and who make application to the Board for such franchise.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for Public Utilities for the attention of the Board.

Councillor Webber said part time service was provided on two roads but residents of eight villages had no transportation service. Some of these people had to walk eight miles to reach a bus route. The people asked only that a franchise be granted to a person who is willing to provide the needed service.

Councillor Lomas agreed with Councillor Webber. Many people did have to walk eight miles to reach the bus route. Some changes should be made in regards to regulations governing the operation of taxis. A taxi should be permitted to carry more than one paying passenger. Even if a franchise was granted there was no assurance the bus would travel every day.

Councillor MacMillan said daily service should be provided. He doubted that another company could find sufficient revenue to provide regular service.

Councillor Webber said the present franchise did not cover the by-roads and that no service was provided to residents there.

Councillor Rodgers said there was nothing to prevent application for a franchise for unserved areas.

The resolution was voted upon and carried.

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

TWENTIETH DAY—AFTERNOON

Thursday, March 22, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Councillors Naugle and Ferguson moved that the assessors shall before the 15th day of December in every year, carry out their duties prescribed by Section 9 of the Assessment Act. Carried.

Councillors Naugle and Webber moved that the Director of Assessment shall, on or before the 31st day of December, 1951, complete the Assessment Roll for 1952. Carried.

Councillors Evans and Webber moved that the Notice of Appeal from assessment shall state with particularity the grounds of objection to the assessment and shall be given in the Municipality not later than January 19, 1952. Carried.

Councillors Isenor and Evans moved that the Assessment Appeal Court shall meet for the hearing of appeals in the County Court House on January 28, 1952. Carried.

Councillors Dauphinee and Redmond moved that the fees for licenses as set forth in the new amended by-laws not be put into effect until 1st Jan., 1952. Carried.

Councillor Myers referred to the Report of the Public Services Committee and said there was a number of potential users along the stretch of water main running along the sugar refinery and the Nova Scotia Hospital.

Councillor Chisholm asked what proportion of the expenditure was to be borne by the Nova Scotia Hospital.

The clerk advised that the hospital would pay water rates for water used but would not make a direct contribution to the cost.

Councillor Chisholm asked if the rate for sewer service would be a continuous charge.

The clerk advised the rate would continue at least during the period of financing.

Councillor Chisholm asked an explanation in regards to the rate for fire protection.

The clerk said the Board of Public Utilities had pointed out that larger pipes than would ordinarily be necessary had to be laid in order to provide adequate fire protection and that the difference in cost should be collected through fire protection rates.

Councillor Myers said the rates would be prohibitive for many potential consumers in the area.

Warden Dowell asked if there was a chance of more development in the area and Councillor Chisholm said there was no available land

outside that expropriated by the provincial government.

Councillor Myers said there would be a long stretch of pipe without potential users if the lines were extended to Marian Heights. An agreement might be reached with Imperial Oil for purchase of water from its system for Marian Heights.

Councillor Chisholm said he had discussed that possibility with a company official and was advised the company did not have sufficient water for its own uses.

Councillor Myers said many houses could not be served with water because of their location.

The report of the Market Committee was read and adopted on motion of Councillors Settle and Evans.

Warden Dowell said he hoped the city and provincial directors of civil defence would address council before the session terminated.

The report of the Municipal Collector was presented by Mr. Archibald.

Mr. Archibald said the matter of selling properties for taxes was a major problem. Many deeds were not recorded and the land could not be sold because proper title was not available. The condition was common to all districts. It was planned to put about 10 properties per month up for sale and it was hoped this would encourage more delinquent taxpayers to pay their taxes.

Councillor Hutchinson said the work of the collector and chief constable was hampered because proper titles for lands was not available. A system should be worked out to overcome this problem.

Warden Dowell said he had suggested to a former attorney general that deeds should be registered before the title passed but the government official had not approved of the idea. The matter had also been discussed by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities but no satisfaction had been received.

The solicitor said he had discussed the matter with officials of the Department of Municipal Affairs. Cities and towns could make a good title but municipalities required a good title before the land was sold. The department was reluctant to give the same power to the municipalities in fear it would be used improperly. The county should continue to press for a change in the legislation.

Councillor Rodgers said it seemed Halifax County was denied a number of privileges because other counties might take unfair advantage of the enabling legislation.

The solicitor said he believed Halifax County might obtain the desired legislation in this case.

Warden Dowell asked if legislation could be acquired to provide that the deed must be registered before title passed. The solicitor advised he did not think this possible.

Councillor Myers asked if the efforts of the constables had increased the amount of taxes paid.

Mr. Archibald said the work of the constables in the field had produced results.

Councillor Myers said much of the progress in making tax collections was due to the work of the constables. The closing of the constables office had been a backward step.

Councillor MacMillan said he understood the chief constable will still continue his work.

Councillor Myers said office space would have to be provided for the chief constable.

Warden Dowell said the records would be kept in the municipal office.

Councillor Naugle said if the percentage of the money paid in taxes to the collector through the efforts of the constables were credited to the constables then the percentage for collecting taxes would be lower.

Councillor Evans questioned what office facilities would be available for the chief constable in the municipal office. The constables office was opened because there was no room in the main office. The chief constable needed room to make his report.

Councillor Rodgers said the Constables Committee report had never suggested the constables office be locked. It had recommended the constables come under the direction of the municipal clerk.

Councillor Myers said the constables had been directed in their activities in the past.

Warden Dowell said the committee had paid tribute to the work of the chief constable in the field. The constables could still use the separate office to prepare their reports.

Councillors Evans and Turner moved the report of the municipal collector be received and filed. Carried.

The report of the Roads and Bridges Committee was read and was adopted on motion of Councillors Turner and Evans.

A letter from the Lunenburg County Council was read by the clerk.

Councillor Naugle said the legislation objected to by the Lunenburg County Council enabled the Department of Highways to force a person to shovel snow. It might be well to have the legislation repealed.

Warden Dowell said many municipalities took advantage of the legislation to keep the roads open.

Councillor Chisholm said the law was not applicable to the metropolitan area of Halifax County.

Councillor Turner said there was no application of the legislation in Halifax County but repeal of the legislation might work a hardship in other municipalities.

Councillor Isenor said the districts were supposed to appoint road overseers but seldom did so.

Councillors Ferguson and Isenor moved that the letter from the Municipality of Lunenburg, referring a resolution re snow removal to all councils be filed as the matter has already been dealt with by the Union of N. S. Municipalities. Carried.

The following report from Councillor Settle was read by the clerk:

In re V.O.N. services in District No. 14 referred to districts concerned; I presented by views to them in former years—that, unless and until they served the whole district, I could not contribute from districts funds. However, on further consideration, I would feel something might be done on an area basis—to supplement a voluntary contribution from such area to the same amount provided the Councillor and/or Poor Overseers Board had proper supervision of use made of same. (District No. 28 must speak for itself.)

Councillor Chisholm said he held the same opinion as expressed by Councillor Settle. The matter should have been referred to him if a grant from district funds was desired.

The clerk said the organization was probably seeking a grant from the council.

Councillor Settle said he believed the organization had not raised sufficient money by individual contributions. He did not believe it should receive a grant from district funds unless it served the whole district.

Councillor Settle read a letter from D. A. Holmes, secretary of the school trustees for Harbor View School requesting installation of a sewer line.

He said he advised the school this was a question for the trustees until the county installed a sewer system in the area.

Councillors Settle and Rodgers moved that the report of Councillor Settle to council with respect to the V.O.N. service be received and filed. Carried.

Councillors Ferguson and Isenor moved that council adjourn to 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, 1951. Carried.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY—MORNING

Tuesday, March 27, 1951.

Council met at 11 o'clock. Roll called.

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

Warden Dowell announced the civil defence directors for the City of Halifax and the province would address council on Wednesday morning.

Councillor Settle said that inasmuch as the council had decided the matter of a private road for residents at Wright's Cove should be considered by the County Planning Board, and the board could not deal with the matter until plans were submitted, the council should appoint a commissioner to draft the plans.

Councillors Settle and Redmond moved that this council appoint a commissioner under Chapter 8 of the Statutes of 1926, to examine and lay out a private road 20 feet wide as requested by petition by rate-payers of Wright's Cove, and that Mr. Hatfield be advised that the matter has to be referred to the County Planning Board when the road had been laid out.

Councillor Mosher said he objected to the lack of parking facilities near the court house for councillors.

Warden Dowell said the officials who used the court house regularly had first right to parking facilities available.

Councillor Naugle said he was not sure the council had approved the request for a private road 20 feet in width. The matter should be considered carefully by the Planning Board.

Councillor Dauphinee said the board did not approve private roads unless they were 25 feet in width.

Councillor Settle said the property owner was not selling land but rather was granting the residents a right-of-way through his property. He questioned if that constituted a sub-division.

Councillor Naugle said the matter should be tabled until the solicitor has an opportunity to go into the matter.

Councillor Settle said the people wanted the road in order to bring their cars to their properties. He questioned whether they would be willing to purchase a 66-foot right-of-way for that purpose. He was willing that the matter be tabled on condition that a definite date be set for reconsideration by the council and that Mr. Hatfield be informed as to that date.

Councillors Naugle and Hutchinson moved:

That WHEREAS by reason of the existence of many defective titles to properties in Rural Municipalities it has been in the past exceedingly difficult to sell such properties for tax arrears;

AND WHEREAS the failure to sell properties for tax arrears when they should be sold contributes very largely to a general increase in tax arrears;

AND WHEREAS this Council is of opinion that it is now urgent that some means be devised to effect the sale of such properties notwithstanding the defective titles to the same;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council make the strongest possible representations at the next session of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities as to the necessity of obtaining at the earliest possible date appropriate legislation designed to overcome all existing impediments to the sale of County properties for tax arrears. Carried.

Councillors Evans and Gates moved that council adjourn until 2 p.m. Carried.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON

Tuesday, March 27, 1951

Council met at 2 o'clock. Roll called.

Major Tibbs and Miss Elizabeth Hartling of the Canadian Cancer Society were introduced by Warden Dowell.

Major Tibbs asked the support of councillors for the drive for funds and the organization of units in their districts. The society was seeking to help cancer sufferers, to remove fear of cancer through education and to promote cancer research.

Miss Hartling explained the duties of the society and said an attempt was being made to organize units in the smaller places. She asked the support of councillors.

Councillor Gates said the society merited the support of every councillor.

Councillor Lomas asked if there was a free clinic for the treatment of cancer.

Miss Hartling said there was no diagnostic clinic at the present time but the society was urging the government to establish one.

Warden Dowell told council the solicitor had ruled the proposed establishment of a private road as discussed during the morning session would have to be approved by the County Planning Board.

Councillor Gates said the board would not deal with the matter until it was brought to its attention by an outside body. The board did not approve 20-foot rights of way but had set the limit at 25 feet.

Councillors Gates and Dauphinee moved an amendment to the original motion that the matter be filed until such time as the municipality has its own engineer to deal with matters such as this. Carried.

The following report was presented by Councillor Settle:

In re letter of December 18, 1950, from G. A. Holmes, as president of the Men's Group, Bethel Baptist Church, Tufts Cove, addressed to me as Councillor but sent to you for attention, complaining of the dangerous condition of main road and noting the fact they have no street lighting, and which you advised him would be brought to the Council at this session and now referred to me. The main road, of course, will be paved in due course by the Highways Department. The matter of street lighting and other local service is up to the area concerned and is a matter for them to determine locally. Any reasonable local services desired not handled by the Public Services set-up can be handled on an area or district or other local arrangement and will be dealt with by their Councillor in consultation with our Solicitor if, as, and when requested.

Councillor Gates said there had been a decided demand for fire protection from the people of Tufts' Cove. Councillor Settle had asked that two borrowing bills be passed for that purpose. He asked why the service had not been provided.

Councillor Settle said he had asked for a borrowing bill before consulting with the people of the district. The money had not been used. A survey showed the people of Tufts Cove wanted this service but those in other areas did not at this time. He did not wish to establish a district rate to provide the service of an area, but felt the area benefitting should bear the cost.

Councillor Gates said the borrowing could be used on an area basis. The people of Tufts' Cove might be encouraged to set up a Public Services Commission.

Councillor Settle said he had held meetings in each area and committees had been appointed to determine what the people wanted. He was confident the reports from the committees accurately showed the feelings of the people. The people of Tufts Cove also wanted water and sewer services.

Councillor Dauphinee said the Public Services Committee had been doing its best to provide services where needed. He questioned how long the rest of the municipality would be willing to help provide services for the fringe area.

Councillor Gates said the Town of Dartmouth had not been too anxious to continue providing fire protection to the Tufts' Cove area. The county should stand on its own feet in such matters.

Councillors Settle and Evans moved that Councillor Settle's report to council with respect to a letter received from a group at Tufts' Cove be received and filed. Carried.

The report of the building inspector for District 28 from Jan.1, 1950, to June 30, 1950, was read and was received and filed on motion of Councillors Chisholm and Gates.

Councillor Dauphinee said he did not believe the overseers of the poor should sign the district accounts.

Councillor Gates said there had been mistakes in the district accounts for some districts. The clerk advised these were rectified if drawn to his attention.

Councillor Dauphinee said overseers in his district had not been too realistic in establishing the amount of relief to be given. He felt the councillor should have some control over their actions.

Councillor Ferguson said the overseers in his district discussed any important matter with him before taking action.

Councillor Chisholm said the overseers in his district had been very careful in their activities.

Councillor Mosher said the council should not be permitted to take money from his district funds to pay a building inspector.

The council then began study of the financial statement and various questions were asked.

Councillor Lomas questioned whether the council should spend time in studying the statement since it was prepared by chartered accountants and would be correct.

Councillor Naugle said the council could obtain much valuable information on its activities from the statement.

Councillor Gates and Naugle moved that expenditures relative to burying dogs or other expenses having to do with dogs, be carried by the collections of the tax on dogs.

Councillor Mosher said the burial of dogs should be carried out by the constables since they received 50 percent of dog taxes.

Councillor Naugle said some districts were paying for this purpose from district funds while others were not. The matter should be clarified.

Councillor Settle said the sanitary inspectors were appointed to do this job along with the rest of their duties. A separate fund was not being set up for the purpose.

The resolution was voted upon and carried.

Councillor Gates advised Mr. Crosbie had arrived at the Court House to seek a building permit to construct a home in District 9.

The Warden said the permit should come from the building board.

The solicitor said if the building inspector does not act then the council should appoint another inspector.

The Warden announced the original motion granting the building board power to appoint an inspector was ultra vires.

Councillor Mosher said he did not intend to recommend a man for the post.

Councillors Gates and Allen moved that the clerk, Mr. R. G. Hattie be building inspector pro-tem, until the council appoint a building inspector for District 9. Carried.

Councillor Lomas said he believed the council should pay the expenses of a councillor's wife when she accompanies him to a convention.

Councillor Allen said this would not be fair to the taxpayers.

Councillor Chisholm agreed with Councillor Allen.

Councillors Lomas and Dauphinee moved that if a delegate to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities desires to take his wife to the annual convention of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities that the council pay the expenses of the delegate's wife as well as that of the expenses of that delegate.

The Solicitor said there was no power to do this.

Councillor Gates said he felt the council should allot a specified amount as expenses to the delegates.

Councillor Dauphinee and Allen moved that council adjourn to 10 a.m. tomorrow. Carried.

TWENTY-SECOND DAY—MORNING

Wednesday, March 28, 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 Isenor.

Council continued study of the financial statement.

Admiral Houghton and Colonel DeWolf were introduced to council by Warden Dowell.

Admiral Houghton said the area around Halifax and Dartmouth had been designated as a target area by the federal government. It was one of seven in Canada. A circle had been drawn from the centre of the city, with a radius of two and one-half miles. A cushion area, extending fifty miles beyond the target area, had also been drawn.

He said this cushion area would be depended upon to assist in case of a bomb blast within the target area and that the target area would also assist in case of bombing in the cushion area.

The county would have to be prepared to receive all refugees and casualties resulting from a bomb blast in the target area, he said.

Councillor Lomas asked what equipment would be provided for the cushion area.

Admiral Houghton said it was not proposed to provide much equipment. The city would largely depend upon its own resources.

Warden Dowell said it was proposed that the area within the target zone would come under the direction of Admiral Houghton.

Councillor Chisholm said more first aid training would be needed in the area. Admiral Houghton replied that first aid training would be necessary in all districts.

Councillor Allen asked the effective range of a bomb blast.