

**DETAILS OF VARIOUS DISTRICT BALANCES  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1953**

District	District Credits	Poor Credits	Snow Credits
7 .....	\$ 1,504.01	\$ 3,058.58	\$ 286.02
8 .....	10,370.40	182.18	128.45
9 .....	4,846.54	3,555.86	33.19
10 .....	226.16	582.68	32.55
11 .....	4,260.68	2,168.53	23.42
12 .....	18,037.67	3,376.39	150.02
13 .....	3,303.51	3,534.41	
14 .....	10,776.54	995.55	527.26
15 .....	301.42	1,029.82	
16 .....	310.50	603.66	
17 .....	2,680.85	900.47	
18 .....	2,770.99	413.05	474.05
19 .....	1,146.33	703.63	7.87
20 .....	479.73	626.85	335.75
21 .....	3,359.89	1,246.34	12.78
22 .....	912.17	576.57	4.74
23 .....	1,120.85	990.50	923.26
24 .....	1,447.05	842.64	372.33
25 .....	775.55	464.12	
26 .....	1,217.44	1,782.16	278.11
27 .....	4,401.96	3,095.07	110.53
28 .....	10,282.32	3,772.00	
District 7—Fire	2,655.29		
District 8		Anderson vs Jackson 118.25	
District 12		Josey vs. Little 3.00	
		DeYoung vs. Williams 70.00	
Armdale Fire	153.14		
Fairview Fire	433.75		
Lakeside Fire	25.00		
Spryfield Fire	142.47		
District 14 .....		Estate Mary Strum 120.00	
District 15 .....		Conrod vs. Conrod 421.88	
District 20 .....		Power vs. Bonnefant 12.00	
District 27 .....		Hyland vs. Kidson 100.00	
		Murphy Vs. Mabee 18.00	
District 28 ....		Daniels vs. Lowe 25.00	
	<u>\$87,942.21</u>	<u>\$35,389.19</u>	<u>\$3,700.33</u>

DETAIL OF MUNICIPAL INVESTMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1953

One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 7th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due February 1, 1962, Fully Registered, No. P3-X02124	\$10,000.00
Two	(2)	Dominion of Canada 7th Victory Loan Bonds, 3%, due February 1, 1962, Fully Registered, Nos. P3-V03191-2, @ \$5,000.00 each	10,000.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 8th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due October 1, 1963, Fully Registered, No. P5-X02033	10,000.00
Two	(2)	Dominion of Canada 8th Victory Loan Bonds, 3%, due October 1, 1963, Fully Registered, Nos. P5-V03062, 01113, @ \$5,000.00 each	10,000.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 8th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due October 1, 1963, Fully Registered, No. P5-X02034	10,000.00
Two	(2)	Dominion of Canada 9th Victory Loan Bonds, 3%, due September 1, 1966, Fully Registered, Nos. P7-X01763-4, @ \$10,000.00 each	20,000.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Company Deben ture, 3½%, due December 1, 1954, Fully Registered, No. 8297	30,000.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Company Deposit, 3½%, Receipt No. 617	25,000.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Company Deposit, 3½%, Receipt No. 622	21,191.45
One	(1)	Nova Scotia Savings Loan and Building Society Deposit, 3½%, Receipt No. 1502	50,000.00
			<u>\$196,191.45</u>

DETAIL OF LIEN LAW INVESTMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1953

One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 4th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due May 1, 1957, Bearer, No. 14-E034823	\$ 1,000.00
Three	(3)	Dominion of Canada 4th Victory Loan Bonds, 3%, due May 1, 1957, Bearer, Nos. A-538205-6-7, @ \$100.00 each	300.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 4th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due May 1, 1957, Bearer, No. H0067566	50.00
			<u>\$ 1,350.00</u>

**REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
DISTRICT FUNDS**

**DISTRICT NO. 7**

**Revenue**

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 4,545.69	
	Levy .....	3,674.75	
		\$ 8,220.43	

**Expenditure**

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$ 183.74	
	Fire Department—		
	Salary .....	1,500.00	
	Expenses .....	236.88	
	Bonds Redeemed .....	1,000.00	
	Debenture Interest .....	255.00	
	Insurance .....	307.00	
	Building Inspector .....	100.00	
	Sanitary Inspector's Expenses .....	125.00	
	Sundries .....	8.80	
	Transfer to Poor .....	3,000.00	
		6,716.42	
Dec. 31	Balance .....		\$ 1,504.01

**DISTRICT NO. 8**

**Revenue**

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 8,179.46	
	Levy .....	3,581.09	
	Interest .....	135.90	
		\$11,896.45	

**Expenditure**

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$ 179.05	
	Building Inspector .....	720.00	
	Transfer to Poor .....	500.00	
	Sundries .....	127.00	
		1,526.05	
Dec. 31	Balance .....		\$10,370.40

**DISTRICT No. 9**

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 4,295.80	
	Levy .....	765.47	
	Interest .....	68.44	
		\$ 5,129.71	

**Expenditure**

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	38.27	
	Building Inspector .....	200.00	
	Sundries .....	44.90	
		283.17	
Dec. 31	Balance .....		\$ 4,846.54

DISTRICT NO. 10

Revenue

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 745.39	
	Levy .....	778.82	
	Interest .....	15.89	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 1,540.10

Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$ 38.94	
	Building Inspector .....	75.00	
	Transfer to Poor .....	1,200.00	
		<u>          </u>	1,313.94

Dec. 31	Balance .....		\$ 226.16
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DISTRICT NO. 11

Revenue

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 4,179.72	
	Interest .....	62.96	
		<u>          </u>	4,260.68

DISTRICT NO. 12

Revenue

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$14,974.45	
	Sale of Pumper .....	\$ 600.00	
	Recoveries re Public Works....	346.24	
	Revenue from Fires .....	204.82	
	Dominion Government Grants..	6,000.00	
	Sundry Revenue .....	105.74	
	Interest .....	102.35	
		<u>          </u>	7,359.15
	Levy for year (net) .....	33,098.74	
		<u>          </u>	\$55,432.34

Expenditure

	Fire Department—		
	Heat .....	\$ 1,873.33	
	Light .....	567.93	
	Telephone .....	881.61	
	Insurance .....	1,061.50	
	Salaries .....	8,541.11	
	Maintenance .....	4,346.40	
	New Equipment .....	5,437.24	
	Sundries .....	72.06	
	Bond Redemption .....	4,000.00	
	Interest on Serial Bonds .....	1,320.00	
	General Office—		
	Office Salaries .....	3,549.92	
	Sundries .....	743.57	
	Transferred to Poor .....	5,000.00	
		<u>          </u>	37,394.67

Dec. 31	Balance .....		\$18,037.67
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## DISTRICT NO. 13

## Revenue

1953				
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 2,301.14		
	Levy .....	1,269.73		
	Interest .....	41.13		
				\$ 3,612.00

## Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	63.49		
	Snow Removal .....	144.00		
	Sanitary Inspector .....	75.00		
	Sundries .....	26.00		
				308.49
Dec. 31	Balance .....			\$ 3,303.51

## DISTRICT NO. 14

## Revenue

1953				
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 9,831.89		
	Levy .....	5,857.61		
	Interest .....	148.60		
				15,838.10

## Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$ 292.88		
	Transfer to Poor .....	2,500.00		
	Fire Equipment .....	1,466.12		
	District Officers .....	660.00		
	Sundries .....	142.56		
				5,061.56
Dec. 31	Balance .....			\$10,776.54

## DISTRICT NO. 15

## Revenue

1953				
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 296.97		
	Interest .....	4.45		
Dec. 31	Balance .....			\$ 301.42

## DISTRICT NO. 16

## Revenue

1953				
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 305.91		
	Interest .....	4.59		
Dec. 31	Balance .....			\$ 310.50

DISTRICT NO. 17

Revenue

1953				
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$	1,785.07	
	Levy .....		921.86	
	Interest .....		33.51	
				\$ 2,740.44

Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$	46.09	
	Sundries .....		13.50	
				59.59

Dec. 31	Balance .....			\$ 2,680.85
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DISTRICT NO. 18

Revenue

1953				
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$	1,943.24	
	Levy .....		873.26	
	Interest .....		35.15	
				\$ 2,851.65

Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$	43.66	
	Sundries .....		37.00	
				80.66

Dec. 31	Balance .....			\$ 2,770.99
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DISTRICT NO. 19

Revenue

1953				
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$	1.54	
	Levy .....		1,195.58	
	Interest .....		8.99	
				\$ 1,206.11

Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....		59.78	
				59.78

Dec. 31	Balance .....			\$ 1,146.33
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DISTRICT NO. 20

Revenue

1953				
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$	482.85	
	Levy .....		1,625.17	\$ 2,108.02

Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$	81.26	
	Interest .....		13.53	
	Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital .....		1,500.00	
	Sundries .....		33.50	
				1,628.29

Dec. 31	Balance .....			\$ 479.73
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## DISTRICT NO. 21

## Revenue

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 3,757.39	
	Levy .....	4,917.52	
	Interest .....	80.86	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 8,755.77

## Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$ 245.88	
	Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital .....	3,000.00	
	Transfer to Poor .....	2,000.00	
	Sundries .....	150.00	
		<u>          </u>	5,395.88
Dec. 31	Balance .....		\$ 3,359.89

## DISTRICT NO. 22

## Revenue

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 2,560.86	
	Levy .....	1,567.29	
	Interest .....	18.88	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 4,147.03

## Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$ 78.36	
	Transfer to Poor .....	400.00	
	Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital .....	1,500.00	
	Sundries .....	82.50	
	Fire Department .....	1,174.00	
		<u>          </u>	3,234.86
Dec. 31	Balance .....		\$ 912.17

## DISTRICT NO. 23

## Revenue

Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 1,322.22	
	Levy .....	1,865.59	
	Interest .....	26.32	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 3,214.13

## Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$ 93.28	
	Transfer to Poor .....	2,000.00	
		<u>          </u>	2,093.28
Dec. 31	Balance .....		\$ 1,120.85

DISTRICT NO. 24

Revenue

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 905.76	
	Levy .....	1,624.41	
	Interest .....	9.72	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 2,539.89

Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$ 81.22	
	Transfer to Poor .....	500.00	
	Fire Department .....	511.62	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 1,092.84

Dec. 31	Balance .....		1,447.05
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DISTRICT NO. 25

Revenue

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 399.41	
	Levy .....	796.39	
	Interest .....	7.87	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 1,203.67

Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$ 39.82	
	Transfer to Poor .....	350.00	
	Sundries .....	38.30	
		<u>          </u>	428.12

Dec. 31	Balance .....		\$ 775.55
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DISTRICT NO. 26

Revenue

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 1,199.45	
	Interest .....	17.99	
		<u>          </u>	
Dec. 31	Balance .....		\$ 1,217.44

DISTRICT NO. 27

Revenue

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$ 1,821.31	
	Levy .....	2,962.03	
	Interest .....	47.22	
		<u>          </u>	\$ 4,830.56

Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$ 148.10	
	Building Inspectors .....	262.50	
	Sundries .....	18.00	
		<u>          </u>	428.60

Dec. 31	Balance .....		\$ 4,401.96
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## DISTRICT NO. 28

## Revenue

1953			
Jan. 1	Balance .....	\$11,838.28	
	Levy .....	2,863.17	
	Interest .....	158.87	
	Sundries .....	2.00	
			<u>\$14,862.32</u>

## Expenditure

	Reserve for Uncollectable Taxes .....	\$ 143.16	
	Garbage Collection .....	3,999.84	
	Board of Health .....	35.00	
	District Officers .....	350.00	
	Sundries .....	2.00	
	Snow Removal .....	50.00	
			<u>4,580.00</u>
Dec. 31	Balance .....		<u>\$10,282.32</u>

## MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

## MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1952

## Assets

Accounts Receivable .....	\$64,964.45	
Rural High		
Accounts Receivable .....	82,762.83	
Prepaid Insurance .....	1,685.32	
Saving Account — Capital Surplus Account...	331.74	
Bus Equipment .....	34,668.26	
		<u>\$184,412.60</u>

## Liabilities

Bank .....	\$ 5,742.41	
Accounts Payable .....	65,612.39	
Equalization Fund .....	55,972.13	
Rural High		
Accounts Payable .....	5,966.69	
Bus Loan .....	27,838.68	
Reserve for Bus Depreciation .....	2,963.31	
Surplus for the year ending December 31, 1952...	20,286.99	
		<u>\$184,412.60</u>

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX  
MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952

Revenue

Provided by Municipal Council Taxation.....	\$168,135.00	
Province of Nova Scotia		
Salary Grants .....	\$304,169.96	
Pensions Deductions .....	37,327.61	
	<u>\$341,497.57</u>	
Fixed Equalization Fund .....	168,184.15	
Fixed Conveyance Grant .....	13,209.69	
One-half Conveyance Grant ....	7,361.94	
High School Grants .....	1,065.00	
Specialized Teachers Grants ...	2,738.82	
Grants to Sections .....	11.84	
	<u>534,069.01</u>	
Tuition Fees .....	4,143.91	
Municipal School Fund .....	46,901.43	
Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation	2,157.00	
Department of National Defence re Service		
Schools .....	12,748.97	
Municipal Council — re Municipal Bonus....	59,808.17	
School Sections — re Local Bonus .....	8,618.21	
	<u>\$836,581.70</u>	

Expenditure

Board Members .....	\$ 2,492.14	
Administration Costs .....	7,500.00	
Advertising .....	78.50	
Attendance Officers .....	1,069.60	
Salaries—Minimum Program.....	\$566,090.73	
Service Schools .....	12,748.97	
Municipal Bonus .....	59,808.17	
Local Bonus .....	8,618.21	
	<u>647,266.08</u>	
Maintenance Grants .....	110,974.35	
Maintenance Border Sections .....	3,359.31	
Tuition .....	12,780.00	
School Census .....	218.20	
Conveyance .....	26,749.38	
Interest and Bank Charges .....	57.15	
Rural High School (Savings re closed rooms in		
area) .....	3,750.00	
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the year		
ending December 31, 1952 .....	20,286.99	
	<u>\$836,581.70</u>	

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX  
MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD  
BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1953**

**Assets**

Accounts Receivable .....	\$ 46,989.51
Rural High	
Accounts Receivable .....	87,179.88
Prepaid Insurance .....	750.35
Savings Account — Capital Surplus Account .....	331.74
Bus Equipment .....	34,668.26
	<u>\$169,919.74</u>

**Liabilities**

Bank .....	59,471.20
Accounts Payable .....	45,918.47
Rural High	
Accounts Payable .....	4,847.64
Bus Loan .....	24,875.37
Reserve for Bus Depreciation .....	5,926.62
Surplus:	
Balance January 1, 1953 .....	\$20,286.99
Add: Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the year ending December 31 1956	8,513.45
Adjustment Prior Year's Maintenance	80.00
	<u>28,880.44</u>
	<u>\$169,919.74</u>

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX  
MUNICIPAL SCHOOL BOARD  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953**

**Revenue**

Provided by Municipal Council — Taxation ....	\$232,000.00	
Province of Nova Scotia		
Salary Grants ....	\$385,814.52	
Pension Deductions	43,200.96	
	<u>\$429,015.48</u>	
Fixed Equalization Fund ....	168,184.15	
Fixed Conveyance Grant .....	13,209.69	
½ Conveyance Grant .....	11,019.15	
High School Grant .....	490.00	
Specialized Teachers Grant ..	6,285.32	
	<u>628,203.79</u>	
Tuition Fees .....	1,213.74	
Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation...	1,258.25	
Department of National Defence re Service Schools .....	43,090.42	
Municipal Council re Municipal Bonus.....	70,191.83	
School Sections re Local Bonus .....	28,338.62	
	<u>\$1,004,296.65</u>	

**Expenditure**

Board Members .....	\$ 3,070.71	
General Expense .....	187.33	
Administration Costs .....	8,000.00	
Advertising .....	37.20	
Attendance Officers .....	1,300.00	
Salaries — Minimum Program ....	\$661,457.59	
Service Schools .....	43,090.42	
Municipal Bonus .....	70,191.83	
Local Bonus .....	28,338.62	
	<u>803,078.46</u>	
Maintenance Grants .....	121,444.77	
Maintenance Boarder Sections .....	3,400.00	
Tuition .....	7,033.54	
School Census .....	20.80	
Conveyance .....	35,248.00	
Interest and Bank Charges .....	2,115.61	
Rural High School (savings re closed rooms in area) .....	3,750.00	
Equalization (Difference between Board and Department) .....	7,096.78	
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure for the year ending December 31, 1953 .....	8,513.45	
	<u>\$1,004,296.65</u>	



**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX  
MUSQUODOBOIT RURAL HIGH SCHOOL  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1952**

**Revenue**

Province of Nova Scotia .....	\$50,489.43	
Municipality of the County of Halifax .....	13,079.82	
Municipal School Board — from savings accrued from closing high school rooms .....	3,750.00	
	<u>          </u>	\$67,319.25

**Expenditure**

Secretary Treasurer .....	\$ 525.00	
Attendance Officer .....	100.00	
Office Expense .....	647.63	
Advertising .....	127.50	
Classroom and Instructional Supplies .....	884.62	
Janitor's Supplies and Expense .....	771.99	
Janitor's Supplies and Expense .....	771.99	
Fuel .....	1,833.11	
Electric Light .....	1,191.51	
Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	961.50	
Insurance .....	3,039.40	
Insurance — Liability .....	77.64	
Telephone .....	141.25	
Laundry .....	244.35	
Conveyance .....	14,574.49	
Interest School Bus Loan .....	1,245.14	
Unemployment Insurance .....	149.76	
Board of Students .....	488.00	
Teachers Salaries .....	34,053.05	
Principal Payment Bus Loan .....	2,963.31	
	<u>          </u>	\$67,319.25

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX  
MUSQUODOBOIT RURAL HIGH SCHOOL  
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953**

**Revenue**

Province of Nova Scotia .....	\$53,865.46	
Municipality of the County of Halifax .....	14,205.16	
Municipal School Board—from savings accrued from closing high school rooms .....	3,750.00	
	<u>3,750.00</u>	\$71,820.62

**Expenditure**

Secretary-Treasurer .....	300.00	
Attendance Officer .....	100.00	
Office Expense .....	487.07	
Advertising .....	148.46	
Classroom and Instructional Supplies .....	983.88	
Janitor and Assistant Salaries .....	3,300.00	
Janitor's Supplies and Expense .....	440.47	
Fuel .....	2,494.57	
Electric Light .....	1,011.40	
Repairs and Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	770.12	
Replacements .....	217.50	
Insurance .....	3,140.68	
Insurance — Liability .....	133.10	
Telephone .....	160.70	
Laundry .....	302.43	
Conveyance .....	16,424.40	
Interest on Bus Loan .....	1,245.14	
Unemployment Insurance .....	326.48	
Teachers' Salaries .....	36,870.91	
Principal Payment Bus Loan .....	2,963.31	
	<u>2,963.31</u>	\$71,820.62

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX  
HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL  
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1953

Assets

Accounts Receivable .....		\$ 40,412.21
<b>Inventories:</b>		
Farm Produce .....	\$ 2,280.00	
Groceries and Provisions .....	3,905.30	
Mill Feeds .....	851.30	
Clothing .....	3,117.18	
Pigs and Chickens .....	2,180.00	
Fuel - Oil - Gas .....	1,672.36	
Laundry Supplies .....	448.00	
		\$ 14,454.14
Investments .....		31,350.00
Capital Account — New Building .....		208,484.17
<b>Deficit Account</b>		
Balance, January 1, 1953.....	\$21,733.68	
Excess of Revenue over Expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1953 .....	8,233.92	
		13,499.76
		\$308,200.28

Liabilities

Royal Bank of Canada — Current Account .....	\$ 421.51	
Royal Bank of Canada — Capital Account .....	208,484.17	
Accounts Payable .....	13,625.68	
Municipality of the County of Halifax .....	32,810.05	
Radio Fund .....	370.00	
Reserves for Depreciation .....	52,488.87	
		\$308,200.28

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX  
 HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL  
 REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

Revenue

Board of Patients .....	\$293,846.89	
Interest on Investments .....	940.50	
Cash Discounts .....	378.17	
Sundry Revenue .....	25.27	
Farm Revenue .....	\$33,115.45	
Farm Revenue—Sale of Calves, Hides	111.07	
	<u>33,226.52</u>	
		\$328,417.35

Expenditure

General Expense:		
Including Salaries, interest on Bonds, Bond Redemption, Fuel, Lights, etc. ....	\$180,461.49	
Supplies:		
Including Groceries, Meat, Fish, Fruit, Tobacco, Clothing, Dry Goods, etc. ....	111,971.50	
Farm Expense .....	19,986.45	
Truck Tractor and Bulldozer Expense.....	2,239.98	
Depreciation on Equipment .....	5,524.01	
Excess of Revenue over Expenditure .....	<u>8,233.92</u>	
		\$328,417.35

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX  
HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL**

**DETAIL OF MAINTENANCE REVENUE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953**

Municipality of the County of Halifax .....	\$ 87,574.65
Municipality of the County of Annapolis .....	508.61
Municipality of the County of Antigonish .....	17,368.29
Town of Antigonish .....	2,856.83
Municipality of Argyle .....	287.16
Town of Bridgewater .....	1,061.52
Town of Canso .....	135.72
Municipality of the District of Cape Breton .....	24,143.65
Municipality of the District of Clare .....	1,546.77
Municipality of the District of Chester .....	3,479.21
Municipality of the County of Cumberland .....	1,627.87
Town of Dartmouth .....	15,011.47
Town of Digby .....	396.89
Municipality of the County of Digby .....	211.44
Town of Glace Bay .....	403.37
Municipality of the District of Guysboro .....	13,435.21
City of Halifax .....	32,313.18
Town of Hantsport .....	170.20
Municipality of the County of Inverness .....	942.01
Town of Inverness .....	1,561.95
Municipality of the County of Lunenburg .....	2,399.58
Town of Lunenburg .....	298.59
Town of Mahone Bay .....	408.60
Town of Mulgrave .....	615.20
Town of New Waterford .....	207.18
Town of Port Hawkesbury .....	526.67
Municipality of the County of Richmond .....	7,315.55
Municipality of the County of Shelburne .....	1,732.25
Municipality of the District of St. Mary's .....	1,096.91
Town of Truro .....	1,353.13
Municipality of the County of Victoria .....	1,072.84
Town of Windsor .....	72.02
Municipality of the County of Yarmouth .....	1,605.33
Town of Yarmouth .....	2,189.38
Private Patients .....	29,277.58
Old Age Pensions .....	38,640.08
	<b>\$293,846.89</b>

**HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL**  
RESERVES FOR DEPRECIATION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1953

	Total Value	Rate	Depreciation For Year	Total Depreciation To Date
Automobile .....	\$ 2,620.00	25%	\$ 650.00	\$ 2,157.76
Auto Truck .....	2,445.00	25%	611.25	1,239.65
Boilers .....	3,050.00			3,050.00
Farm Machinery .....	6,075.81	10%*	71.88	4,710.19
Farm Tools .....	203.08			203.08
Food Elevator .....	1,400.00			1,400.00
Furniture .....	7,649.86	5%	382.50	3,482.58
Kitchen Equipment ...	6,520.50	10%*	34.20	6,212.70
Kitchen Machinery ...	837.20			837.20
Laundry Equipment ..	3,410.07			3,410.07
Mattresses, Blankets etc.	8,214.61	20%	1,642.92	6,643.09
Pumps .....	900.00			900.00
Refrigerators .....	994.00			994.00
Steel Beds .....	3,224.24	10%	322.37	2,883.24
Stokers .....	2,000.00			2,000.00
Tools .....	253.37			253.37
Hospital Equipment ..	2,105.00			2,105.00
Water Supply Mach...	384.00	10%	38.40	384.00
Aux. Lighting Plant...	2,367.00	10%	236.70	1,420.20
Bulldozer and Tractor	7,668.95	20%	1,533.79	8,202.74
	<u>\$62,322.69</u>		<u>\$5,524.01</u>	<u>\$52,488.87</u>

\* These items were written off prior to this year. Depreciation therefore is only added to Farm Machinery and Kitchen Equipment purchased during 1953.

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX**  
**HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL**  
**DETAIL OF EXPENSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953**

<b>GENERAL EXPENSE</b>	
General Expense .....	\$ 2,688.91
Administration .....	154.06
Advertising .....	25.70
Bedding .....	3,333.93
Bond Redemption .....	2,500.00
Bond Redemption M.I.A. Act .....	6,249.97
Bond Redemption, New Building .....	17,000.00
Car Expense .....	1,157.48
Cleaning Materials .....	2,572.98
Fuel .....	14,633.78
Committee .....	1,871.50
Dentist .....	31.00
Dishes .....	532.45
Electric Bulbs .....	294.96

Electric Light .....	6,367.90
Electric Power .....	2,608.86
Hardware .....	1,249.64
Hospital Expense .....	4,353.60
Insurance .....	3,071.13
Interest .....	18,585.31
Maintenance — Plumbing .....	444.16
Electrical .....	530.03
Pumps .....	464.71
Heating .....	1,020.07
Kitchen .....	1,093.02
Refrigerators .....	215.29
Laundry Supplies and Expense .....	615.60
Mops and Brooms .....	464.02
Medical Expense .....	12.00
Paint .....	2,268.59
Radio Repairs .....	120.43
Religious .....	275.00
Salaries .....	76,364.52
Salary Health Officer .....	3,000.00
Telephone .....	1,401.64
Transportation .....	2,230.00
Travelling Expense .....	220.00
Uniforms .....	389.25
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	\$180,461.49

**FARM EXPENSE**

Pigs .....	\$ 1,142.00
General Expense .....	2,073.24
Electric Light .....	344.53
Feed .....	7,629.90
Fertilizer .....	1,487.50
Seeds .....	323.20
Salaries .....	6,039.38
Shavings .....	120.60
Repairs Farm Machinery .....	826.10
Truck Expense .....	1,370.10
Tractor and Bulldozer Expense .....	869.88
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	\$ 22,226.43

**SUPPLIES**

Groceries .....	\$ 25,467.95
Fruits and Vegetables .....	16,940.36
Meat .....	31,698.44
Fish .....	7,560.18
Flour .....	8,514.81
Butter and Margarine .....	6,671.05
Milk .....	6,909.60
Tea and Coffee .....	1,770.10
Tobacco .....	3,909.25
Clothing .....	2,529.76
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	\$111,971.50

## HALIFAX COUNTY — SUMMARY OF FARM PRODUCE

Articles	Unit	Price	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
Potates .....	Bus.	\$ 1.10	1,952	\$ 2,147.20	1,952	\$ 2,147.20				
Turnips .....	"	.50	600	300.00	600	300.00				
Carrots .....	"	1.50	924	1,386.00	700	1,050.00			224	336.00
Beets .....	"	1.50	367	550.50	367	550.50				
Parsnips .....	"	2.00	301	602.00	301	602.00				
Radish .....	"	1.25	22	27.50	22	27.50				
Pod Peas .....	"	2.00	321	642.00	321	642.00				
String Beans .....	"	1.75	428	749.00	428	749.00				
Sweet Corn .....	Tons	20.00	10	200.00			10	200.00		
Green Tomatoes .....	Tons	12.00	112	1,344.00			50	600.00	64	744.00
Ripe Tomatoes .....	Bus.	1.00	468	468.00	468	468.00				
Cabbage .....	"	2.50	237	592.50	237	592.50				
Lettuce .....	Ton	30.00	29	870.00	29	870.00				
Cauliflower .....	Head	.05	6,000	300.00	6,000	300.00				
Oats .....	Head	.10	6,000	600.00	6,000	600.00				
Hay .....	Tons	15.00	20	300.00			20	300.00		
Pumpkins .....	Tons	15.00	3	45.00	1	15.00	2	30.00		
Squash .....	Tons	30.00	3	90.00	3	90.00				
Cucumbers .....	Tons	20.00	8	160.00	8	160.00				
Milk .....	Qts.	.12	54,750	6,570.00	54,750	6,570.00				
Blueberries .....	Qts.	.25	1,200	300.00	1,200	300.00				
Eggs .....	Doz.	.50	16,480	8,240.00	16,480	8,240.00				
Fowl .....	Lbs.	.35	3,000	1,050.00	3,000	1,050.00				
Beef .....	Lbs.	.25	3,867	966.75	3,867	966.75				
Pork .....	Lbs.	.35	19,500	6,825.00	19,500	6,825.00				
Fruits & Vegetables ...				500.00						500.00
Manure .....	Loads	1.00	800	800.00			400	400.00	400	400.00
Wood .....	Cords	12.00	50	600.00			25	300.00	25	300.00
				<u>\$37,225.45</u>		<u>\$33,115.45</u>		<u>\$1,830.00</u>		<u>\$2,280.00</u>



## HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL

## INVENTORY OF FUEL, GAS &amp; OILS ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 1953

ARTICLES	PRICE	VALUE
75 Gals. Marvelube Oil .....	@ \$ 1.18	\$ 88.50
72 Qts. Mobiloil .....	@ 1.38	99.36
250 Gals. Diesel Oil .....	@ 17.80	44.50
25 Lbs. No. 11 Grease .....	@ 15.50	387.50
25 Lbs. No. 90 Gear Grease .....	@ 18.00	4.50
300 Gals. Truck Gas .....	@ 37.20	111.60
350 Gals. Tractor Gas .....	@ 22.20	77.70
46 Qts. Alcohol Anti-freeze .....	@ .60	27.60
4 Gals. Anti-freeze .....	@ 3.50	14.00
1,250 Gals. Furnace Oil .....	@ 16.70	208.75
7,000 Gals. Bunker Oil .....	@ 9.50	575.00
3 Gals. Bardahl .....	@ 10.00	30.00
20 Lbs. No. 88 Grease .....	@ 16.75	3.35
		<u>\$1,672.36</u>

## INVENTORY OF MILL FEEDS ON HAND DECEMBER 31st, 1953

ARTICLES	PRICE	VALUE
80 Bags Scratch .....	@ \$ 3.55	\$ 274.00
64 Bags Laying mash .....	@ 4.15	265.60
5 Bags Shells .....	@ 1.60	8.00
6 Bags Pig Booster .....	@ 4.30	25.80
35 Bags Hog Grower .....	@ 3.74	130.90
36 Bags Dairy Ration .....	@ 3.15	113.40
14 Bags Bran .....	@ 2.40	33.60
		<u>\$ 851.30</u>

INVENTORY OF PIGS AND CHICKENS ON HAND  
DECEMBER 31st, 1953

43 Pigs .....	@ \$10.00	\$ 430.00
1,000 Hens .....	@ 1.75	1,750.00
		<u>\$2,180.00</u>

INVENTORY OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ON HAND  
DECEMBER 31st, 1953

19 Pairs	Leather Boots	..... @	\$ 7.00	\$ 133.00
19 Pairs	Lumberman's Rubbers	..... @	4.95	94.05
4 Pairs	Rubber Boots	..... @	5.00	20.00
228 Pairs	Sneakers	..... @	3.00	684.00
237 Pairs	Trousers	..... @	2.50	592.50
32 Pairs	Pyjamas	..... @	3.75	120.00
434 Pairs	Socks	..... @	5.75 Doz.	207.96
24	Shirts	..... @	1.90 Ea.	45.60
19 Pairs	Coveralls	..... @	3.25	61.75
8	Overcoats	..... @	18.00	144.00
15	Suits	..... @	24.00	360.00
6 Pairs	Scampers	..... @	3.15	18.90
12 Pairs	Dungarees	..... @	2.50	30.00
5	Jackets	..... @	6.50	32.50
6 Pairs	Socks	..... @	.49	2.94
101 Pairs	Shoes	..... @	3.98	401.98
16	Dresses	..... @	3.00	48.00
48	Nightgowns	..... @	2.50	120.00
				\$3,117.18

HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL

INVENTORY OF LAUNDRY SUPPLIES, DECEMBER 31st, 1953

110 Gals.	Bleach	..... @	.245 Gal.	\$ 26.95
12 Bags	Soap Flakes	..... @	13.10 (100 lb.)	172.92
2 Bbls.	Chocotaw (Soda)	..... @	10.70 (100 lb.)	79.13
5	Bleach carboys	..... @	3.00 ea.	15.00
22	Bleach carboys	..... @	7.00 ea.	154.00
				\$448.00

INVENTORY OF LIVE STOCK

19	Cows	.....		
3	Three-year-old Heifers	.....		
9	Two-year-old Heifers	.....		
2	One-year-old Heifers	.....		
1	Three-year-old Bull	.....		
10	Heifer Calves	.....		
2	Horses	.....		
				\$4,000.00

(Shown as Capital Assets on Municipality of the County of Halifax Balance Sheet in the amount of \$4,000.00).

**HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL**  
**INVENTORY OF PROVISIONS AND GROCERIES ON HAND**  
**DECEMBER 31st., 1953**

Articles	Price	Value
3 Cases Cornflakes .....	@ \$ 7.65 .....	\$ 22.95
40 Pkgs. Baking Soda .....	@ 11 1/3 .....	4.53
1 Pail Jam .....	@ 6.60 .....	6.60
2 Cases Maple Syrup .....	@ 8.00 .....	16.00
2 Cases Cranberry Sauce .....	@ 12.00 .....	24.00
6 Cases Corn .....	@ 5.10 .....	30.60
4 Cases Tomatoes .....	@ 4.45 .....	17.80
1 Case Peas .....	@ 6.50 .....	6.50
3 Cases Milk .....	@ 6.60 .....	19.80
3 Cases Cornstarch .....	@ 6.85 .....	20.55
28 Tins Pork & Beans .....	@ 4.20 (Cs of 24) .....	4.90
30 Cases String Beans .....	@ 3.15 .....	94.50
60 Lbs. Coffee .....	@ .96 .....	57.60
4 Boxes Macaroni .....	@ 3.00 .....	12.00
220 Lbs. Tea .....	@ .59 .....	129.80
5 Gals. Prepared Mustard .....	@ 1.25 .....	6.25
2 Gals. Salad Oil .....	@ 1.10 .....	2.20
12 Tins Salmon .....	@ 4.48 doz. .....	4.48
12 Pkg. Currants .....	@ .30 .....	3.60
5 Btls. Catsup .....	@ .21 1/2 .....	1.07
12 Tins Soup .....	@ 12 1/4 .....	1.50
8 Pails Jelly Powder (50 lb.) .....	@ .29 1/2 .....	118.00
15 Pkgs. Apricots .....	@ .56 .....	7.40
8 Pkgs. Gelatine .....	@ .20 .....	1.60
25 Tins Dry Mustard (4 oz.) .....	@ 5.50 Cs. of 24) .....	5.72
40 Pkgs. Spices .....	@ .61 .....	24.40
5 Pkgs. Pepper .....	@ 2.41 (case of 24) .....	.50
2 Bags Salt .....	@ 1.40 .....	2.80
5 Bags Coarse Salt .....	@ 1.15 .....	5.75
4 Bags White Sugar .....	@ 7.70 .....	30.80
3 Cases Apple Juice .....	@ 5.40 .....	16.20
6 Cases Tomato Juice .....	@ 3.70 .....	22.20
7 Cases Grapefruit Juice .....	@ 3.20 .....	22.40
6 Bags Onions .....	@ 1.65 .....	9.90
20 Gals. Molasses .....	@ 1.02 .....	20.40
2 Bags Barley .....	@ 7.10 .....	14.20
1 Bag Split Peas .....	@ 8.65 .....	8.65
1 Bag Wheatlets .....	@ 2.80 .....	2.80
1 Bag Cornmeal .....	@ 7.75 .....	7.75
80 Doz. Eggs .....	@ .50 .....	40.00
300 Lvs. Bread .....	@ .10 .....	30.00
120 Bags Flour .....	@ 6.33 .....	759.60
210 Lbs. Cod Fish .....	@ .30 .....	63.00
2 Bbls. Salt Pork .....	@ 20.00 .....	40.00
1 Bbl. Corned Beef .....	@ 15.00 .....	15.00
1,000 Lbs. Fresh Beef .....	@ .26 .....	260.00
200 Lbs. Pork .....	@ .35 .....	70.00
400 Lbs. Margarine .....	@ .26 1/4 .....	105.00
20 Lbs. Butter .....	@ .63 1/4 .....	12.70

1 Box	Dates	@	9.10	9.10
25 Lbs.	Yeast	@	.24	6.00
22 Tins	Old Glory Tobacco	@	2.65	58.30
5 Gross	Matches	@	2.48	12.40
10 Tins	Chewing Tobacco	@	2.65	26.50
1,500 Bus.	Potatoes	@	.84 (bag)	840.00
500 Bus.	Turnips	@	.50	250.00
	Pantry Stock			500.00
				\$3,905.30

**DETAIL OF HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL INVESTMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1953**

One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 4th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due May 1, 1957, Bearer No. H0067456	\$ 50.00
Three	(3)	Dominion of Canada 4th Victory Loan Bonds, 3%, due May 1, 1957, Bearer, Nos. A317735-36-37 @ \$100.00 each	300.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 4th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due May 1, 1957, Fully Registered, No. L4-V02601	5,000.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 4th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due May 1, 1957, Fully Registered, No. L4-Z31749	500.00
Four	(4)	Dominion of Canada 5th Victory Loan Bonds, 3%, due January 1, 1959, Fully Registered, Nos. L7-M31054-55-56-57 @ \$1,000.00 each	4,000.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 7th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due February 1, 1962, Fully Registered, No. P3-V04664	5,000.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 8th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due October 1, 1963, Fully Registered, No. P5-V03063	5,000.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 8th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due October 1, 1963, Fully Registered, No. P5-Z30920	500.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 8th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due October 1, 1963, Fully Registered, No. P5-V03064	5,000.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 8th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due October 1, 1963, Fully Registered, No. P5-M34559	1,000.00
One	(1)	Dominion of Canada 9th Victory Loan Bond, 3%, due September 1, 1966, Fully Registered, No. P7-V07950	5,000.00
			\$31,350.00

### REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE RE SINKING FUNDS

To His Honor the Warden and County Council.

Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit herewith a statement of Municipal Sinking Funds on December 31, 1953, and how invested.

Court House Loan 1931 authorized by Chapter 123, Acts 1931 for \$67,000.00.

1952			
Dec. 31	Amount of Fund .....		\$44,900.05
1953			
Dec. 31	Interest on Bonds Received .....	1,561.52	
	Interest on Bank Account .....	2.63	
	Annual Instalment .....	1,300.00	
	Transferred from 1953 Sinking Fund Reserve....	265.76	
			<u>\$48,030.01</u>

Invested as follows:

Three	(3)	Dominion of Canada Bonds, 3%, due March 1, 1954, Bearer, Nos. K8-A387225-387226-387227, at \$100.00 each .....	300.00
Two	(2)	Dominion of Canada Bonds, 3%, due June 1, 1960, Fully Registered, Nos. M14653-14654, \$1000.00 each .....	2,000.00
Two	(2)	Dominion of Canada Bonds, 3%, due February 1, 1962, Bearer, Nos. A170793-170794, at \$100.00 each .....	200.00
Five	(5)	City of Halifax Bonds, 3%, due November 1, 1961, Bearer, Nos. N1785-1786-1787-1788-1789, at \$1000.00 each .....	5,000.00
Three	(3)	City of Halifax Bonds, 3%, due November 1, 1962, Bearer, Nos. N1938-1939-1940, at \$1000.00 each...	3,000.00
Five	(5)	City of Halifax Bonds, 3%, due November 1, 1963, Bearer, Nos. 2072-2073-2074-2075-2076, at \$1000.00 each .....	5,000.00
One	(1)	City of Halifax Bond, 3¼%, due November 1, 1961, Bearer, No. 01398 .....	995.00
One	(1)	City of Halifax Bond, 3¼%, due November 1, 1962, Bearer, No. 01551 .....	992.50
Two	(2)	Town of Wolfville Bonds, 4%, due July 15, 1960, Bearer, Nos. L67-68, at \$500.00 each .....	1,000.00
Four	(4)	Town of New Glasgow Bonds, 5%, due November 1, 1958, Bearer, Nos. W177-181-197-198, at \$500.00 each .....	2,020.00
One	(1)	Town of Amherst Bond, 3¼%, due December 1, 1961, Bearer, No. 49A-23 .....	1,006.25
Three	(3)	Public Service Commission of Bridgewater, 3¼%, due June 1, 1960, Bearer, Nos. W36-37-38, at \$1000.00 each .....	3,007.50
One	(1)	Municipality of the County of Halifax Bond, 5%, due June 1, 1961, Bearer, No. 71 .....	566.92
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Bond, 3¼%, due June 1, 1961, Fully Registered, No. 5468 .....	765.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Bond, 3½%, due January 2, 1955, Fully Registered, No. 5046.....	730.00

One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Bond, 3½%, due June 1, 1955, Fully Registered, No. 5113 .....	1,700.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Bond, 3½%, due December 31, 1955, Fully Registered, No. 5177....	530.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Bond, 3½%, due December 31, 1956, Fully Registered, No. 5379....	625.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Bond, 3¼%, due June 1, 1961, Fully Registered, No. 5631 .....	550.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Bond, 3¼%, due June 1, 1961, Fully Registered, No. 5859 .....	1,000.00
One	(1)	Nova Scotia Savings, Loan and Building Society Debenture, 3¼%, due June 1, 1956, Fully Registered, No. B4006 .....	1,700.00
One	(1)	Nova Scotia Savings, Loan and Building Society Debenture, 3¼%, due July 1, 1957, Fully Registered, No. B4267 .....	1,800.00
One	(1)	Nova Scotia Savings, Loan and Building Society Debenture 3.6%, due June 1, 1961, Fully Registered, No. B5216 .....	2,965.00
One	(1)	Nova Scotia Savings, Loan and Building Society Debenture, 3¼%, due June 1, 1961, Fully Registered, No. B5655 .....	2,050.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Debenture, Fully Registered, 4% , due June 1, 1961, No. 7131	2,600.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Debenture, Fully Registered, 4½%, due June 1, 1961, No. 7691	2,700.00
One	(1)	Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Debenture, Fully Registered, 4½%, due June 1, 1961, No. 8296 Savings Account — Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Company, No. 2127 .....	3,200.00 26.84
			\$48,030.01

The Court House Loan for \$15,000.00, which was issued in 1933 for a 20-year period became due on April 1, 1953, and we are pleased to report that not only was there sufficient in this Sinking Fund to pay off the old Bond Issue but \$265.76 was transferred from the 1933 Sinking Fund Reserve into the 1931 Loan.

We have examined the above securities and found them as above stated.

W. J. DOWELL, Warden.  
F. G. H. LEVERMAN,  
Chairman Finance Committee.

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that we have examined the Sinking Funds and find same to be as above stated.

We have also examined the securities held for Sinking Fund Purposes and certify that the total amounts to \$48,030.01. These Sinking Funds are in connection with Bonds issued for Joint Purposes for Capital Expenditures on the Court House.

FRANK E. SMITH, C.A.,  
WALTER A. STECH, C.A.,  
Auditors.

Adopted, March 12, 1954

**MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX  
WATER UTILITY  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953**

**Revenue**

Water and Fire Protection Rates .....	\$28,584.04
Deficit .....	291.34
	<b>\$28,875.38</b>

**Expenditure**

Water Purchased .....	\$8,026.08
Salaries .....	2,860.00
Maintenance of Services .....	106.10
Maintenance of Distribution Mains .....	1,284.32
Maintenance of Hydrants .....	389.45
Meter Reading .....	44.40
Office Expense, etc. ....	96.84
Unemployment Insurance .....	66.02
Garage Rental .....	163.00
Transportation Expense .....	761.52
Supplies .....	1,951.55
Legal Services .....	25.00
Insurance .....	68.60
Total Operating Expense	<b>\$15,842.88</b>
Debt Charges — Serial Debentures Redeemed .....	6,000.00
— Debenture Interest .....	7,032.50
	<b>13,032.50</b>
	<b>\$28,875.38</b>

**REVENUE FUND BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1953**

**Assets**

Cash in Royal Bank of Canada .....	\$ 148.79
Rates Receivable .....	19,394.88
Accounts Receivable — Customers Services Installed.....	8,649.45
Sundry Accounts Receivable .....	229.82
	<b>\$28,422.94</b>

**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable .....	\$ 146.14
Due to Municipality General Revenue Fund .....	21,315.42
Due to Water Utility — Capital Fund .....	5,735.14
Surplus .....	1,226.24
	<b>\$28,422.94</b>

CONTINUITY OF CURRENT SURPLUS

Surplus — December 31, 1952 .....	\$ 1,517.58
Less — Deficit for year .....	291.34
	<u>\$ 1,226.24</u>

CONTINUITY OF INVESTMENTS IN ASSETS (CAPITAL SURPLUS)

Surplus — December 31, 1952 .....	\$ 8,000.00
Bonds redeemed — North Woodside .....	\$2,000.00
Bonds redeemed — Tufts Cove .....	4,000.00
	<u>6,000.00</u>
	<u>\$14,000.00</u>

CAPITAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1953

Assets

Utility Plant in Service .....	\$212,211.60
Construction Work in Progress .....	6,180.74
Due to/from Utility Revenue Fund .....	5,735.14
	<u>\$224,127.48</u>

Liabilities

Royal Bank of Canada Capital Account .....	\$ 7,180.74
Debenture Debt .....	186,000.00
Due to Municipality of Halifax General Revenue Fund .....	14,493.66
Reserve for Depreciation of Utility Plant, etc. ....	2,453.08
Capital Fund Surplus .....	14,000.00
	<u>\$224,127.48</u>



## REPORT OF THE JAILOR FOR THE YEAR 1953

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

Gentlemen:—

I beg herewith to submit my report of the County Jail for the year ending December 31, 1953.

During the year there were committed to the Jail 742 criminals and 11 debtors, an increase of 91 criminals and a decrease of 6 debtors; the total being 85 more than the previous year.

On December 31st there were 19 male prisoners in the Jail.

The largest number of prisoners in the Jail at one time during the year was on April 23rd; there being 42 male prisoners. The total number of prisoners committed during the year was 753.

The health of the inmates during the year has been very good except for minor ailments; all of which were attended to by Dr. Watt, the Jail Physician.

The sanitary conditions of the Jail are as good as can be expected. The corridors and cells are kept white-washed, and free from vermin, also there is plenty of heat and fresh air.

The conduct of the prisoners during the year has been very good, with but a few exceptions. On November 4th a few of the prisoners broke out about forty small window panes. There apparently was no reason for doing it, but at the time there were a number of young prisoners confined to the Jail who were very troublesome.

The Welfare Committee has visited the Jail regularly and inspected the same, seeing all of the inmates and enquiring for complaints.

During the year 42 prisoners were sent to Dorchester; 40 to the City Prison, and 175 served sentences in the Jail.

The amount of money received during the year for board of prisoners under the Nova Scotia Liquor Commission Act and Debtors was \$1,592.60; all of which has been paid over the Municipal Clerk.

The old section of the fence has been renewed this year and has made a big improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

(Sgd.) GEORGE MITCHELL,  
Jailor.

Received and filed, February 24, 1954

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL

Halifax,  
Nova Scotia.  
28th January, 1954

To His Honor the Warden, and Councillors of  
The Municipality of the County of Halifax,  
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:—

WE, the Members of the Board of Appeal, met and were sworn into office on January 27th., 1954.

After hearing the Appeals and judging to the best of our ability we present the following report:

- No. 1. Lamber V. Mason, c/o Joseph C. P. McNamara: District No. 13-53:— Did not appear. Assessment confirmed.
- No. 2. Arthur Murphy, District No. 27-40: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 3. David H. H. Stewart, District No. 14D-84: In view of expected deterioration of an uncovered house we reduce this assessment from \$850.00 to \$550.00 (\$300.00).
- No. 4. Edna L. Hubley, District No. 9-18: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 5. Courtney T. Browne, District No. 14G-88: Real Assessment confirmed. The Assessment of \$100.00 on Personal Property deleted. (\$100.00).
- No. 6. Piercey Investors Limited c/o F. J. J. Henderson: District No. 9-18: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 7. W. J. Jones, District No. 27-35: On hearing proof of falling off of business we reduce the Personal Assessment on Stock in Trade from \$1,625.00 to \$1,275.00. (\$350.00).
- No. 8. Cyril R. Brown, District No. 25-6: Knowing this land to be low and quite often flooded and also having been seriously lessened in value by neglect of former owners we reduce this assessment from \$5,350.00 to \$3,500.00. (\$1,850.00).
- No. 9. William V. Hartlen, District No. 14D-84: Our views are that this property, if in other hands, would be assessed correctly, but after listening to the owner we feel that for him the assessment is too high, it being quite evident that it will not be developed while he owns it; he being financially unable to do so and unwilling to sell. We reduce this assessment from \$4,425.00 to \$3,425.00. (\$1,000.00).
- No. 10. Miss Margaret K. Power, District No. 9-5: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 11. Mrs. Florence B. Dauphinee, District No. 9-5: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 12. Agnes Wambolt, Districts 22-34 and 22-35: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 13. Mrs. Mary G. Campbell, District No. 12-33: Assessors did not understand that Mrs. Campbell was a widow, and entitled to the Widow's Exemption. (\$1,000.00).

- No. 14. **H. R. M. Booth, c/o W. H. Eddy:** District No. 14D-84: Did not appear. Assessment confirmed.
- No. 15. **L. G. Rawding Construction Company,** District No. 14-88: This equipment was moved from the Municipality of the County of Halifax and is now located and assessed in the Municipality of King's County on the sworn affidavit of the King's County Assessor. The Appeal of L. C. Rawding Construction Limited is allowed and the assessment of \$7,000.00 is struck off the Assessment Roll for this County.
- No. 16. **Sidney C. Oland,** District No. 27-39: (1) Land, School — Middle Sackville Assessment \$900.00 is a duplicate assessment. The Board allows this appeal and strikes this assessment from the 1954 Assessment Roll.

District No. 27-39: (2) Old School—Kelsie Property—Assessment \$900.00. Buildings recently moved. On recommendation of the Assessor the Board reduced this assessment to \$525.00—Real Assessment.

District No. 27-39: (3) C. Fenerty Property — Middle Sackville assessment \$1,425.00. Buildings have recently been removed and on recommendation of the Assessor this assessment is reduced to \$1,075.00 Real Assessment.

- No. 17. **Super Service Stations Limited,** District No. 14G-88: Assessment \$400.00 on self computing pumps. The Company has moved the pumps from the Shannon Park Construction job. The Board allows the appeal and strikes the assessment of \$400.00 from the Assessment Roll.

Super Service Stations Limited, District No. 27-48: The Company was assessed \$5,300.00 Real and \$800.00 Personal. As the Company does not own the greasing equipment the Appeal Board on recommendation of the Assessor reduced the assessment of Personal Property from \$800.00 to \$600.00 (\$200.00).

- No. 18. **Superline Oils Limited (Various Districts):** Assessments confirmed.
- No. 19. **Allen Guy,** District No. 12-27. Assessment confirmed.
- No. 20. **Charles Mitchell Sr.,** District No. 19-1: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 21. **Robert F. Norwood,**

District No. 16-65: Assessment of \$1,500.00. Confirmed.  
 16-60: Assessment of \$4,500.00. Confirmed.  
 14D-84: Assessment of \$3,150.00. Confirmed  
 16-60: Assessment of \$1,250.00. Lake frontage cut to \$650.00.  
 16-60: Assessment on canteen and cottage \$8,200.00 reduced to \$6,200.00.

We feel that this being a new project which has not yet proved itself we grant this amount of reduction, although from the building value we think it is properly assessed.

- No. 22. Miss Daisy P. Jacobson, District No. 9-5: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 23. Philip G. DeGruchy, District No. 14D-84: Did not appear. Assessment confirmed.
- No. 24. Leo Little, District No. 10-23: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 25. Clyde R. Smith, District No. 12-33: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 26. Charles Dorey, District No. 9-7: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 27. Piercey Investors Ltd., c/o G. K. Lloyd, District No. 12-33: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 28. Mrs. A. Gertrude Gray, District No. 12-33: Assessment confirmed.
- No. 29. Lee M. Swinimer, District No. 12-33: Did not appear. Assessment confirmed.
- No. 30. Public Service Commission, Districts 8, 10, 11 and 12: All assessments in these Districts confirmed.
- No. 31. Sarnia Bridge Co. Ltd., District No. 12-32: Did not appear. Assessment confirmed.
- No. 32. Dominion Bridge Co. Ltd., District No. 28-82: Did not appear. Assessment confirmed.
- No. 33. Mrs. Annabella Brennan,  
District No. 15-64: Property Middle Porters Lake — Assessment confirmed.  
District No. 15-64: Murray Land, Porters Lake — Assessment confirmed.  
District No. 15-61: We deducted the \$125.00 Personal Property Assessment.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF APPEAL  
(Signed) ROY HUTCHINSON  
J. P. MacDONALD  
JAMES SCRIVEN

Received and filed, February 24, 1954

### REPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

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

Gentlemen:—

The Safety Committee begs to present its report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Tax Warrants have been issued during the year for old Capital School Taxes in twenty-two (22) School Sections and also three (3) Individual Warrants for old Capital School Taxes were issued, making a total of twenty-five (25).

The Tax Warrants for County Taxes have been issued in some twenty-seven (27) Districts, or parts of Districts, together with thirteen (13) Individual Warrants and thirty-five (35) Poll Tax Warrants, making a total of seventy-five (75) Warrants for County Taxes or a total of one hundred (100) Warrants issued during the year 1953, as compared with sixty-four (64) issued in 1952.

In addition to the above, Constables finished out some Warrants that were originally issued in late 1952.

This was the third consecutive year in which Poll Tax Warrants were issued in all Districts after the due date.

As a result of the above Warrants being issued, \$19,541.61 was turned into the Municipal Office by the County Constables as compared with \$18,016.61 in 1952, and, of course, additional money has come into the Municipal Office as a result of the Constables working in the field and warning people to pay their Taxes, or otherwise the Tax Warrants would be executed.

Collection of Dog Licenses for the year 1953 amounted to \$6,674.75, as compared with \$6,673.00 for the year 1952. These amounts were collected as follows:

District No.	1952	1953
7 .....	\$ 153.00	\$ 186.00
8 .....	376.25	411.25
9 .....	175.00	187.00
10 .....	191.00	248.00
11 .....	532.25	534.00
12 .....	1,370.00	1,359.00
13 .....	305.00	298.25
14 .....	794.00	833.25
15 .....	88.00	74.25
16 .....	216.00	216.00
17 .....	176.00	173.00
18 .....	117.00	102.25
19 .....	191.00	194.00
20 .....	131.00	122.00
21 .....	128.00	113.00
22 .....	144.00	145.00
23 .....	139.50	148.00
24 .....	120.00	128.00

25	81.00	87.00
26	129.00	118.00
27	827.00	718.25
28	289.00	279.25

The local Constables in various Districts again were appointed to issue most of the Dog Tags, under the supervision of the Constables working out of the Municipal Office. All Licenses and License Tags issued to the Local Constables have been accounted for satisfactorily to the Municipal Office.

You will recall that it has been the practice in the last few years for this Committee to require Constables working out of the Municipal Office, turning in as part of the Tax collected, a \$2.00 Warrant Fee, so that the Committee could tell the actual amount collected in this manner, and at the same time Council approved last year the paying of a Bonus to the Constable working out of the Municipal Office, an amount not exceeding 50% of the Warrant Fees collected. The remainder of this amount is to be shown as revenue of the Municipality.

Your Committee has carried out all of the above and submits the following table, setting forth the expenses of the Constables' Department for the year 1953:

**Salary:**

Longard	\$1,130.80	
Cameron	1,750.00	
Veinotte	329.03	
		\$3,209.83

**Mileage:**

Longard	275.00	
Cameron	615.30	
Veniotte	124.90	
		1,015.20

**Expenses:**

Cameron	85.60	
Veinotte	2.20	
		87.80
		\$4,312.83

**Warrant Fees Collected:**

Cameron	804.00	
Veinotte	183.00	
Longard	72.30	
		1,059.30

In accordance with Council's wishes with respect to the payment of a Bonus to Constables working out of the Municipal Office out of Warrant Fees collected and turned into the Office, the Committee wish to report that they have decided that for this year 50% of the Fees actually collected by the Constable concerned should be paid over to the individual Constable, and in accordance with the above figures, the Committee, therefore, has issued to Constable Cameron a cheque to an amount of \$402.00 and to Constable Veinotte an amount of \$91.50, which makes up exactly 50% of the moneys collected for Warrant Fees and turned into the Municipal Office by these constables. This leaves an amount of \$555.80 to be credited against the expenses of Constables for the year 1953, which pays a considerable proportion of mileage expenses of the constables working out of the Municipal Office.

You will recall that this committee recommended last year that Constable Longard was to be re-engaged for a period of one year, providing his health would permit him to give satisfactory service to the Municipality.

Unfortunately Constable Longard's health prevented him from working steadily on Warrants issued from the Municipal Office. The Committee last year was authorized to deal with any situation that might arise with respect to Constable Longard's health and accordingly, when it was found that Mr. Longard was not doing the work he should for the Municipality, and after the County Medical Health Officer had examined him, the Committee interviewed him and Constable Longard resigned from his position as County Constable with effect from August 1, 1953. The Committee then advertised for applications for the position of County Constable to take Mr. Longard's place, and after carefully screening all applications Mr. Harvey Veinotte of Timberlea was appointed County Constable to work out of the Municipal Office, along with Constable Cameron, primarily on Tax Collections in the field, and we are pleased to report that thus far Constable Veinotte has proved satisfactory.

Applications for re-employment have been received from both Constable J. G. C. Cameron and Constable Harvey E. Veinotte. Copies of these applications are filed with the signed copy of this report and in this connection we recommend that, — Constable Cammeron and Constable Veinotte be re-engaged as County Constables at a salary of \$1,800.00. Other recommendations of the Committee are as follows:

1. That the Constables working out of the Municipal Office again turn in all warrant fees collected, as a part of tax collections, and the Committee be empowered to pay up to 50% of the warrant fees collected to the constable as a bonus stipend, the actual amount to be paid to each to be dependent on the collection record during the year. The remaining 50% or more of the Warrant Fees collected to be revenue to the Municipality, to offset at least part of the expenses of the Constables.
2. The system with respect to Uniforms to be continued, whereby the Municipality will purchase all uniforms necessary, but pay only 50% of the cost—the other 50% to be paid by the constable concerned at a rate of \$5.00 per month, to be deducted from his monthly pay cheque.
3. Mileage at the rate of ten cents (.10) per mile to be continued, while the constables working out of the Office are actually engaged on Tax Collection work, or other essential work for the Municipality, provided that the daily report forms that have been instituted are properly kept and the committee is satisfied that mileage claimed on the daily report sheet is justified.
4. Expenses while travelling on Municipal work, such as overnight expenses of hotels or boarding places, should be paid by the Municipality for the constables working out of the Municipal Office, providing the amount claimed is supported by actual receipts or vouchers. We recommend that an amount of \$250.00 be placed in the estimates for this purpose, to cover such expenses for both constables. This amount is reduced over the previous years, because it has been found that the full amount of \$500.00, as previously recommended, has not been used in its entirety.
5. That the constables working out of the Office be under the direction of the Municipal Clerk and this Committee, as was the case last year, and that two weeks vacation with pay be granted to them each year, at a time agreeable to the Clerk and Committee.

There are a variety of other items under the By-Laws that could be referred to this Committee, but no items have arisen during the year under other classifications that have been referred to the Committee.

We have followed the work of the Constables executing Tax Warrants very closely and feel that the recommendations above are in the best interests of the Municipality, and therefore, hope that Council will cooperate as they have done in the past by adopting the recommendations of the Safety Committee.

During the year the Committee received a communication respecting the use of Fire Crackers in the Municipality of the County of Halifax. The Safety Committee has discussed this point and is of the opinion that a By-Law should be passed, which would prohibit the sale of Fire Crackers in stores located throughout the County and we have therefore forwarded this communication to the Law Amendments Committee with the suggestion that a By-Law be so drafted.

At one time this Council used to issue to local Constables a pamphlet called "Instructions to Constables," which, at that time, was drawn up by the Stipendiary Magistrate of the County. Your Committee recommends that where a great many County Constables have not had much training in their work, that this old practice be instituted once again and that Instructions to Local Constables be drawn up by the Solicitor in consultation with the Magistrates, so that they may have a better understanding of their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee).

Adopted, February 25, 1954

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT

Warden W. J. Dowell and  
Members of the Municipal Council of the  
Municipality of the County of Halifax.

February 24, 1954

Sirs:

Taxable Assessment for the year 1954 totals \$44,707,150 which is an increase over 1953 of \$2,850,225 or an increase of \$5,845,775 over 1951, the first year that the Municipality went on the new basis of assessment.

Accounting for a substantial share of this increase was the reassessment of the Acadia Sugar Refinery property at Woodside, a substantial increase in the assessment of Fairey Aviation Company at Eastern Passage, a partial assessment on the Irving Oil Co. Ltd. development at Woodside and a partial assessment on a new industry located at Dutch Settlement, the Natoinal Gypsum Company. The assessment of these properties are dealt with in a later section of this report.

The story of industry in the County for 1953 is an encouraging one and most important. Nevertheless the normal development the sale of lots and the building of new homes in the metropolitan area has shown very substantial gain during the year, particularly in District 14D (Port Wallis-Westphal), District 27 (Sackville), District 8 (Bedford) and District 12



Fairview - Armdale). The forecast made two years ago regarding the development that would come with the building of the Halifax - Dartmouth bridge on the eastern side of the harbor is coming true. The Port Wallis - Westphal area is developing at a terrific rate and several of the Districts on the Eastern Shore are showing signs of real progress.

All Districts excepting three showed substantial gains over the 1953 assessment. The only District to show a substantial drop was District 21 (Sheet Harbor). This was caused by the removal from the District of a very substantial assessment of a construction company and the loss of several business assessments within the village of Sheet Harbor.

The number of assessments in the Municipality in 1954 totals 31,181 compared to 29,267 in the year 1953.

The 1954 report shows 7,797 non-resident assessments compared to 7,088 in 1953. There are 20,427 resident assessments in 1954 compared to 19,269 the previous year. Straight poll taxes have not shown the same proportionate increase. There are 2,957 straight poll tax accounts in 1954 compared to 2,910 the previous year. A complete breakdown of poll tax by Districts is shown on later pages of this report.

#### ACADIA SUGAR REFINERY

The fixed assessment on the Acadia Sugar Refinery Company Ltd. plant at Woodside expired with the year 1953 and the Woodside property was reassessed for the present tax year.

By an Act of the Legislature in April 1938 and with the sanction of the Municipal Council the assessment was fixed at \$300,000 for a period of 15 years.

In 1950, the year prior to the Municipality going on a new basis of assessment, it was realized that if this amount stayed "fixed" and with much lower rates prevailing in 1951 the County, the District of Woodside and the School Section would suffer financially.

Two courses were open to remedy such a situation (1) have the Company consent to have their assessment increased by the same proportion as other ratepayers (2) seek the remedy by cancellation of the fixed assessment by appealing to the Legislature. For obvious reasons and in the interest of relations between the County and the Company it was decided to approach the Company first.

The Company quickly consented to a tentative adjustment in assessment from \$300,000. to \$1,221,100. for the Woodside property and \$4,000. for certain property and rights in the Eastern Passage district No. 13. The Company assessment remained at these figures for the years 1951, 1952 and 1953 and they paid the prevailing County, District and School Rates, the same as other ratepayers.

For the past three years I have given a great deal of time and consideration to this involved assessment. Many inspection trips were made and I consulted with Company officials and Municipal officials on numerous occasions. The result was that the Company assessment was raised to \$2,000,000 in District 28 and to \$4,000 in District 13. There was no appeal filed by the Company.

### FAIREY AVIATION COMPANY

The Fairey Aviation Company (Canada) Ltd. assessment for 1954 has grown to \$500,000. This is an increase of \$232,900 over 1953. This increase is accounted for by the gradual increase in the assessment of the original plant under the terms of the Bonus Act plus an additional increase for the improvements made to the plant since the Company came under the Bonus Act in 1949.

It is of interest to note at this point that the first assessment made of the plant in 1949 was \$61,250. The increase since establishment of the plant has been \$438,750.

### IMPERIAL OIL LIMITED

The Municipality was gratified to learn recently of an announcement by the new superintendent, Mr. MacMillan that the Imperial Oil Limited planned within the next three years to improve its plants at Imperoyal with a capital expenditure of approximately \$25,000,000. The assessment of the plant at the present time totals \$3,214,300.

The assessment of this property will entail considerable detail and will consume considerable time over the reconstruction period of the next three years. The Company has indicated its willingness to cooperate and assist the Assessment Department in any way and I am sure that no insurmountable obstacles or difficulties will be encountered to reach an assessment which will be fair and equitable, not only to the Municipality but to the Company itself.

### NATIONAL GYPSUM OF CANADA

The last year saw the establishment of a new industry for the County of Halifax in the Dutch Settlement District 26, where the National Gypsum of Canada will erect a large plant. The Company in the past year has acquired considerable property and has already moved some equipment on the site. In addition the Company has acquired mineral rights to many privately owned properties in the area and it is anticipated that it now controls a gypsum supply of at least 50 years which insures a substantial operation for years to come.

The assessment on National Gypsum for 1954 is approximately \$100,000 for land and equipment. The plant is expected to be built in the Spring and the Company hopes to ship from a site on Bedford Basin. Negotiations for the shipping point are nearing its final stages.

### IRVING OIL CO. LIMITED

At Woodside Irving Oil Co. Ltd. are erecting four huge oil and gasoline tanks of a capacity exceeding 15,000,000 gallons and will erect wharves and cribs on the shores of Halifax Harbor. To connect the plant property which lies between the Acadia Sugar and Imperial Oil properties to the Harbor the Company will erect pipe lines. It is expected and it is hoped that this establishment and addition to industry in the Municipality will be further expanded within the near future.

### PARTIALLY EXEMPT PROPERTY

The past year saw the results of negotiations carried on by the Municipality in connection with federally owned tax exempt property. As directed by the Finance Committee Mr. Hattie and I carried out detailed

negotiations with the Department of Finance's representative, Mr. Douglas Clark again last year regarding a grant in lieu of taxation. Early in 1953 the matter was brought to a conclusion with the announcement that Ottawa would pay for the year 1952 an amount totalling \$38,064. Later in the year it was announced following further discussions with Mr. Clark that the amount for the year 1953 would be \$41,551.

Recognition by the Government of Canada to the County's claim that Ottawa was at least morally obligated has meant a very important step taken in at least partially adjusting an unfair condition that has existed for so many years. It is a step forward in the right direction brought about by the persistent demands of the Council over a period of many years. The result was particularly gratifying to me because as a result of re-assessment in 1951 the Municipality was able to present accurate records of assessment upon which we were able to successfully base our case. Ottawa at no time questioned or adjusted any single assessment made against Crown property.

Figures are as yet not available as to the amount the Municipality will receive from the Province of Nova Scotia for grants in lieu of taxes on crown-owned timberlands. As you will recall two years ago the Province of Nova Scotia through the Department of Lands and Forests decided to pay to each Municipality 5% of the money received through the sale of stumpage. In 1951 the County of Halifax share was \$1,671.39. In 1952 this amount increased to \$2,171.42 but the 1953 report is not expected to be completed until later in March. Officials state that the stumpage for the whole Province is down about 10% and it is predicted that this Municipality will receive slightly less than in 1952.

Due to increased telephone rates and increased business the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Company taxes increased from \$8,698.92 (1951) to \$12,577.84 in 1952. The Company, as you will recall, pay the regular assessments on real property as all ratepayers. But on pole mileage and personal property the Company pays three per cent on gross revenues originating in the Municipality.

The Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co. Ltd. will pay to the Municipality for the past year \$15,883.40. The substantial increase over last year is completely attributed to increased business, particularly in the fringe area.

In October I wrote the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation regarding policy of paying grants in lieu of taxes. Late in 1953 the CBC acquired privately owned property at Geizers Hill, Fairview, for a television site. Mr. J. A. Ouimet, the general manager, wrote on October 21, 1953 "The possibility of the payment of ex gratia grants in lieu of taxes in a few localities, however, is now being carefully studied and later on when plans for expansion of our operations in Halifax have been fully developed I should be glad to arrange to have this matter discussed with you". This matter will be followed up in the present year.

#### REGISTER PROTEST ON EXEMPTIONS

During the year and following a meeting of the Revenue Committee on July 10, 1953 strong protests were made to the Province of Nova Scotia and the Government through the respective ministers, the Hon. R. M. Fielding and the Hon. C. D. Howe, about the recent practise of inserting a clause in contracts which might exempt construction equipment of contractors engaged on certain government construction jobs. The Hon. Mr. C. D.

Howe has indicated that it was never the intention to exempt from taxation such property and the Hon. R. M. Fielding is giving his attention to the matter.

The importance of this question is quite apparent from an examination of the assessment rolls which show that mobile construction equipment assessment has grown from \$225,000 in 1951 to over \$600,000 in 1954.

During the year several other meetings of the Revenue Committee were held, January 21 and February 11, 1954. Other meetings were held with the Warden, the Finance Committee Chairman, Councillor Leverman and the chairman of the Assessment Committee, Councillor Naugle. Most important items dealt with were the matters of the Public Service Commission, the Acadia Sugar Refinery Ltd., Fairey Aviation Company and Government of Canada grant in lieu of taxes. On various matters and for their opinions expressed in regard to several matters as well as advice I wish to acknowledge in particular the assistance and sound advice of Councillors Leverman and Naugle.

### REGISTRATION OF DEEDS

Some indication of the tremendous growth and activity in the Municipality from the assessors standpoint is contained in the fact that during 1953 there was a total of 2,516 properties conveyed and the deeds registered in the Registry of Deeds office. This figure does not include the Town of Dartmouth and the City of Halifax.

A year ago when it was known that 2,192 deeds for the County had been recorded I felt that possibly this was the peak of real estate activity. Indications now are that the total will be even greater in 1954. There is more activity in this respect in the Municipality than in the Town of Dartmouth and City combined. As you are no doubt aware the Assessment Department makes arrangements to have a copy of every deed describing the property conveyed in detail.

I have been advised that during the year 1953 over 400 plans of subdivision were approved by the County Planning Board. The Assessment Department automatically receives a copy of every subdivision plan so that the staff are aware of what is happening in this quarter. Deeds and plans are most essential and necessary for efficient operation of an Assessment Department.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

Difficulties are still encountered by assessors in accurately determining for assessment purposes the boundaries of many school sections. Many boundaries are most obscure because old descriptions were drawn in many cases on old landmarks by people living today and in many cases drawn by persons not capable of drawing accurate and proper descriptions.

In the past year the Assessment Department, whenever time was available, assisted the Municipal School Board in reducing and in some cases enlarging school sections. Notable progress in this regard was made in Districts 7, 16, 17 and 27. It is hoped that the Municipal School Board will continue to improve descriptions of other sections.

### ADDRESSOGRAPH EQUIPMENT

Work in the Addressograph room has greatly increased in the past year. The number of tax accounts has grown to 31,181. In the previous year this total was 29,267.

Besides the printing of the assessment notices and assessment and collectors rolls and the Grand and Petit Jury lists the equipment is also printing individual rolls for the majority of the School Sections. Recently we have also been preparing the rolls for the Rockingham, Bedford, Arm-dale and Spryfield service commissions as well as teachers payroll cheques, staff payroll and County Home.

It appears that within the present year it will be impossible for one operator to handle the volume of work even when assisted at rush periods by another girl.

I wish in this regard to bring to Council's attention an outstanding service rendered the Assessment Department in the year past by my stenographer, Mrs. Gloria McCluskey. Late in 1953 Mrs. McCluskey was offered more remuneration and a five-day week by a private concern. I was of course unable to increase her salary. Despite the more attractive offer she stayed in the employ of the Municipality without any commitment or promise on my part.

It was only two weeks after her decision to stay that I lost the excellent services of Mrs. Joan Scarfe, the addressograph operator, in the busiest time of the year. Although she had not operated the equipment or system for over two years, Mrs. McCluskey agreed to take over and under most trying conditions and with a deadline to meet she performed this work with great efficiency and all assessment notices and rolls were delivered in time. I do not know what the Department would have done in December if we had been deprived of both the services of Mrs. Scarfe and Mrs. McCluskey.

#### ASSESSMENT APPEALS

There were 42 assessment appeals filed with the Municipal Clerk against the 1954 assessment roll. All of the appeals with the exception of the Public Service Commission were of a minor nature.

Of the 42 appeals the Appeal Board confirmed 27 assessments allowing reductions in 9 cases and allowed 6 more on the recommendation of the assessors. These recommendations for reduction by the assessor were made because property had been removed since the assessment was made or for other good and sufficient reason. The total loss by appeal this year totalled \$16,550 and of this total \$7,000 was represented by property of one construction company which moved its equipment to another County shortly after the assessment was made.

The 1953 appeal of the Public Service Commission has not yet been finalized by the courts. After several delays the case was heard in the County Court by Mr. Justice Pottier in January and the decision has not been filed. The Public Service Commission for this reason filed another appeal against the 1954 assessments. Details of the individual appeals will be given the Council in a separate report filed by the Appeal Board.

#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Public Service Commission for the year 1953 was assessed \$591,925. Of this total \$210,425 was the assessment on 4989.75 acres of land and \$381,500 was on plant and improvements.

The Public Service Commission appealed to the Appeal Board in January of 1953 against the land assessment of \$210,425. This assessment was confirmed by the Board. The Commission within ten days filed an

appeal to the County Court and the case was not heard by Mr. Justice Pottier until January of the present year. The Municipality engaged the services of Mr. Gordon Cooper to assist the County Solicitor, Mr. A. Blenus Morton, in this case.

Since December 31, 1952 when the assessment for 1953 was finalized the Commission has acquired more property on the watershed and the 1954 assessment totals \$596,075. Naturally the Municipality again assessed the Commission property on the same basis for 1954 and because the first case has not been decided by the courts the Commission appealed the 1954 assessments.

The Commission has acknowledged in both courts that the \$381,500 assessment on improvements is proper. The dispute hinges on the land assessment, the Commission claiming that the Assessors did not give proper consideration to the fact that it is watershed property and its uses are restricted.

Perhaps rather than attempt to go into further detail in a written report on this matter I could discuss the assessment of the property in further detail when the Council is in session. Mr. Morton of course can answer the legal questions involved in this important case.

One of the important developments of this case is the fact that the Commission found it necessary to file a plan which defines clearly the limits of the watershed for all property in all areas where the assessments for 1953 were questioned. The plan however does not show the limits of the watershed in the Greenhead - Lakeside area.

During the year Mr. Justice Pottier handed down his decision in the case of the appeal by the City of Halifax for the year 1953. The assessment was made on a house in District 12 rented by the City of Halifax and not used for purposes of the City. The City contended that the property was exempt under the City Charter and other statutes.

It might be well for the County at this point to consider the possibility of amendments so that property of other municipalities should not be exempt particularly where the property is rented or used for some other purpose than that of the town or municipality. In light of the City of Halifax decision it would be well for the new Revenue Committee to consider what steps should be taken in this regard.

#### ASSESSORS SCHOOL

During the week of October 19, 1953 all assessors on the staff attended the Assessors School in Halifax, sponsored by the Department of Municipal Affairs. All members of the staff found the course to be of benefit and it gave them the opportunity to discuss problems with other assessors of other municipalities. All members of our staff took part in the discussion and contributed in many ways to the success of the school by their keen interest and the opinions given by them to various phases of assessment work.

I was honored by the Department in requesting that I lecture on "Problems of Reassessment" and later was further honored by being elected president of the Nova Scotia Association of Assessing Officers.

## MAP WORK

Mr. Walter Purcell has continued map work on various areas in the metropolitan area since last year and to date has completed plans of Bedford, Tufts Cove, Rockingham and Princes Lodges. Plans of Woodside and Fairview were completed by the former engineer, Mr. C. F. Emms, assisted by the Assessment Department.

Mr. Purcell is now completing the Armdale-Jollimore plan and it should be complete in detail and ready for printing early in March.

It is hoped to make a start this year on both the Spryfield and Port Wallis - Westphal plans.

It is difficult to describe adequately the value of such plans to the Assessment Department, as well as the Engineering Department, the Public Service Commission, the County Planning Board, and ratepayers in general, and business firms in the City, Town and County. I would urge Councillors who have not already done so to drop into the Assessment Office and inspect these plans. The actual printing costs of these plans average about \$1.50. Mr. Purcell does the work on the off-season when not engaged on assessment field work. The County sells the copies for \$7.50 each and realizes a good return on the sales.

There is of course a terrific amount of detail work in assessment and in a report of this kind it is an impossibility to deal with complete detail all phases of the assessment in your Municipality. This report, therefore, is of necessity very general as I have attempted only to deal with items which I consider of most importance to the Council. I am sure that many Councillors will perhaps wish to ask questions regarding assessment problems in some greater detail than contained in this report. I would direct your attention to the Report now in your hands showing assessment by Districts and School Sections.

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Municipal Councillors, for their assistance and cooperation during the past year which has in many ways helped to improve the Assessment Department and the tax structure of this Municipality.

H. S. MacGLASHEN,  
Director of Assessment.

Received and filed, February 25, 1954

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Gentlemen:

You will recall that at the last Annual Session of the Municipal Council, the Finance Committee recommended that all Hospital Accounts that are inactive and where no payments are being made thereon, prior to the year 1952, should be placed in the hands of a responsible Collection Agency, and at that time it was felt by the Finance Committee that if this became an established routine year by year, that over the year's collection in Hospital Accounts would improve.

In accordance with Council's wishes in the above matter, and after asking for tenders and samples of letters used by the Collection Agencies, and after personal contact, it was decided by your Committee to turn all Hospital Accounts that were inactive prior to the year 1952 over to the National Collection Service; a Collection Agency owned and operated locally by Mr. Ralph MacDougall.

The Committee has been favourably impressed by the type of letter sent out by this Collection Agency and so far have heard of no complaints with respect to the type of letter being used. Mr. MacDougall has been asked to present a report, summarizing his work during the year, which will be submitted at a later date. In the meantime, the Committee recommends that this year and each succeeding year, Hospital Accounts, more than one year old that are inactive, should be turned over to a Collection Agency. We therefore, recommend that the inactive Hospital Accounts for the year 1952 that are presently inactive should be turned over to a Collection Agency to be selected by the Finance Committee.

You will recall that at the Annual Session of Council in 1949, Mr. Martin Archibald, although he retired as Clerk and Treasurer, was retained as Municipal Collector for a period of five years. This period has now expired and your Committee recommends that Mr. Archibald's appointment as Collector not be renewed but that where he has a wide knowledge of Municipal Affairs and can be extremely useful within the Municipal Organization, it is recommended that he be retained at a salary of \$2,500.00 per year to assist the Municipal Collector and to vigorously pursue the preparation of properties for Tax Sale under the Lien Law, which is a branch of our financial administration that requires immediate attention.

It is further recommended that Mr. Harry Bensted be appointed as Municipal Collector as from the 1st of April, 1954, at a starting salary of \$4,000.00 per year, with annual increments of \$200.00 per year to a maximum of \$5,000.00. By the above re-arrangement it will not be necessary to add any personnel to the existing staff in the Collection Department.

Your Committee also feels that due to the ever increasing work in the Municipal Office and also due to the fact that no salary adjustment has been made in the salary of the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer for the past four years, that his salary should be increased by \$500.00.

You will recall that two years ago the Municipality started a salary scale. It was found necessary to adjust this somewhat last year and after studying the situation further and taking into account the difficulties of meeting competition, particularly in starting new employees, it is recommended that the minimum salary for stenographers be changed to read "from a minimum of \$1,500.00 to \$1,700.00 inclusive, and similarly the present minimum of \$1,300.00 for typists and clerks should be changed to read a minimum of \$1,300.00 to \$1,500.00 inclusive.



This will allow a little leeway in hiring new employees where many business scales start at a considerably higher figure than does that of the Municipality, as well as some governmental scales. It is to be noted that the maximum salary in these classifications had not been changed.

Last year your Committee recommended that in the case of School Sections that have a School Poll Tax, that the actual amount of School Poll Taxes collected, less 5% commission, should be paid over to the Section concerned, and the total of unpaid single Poll Taxes be returned to the Board of School Trustees of the School Section concerned for collection. It has been found that this causes considerable difficulty between the Municipality and the School Section concerned and it has also been found that the Municipality collecting a flat School Poll Tax, and at the same time a graduated Poll Tax of its own, has led to confusion amongst the ratepayers; also there is the fact that shifting population of single Poll Taxpayers makes this an exceedingly hard Tax to collect and it is felt that the Local School Section, if it has a Constable working in the area, can perhaps collect this part of the School Tax more advantageously. It is, therefore, recommended that the practice of collecting Special School Poll Taxes for School Sections be discontinued.

For the past two summers, the Municipal Office has been closed on Saturday mornings during the months of July and August, but also during the past two years, Banks, Federal Government Offices and others have gone to a 5-day week. While it is not proposed to do this at the present time in the Municipal Office, it is suggested that the office could be closed on Saturdays for a longer period during the summer months. It is felt by the Committee that this might make for better employee relationship and therefore, recommends that in future, the Municipal Office should be closed on Saturday mornings from the in-coming of daylight saving time until the middle of September.

As was suggested by the Council last year, your Committee has given some consideration and study to Employee Pension Plans. As this is an intricate study, it is recommended that the in-coming Finance Committee give this matter further consideration than it has been possible to do at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

Adopted, February 26, 1954

#### REPORT OF MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER FOR HALIFAX COUNTY WEST

To the Warden and Councillors of Halifax County.

Gentlemen:

I have the honour to submit my report for the past year as Medical Health Officer for Halifax County West.

1. There has been no major epidemic in Halifax County West. There has been no case of Poliomyelitis or other alarming disease. Whooping cough has recently become fairly prevalent, but has not reached epidemic proportions. The incidence of venereal disease is almost negligible.
2. There have been many outbreaks of impetigo, and lice infestation in various outlying schools. Almost weekly a request has been made to have the Public Health Nurse sent to some remote locations to deal with such a problem. The medical supervision of children in the County Schools is already far from adequate, and it would be most unwise to

have this supervision further curtailed by sending the Nurse off to attend to matters which could easily be cleared up by elementary cooperation between the school teachers, the local Doctor and the families concerned.

3. Within the next few months, the Provincial Department of Health will have available for school teachers a card showing the proper method of dealing with patients and contacts of the infectious diseases.
4. During the year we lost the most valued services of Miss G. Wade, who, for many years, has faithfully and most ably supervised the Health of Halifax County, and more recently, the western area of the County. Miss Wade had a comprehensive knowledge of the residents in the County, and I am sure that she will be missed by her many friends. I would like to take this opportunity of drawing your attention to the fine and most unobtrusive service she rendered in Halifax County.
5. During the year well-attended inoculation and vaccination clinics have been held in the more populous areas of the County, and it is hoped to extend these services to the more remote areas when the roads improve.
6. The most striking feature of the year was the complete lack of cooperation between the County Board of Health, the County Engineer, the County Planning Board, and the Medical Health Officer. Attempts were made throughout the year to obtain a meeting with the County Health Authority, but no meeting was arranged, consequently this is the first opportunity there has been to bring the following matters to the attention of the Council.

The rate of growth of Halifax County population is now tremendous, and will increase automatically as the peninsula of Halifax City becomes more congested. New houses, housing projects, and new subdivisions, are appearing with alarming rapidity. These projects are being carried out without any adequate supervision. Building inspection in the County is either nominal or inadequate. Septic tanks of any type are being installed, and the provision of a satisfactory disposal bed from these tanks is not compulsory. The results of all this are not immediately apparent, but as an example, one result is the contamination of drinking water by sewage organisms.

One striking illustration of this:—Between Spruce Road and Mackintosh Bridge in Spryfield there are at least 30 houses, and I have yet to hear of one whose water supply is uncontaminated. The degree of contamination usually exceeds 200 sewage organisms whereas the safe standard for drinking water is less than 2. The virus of Poliomyelitis spreads via sewage, so that when the next polio cycle repeats we can expect a disproportionately large number of cases in those areas of the County where there are inadequate disposal facilities. This is an urgent problem which in view of the amount of new building, must be tackled now.

It is respectfully suggested that the Medical Health Officer be present for consultation at any important meeting of the Planning Board; that regular quarterly meetings of the County Health Board be held; that there should be an immediate review of the present methods of building supervision and sanitary inspection.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to be Your Obedient Servant,

(Sgd.) WILLIAM WATT, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B.

Received and filed, February 26, 1954

### REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER — HALIFAX COUNTY EAST

To His Honor the Warden and Councillors.

Gentlemen:

During the past year there were no major epidemics in Halifax County East. However, we were very unfortunate in having one outbreak of Diphtheria at Eastern Passage last April. The family concerned was quickly placed under quarantine and given protective doses of diphtheria anti-toxin. Three children developed the disease and were admitted to the Infectious Diseases Hospital. I regret to say one of them died shortly afterwards in spite of treatment. A few other members of the family had positive throat swabs, but these turned negative after a short interval. A followup with nasal and throat swabs was carried out in the school where the children attended — all these proved negative.

Inoculations and vaccinations were carried out, as usual, in the County Schools.

There were the usual minor outbreaks of measles, mumps, chickenpox,, whooping-cough, and scarlet fever, with no serious consequences.

There were sporadic outbreaks of infectious hepatitis (jaundice) in various parts of Halifax East, and, a few problems regarding isolation cropped up — these were settled satisfactorily to all concerned.

Outside of this I would say the health of the districts concerned was generally good.

In closing, I would like to thank the Department of Public Health Nurse and the Sanitary Engineer for Halifax County East for their co-operation and assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Sgd.) N. A. MORRISON, M.D.

### REPORT OF COUNTY JAIL PHYSICIAN

To the Warden and Councillors of Halifax County.

Gentlemen:

I have the honour to submit my report for the past year as County Jail Physician.

There is little of note to report.

The health of the inmates apart from one case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis was good.

The Jail is as clean as possible in an obsolete building; the food is adequate and good.

Medical examination of each incoming prisoner is impracticable with a part time Medical Officer. The present method where the gaoler calls the Surgeon if he thinks there is any sign of ill health or injury, appears to be satisfactory. The lack of facilities for medical examination, noted in Dr. Charman's report for last year, remains unchanged.

I should draw the attention of the Council to the firm but sympathetic handling of the prisoners by Mr. Mitchell. This certainly helps to prevent any trouble in the difficult circumstances produced by the inadequacy of the building.

Gentlemen,

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Received and filed, February 26, 1954

**REPORT OF SPECIAL MARKET COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1953**

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

Gentlemen:

We beg to submit herewith the report of the Special Market Committee. During the year 1953 there were not any new developments re the City Market.

One meeting of your Committee was held in August, 1953, when a report of City Market operations from the City of Halifax was considered.

In view of the deficit shown by said report, your Committee recommended that the Market Grant of \$2,000.00 which the Council agreed to pay toward deficits incurred by the City of Halifax, be paid.

While your Committee did not agree with all the City of Halifax figures they felt that was more of internal bookkeeping and as long as the City was satisfied with the County Grant, it was agreed not to dispute their costs. All market vendors are pleased with the new setup and your Committee feels that the \$2,000.00 Grant has been a stabilizing factor and recommend that the sum of \$2,000.00 be placed in the estimates for 1954 to be used toward any deficit in 1954.

One problem arose during 1953 over the sale of handicraft. The Market Overseer did not think sale of that nature should be allowed in the City Market but after some discussion agreed to allow it.

In order to clarify this situation, your Committee recommends that the sale of handicraft be permitted in the City Market and suggests that negotiations be commenced with the City of Halifax with respect to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

Referred to Resources Committee, February 26, 1954

**REPORT OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE**

To His Honor the Warden and Members of the Municipal Council,  
Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Gentlemen:

The Trade Committee of the Municipality of the County of Halifax respectfully submits its report for the year 1953.

This is the second year in which the new Licensing By-Laws have been in effect and we are pleased to report that there has been an increase in licenses issued, with a resultant increase in Revenue for the Municipality.

Following is a comparison of licenses issued during the year 1953 as compared with the year 1952:

TYPE OF LICENSE	1952	1953	Increase	Decrease
Taxi .....	43	49	6	
Store-to-Door Trucks .....	Nil	18	18	
Peddlars .....	12	20	8	
Dance Halls .....	5	7	2	
Pin Ball Machines .....	76	92	16	
Auctioneers .....	2	Nil		2
Amusement Centres .....	Nil	1	1	
Pool Halls .....	Nil	1	1	

Total Revenue from Licences 1952 .....	\$2,250.00
Total Revenue from Licenses 1953 .....	2,794.00
Increase in Revenue over 1952 .....	<u>\$ 544.00</u>

There are still many problems that exist with respect to licensing all those who should be licensed. For instance, there are Peddlars that do not reside in Halifax County but cross into this County to do business. Several such persons have been written letters by the Clerk of Licenses but they have not purchased Licenses. One of the main problems is that of getting accurate information about these and other classes of persons who should be licensed. Where the Safety Committee has recommended the compilation of a pamphlet to be issued to Local Constables, it is recommended that one of their duties should be to check up on peddlars, taxis, dance halls, etc., operating in their own part of the District in which they have been appointed and advise the individual concerned that he must get a license if he has not one and also advise the Clerk of Licenses of any such offenders. It is not considered that this would require any expenditure on the part of the Constable as they should have a knowledge of any such persons operating in their locality and would be able to check up on them very easily when they happened to meet them.

One thing in particular has come to the Committee's attention with regard to Peddler's Licenses and that is the fact that the Municipal Act protects peddlars of products of the farm, the forest or the sea. There is no doubt in the minds of the Committee that the original intention of this Legislation was to protect the actual producer of such products should he choose to peddle them himself.

Now-a-days, however, there is a great tendency for persons to buy from the wholesaler meat, fish and imported fruits and peddle them from door to door. Because these are products of the farm and sea, such a peddler cannot be licensed — yet he is in exactly the same position as a peddler of groceries — in fact in a better position, because there is probably more profit in selling meat and fish than there is in selling groceries.

Your Committee therefore, recommends that the Council should seek special Legislation for Halifax County at this session of the Legislature to correct this situation. The Committee is of the opinion that the actual producer in Halifax County should still be allowed to peddle his own goods if he so desires — but persons who purchase from the wholesaler for resale should pay the same fee as any other peddler — regardless of whether his products may be those of the farm, the forest or the sea.

Your Committee is also of the opinion that there might be considerable objection from some Municipalities if the matter were referred to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and it is because of this that we recommend special Legislation for Halifax County with respect to this matter.

Last year this Committee recommended that the Clerk of Licenses be paid the sum of \$100.00 in addition to his regular salary for the year 1953. As the statistics at the first of this report clearly show the work in this connection is increasing rather than decreasing, we recommend that the Clerk of Licenses should continue to receive a yearly stipend of \$100.00 in addition to any regular salary paid.

Again we wish to express our thanks to Mr. J. F. R. MacMahon for the manner in which he has followed up the Licensing By-laws during the past year and we recommend that he be re-appointed as Clerk of Licenses for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the Committee)

Adopted, February 26, 1954

**PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE LAW AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE**

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

Gentlemen:

As a result of administration under the existing By-laws during the past year it has become evident that certain changes must be made. Many of the proposed changes are now recommended because of some hitherto undiscovered weakness in the By-laws or Legislation that only become apparent when actually put to the test in the Courts. Other changes are recommended because of items that are not currently covered in the By-laws, while still others are recommended at the request of some other Committees of the Council or some other authority.

There will be more proposed changes brought before Council at a later date—but in order to get a start on the proposed changes, the Committee was of the opinion that those that have already been dealt with by the Committee should be presented for the consideration of the Council.

The following changes are recommended by this Committee:

1. The County Planning Board is anxious to have amended Legislation that was enacted last year with respect to unsightly properties, (Chapter 72 of the Statutes of 1953) so that an offence under that Act would be a continuing offence, without the Planning Board issuing separate orders for each offence.

It is therefore, recommended that Section 9, Sub-Section 5 of Chapter 72 of the Acts of 1953, be amended as follows:—Line 6, after dollars, insert—

“for every day such condition is not remedied” ’

**DEFINITION — “BUILDING”**

2. A recent Court case indicated that there was some discrepancy in the definition of the word “building” in the Building By-Laws — as it now is described as a structure, which means that there must be attachment to realty. It is not clear whether or not a temporary structure is a “building” under the present definition. The Committee recommends that Chapter 11, Section 1, Sub-Section 2 — “Buildings” should be amended by adding the following:

“Whether affixed or attached to the realty or not”

**LAPSE OF PERMIT**

3. Cases under the Building By-law have been lost because persons have produced permits that have been issued as long as three years before by a former Building Inspector. The Committee, therefore, recommends that Chapter 11, Part 1, Section 1, Sub-Section 5, be deleted in its entirety and the following substituted:

“Every Permit shall expire twelve months after the date of its issue, provided, however, that if active work has been begun under such Permit, the Inspector may renew the same for a further period or periods of such extent as the Inspector may determine.”

**APPEAL**

4. As the “Lapse of Permit” Clause is to be changed, it, therefore, becomes necessary to change the Clause with respect to Appeal. The Committee, therefore, recommends that Chapter 11, Part 1, Section 3 (1) be amended by inserting in Line 3 after Chapter:

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The following changes are recommended by this Committee:

1. The County Planning Board is anxious to have amended Legislation that was enacted last year with respect to unsightly properties, (Chapter 72 of the Statutes of 1953) so that an offence under that Act would be a continuing offence, without the Planning Board issuing separate orders for each offence.

It is therefore, recommended that Section 9, Sub-Section 5 of Chapter 72 of the Acts of 1953, be amended as follows:—Line 6, after dollars, insert—

“for every day such condition is not remedied”

**DEFINITION — “BUILDING”**

2. A recent Court case indicated that there was some discrepancy in the definition of the word “building” in the Building By-Laws — as it now is described as a structure, which means that there must be attachment to realty. It is not clear whether or not a temporary structure is a “building” under the present definition. The Committee recommends that Chapter 11, Section 1, Sub-Section 2 — “Buildings” should be amended by adding the following:

“Whether affixed or attached to the realty or not”

**LAPSE OF PERMIT**

3. Cases under the Building By-law have been lost because persons have produced permits that have been issued as long as three years before by a former Building Inspector. The Committee, therefore, recommends that Chapter 11, Part 1, Section 1, Sub-Section 5, be deleted in its entirety and the following substituted:

“Every Permit shall expire twelve months after the date of its issue, provided, however, that if active work has been begun under such Permit, the Inspector may renew the same for a further period or periods of such extent as the Inspector may determine.”

**APPEAL**

4. As the “Lapse of Permit” Clause is to be changed, it, therefore, becomes necessary to change the Clause with respect to Appeal. The Committee, therefore, recommends that Chapter 11, Part 1, Section 3 (1) be amended by inserting in Line 3 after Chapter:

“Or where the Inspector refuses to renew a Permit, after it has lapsed as provided by Section 1 (5) of this Chapter.”



**PERMIT AFTER APPEAL TO BOARD**

5. As the By-law does not state who shall issue a Permit if the Board decides an appellant is in the right the Committee recommends that Section 21 of Chapter 11 be deleted in its entirety and the following substituted:

"(1) Any person who has been refused a Building Permit or renewal thereof by the Inspector as hereinbefore provided may appeal to the Municipal Building Board;

(2) Where the Board so requires it and order the Inspector in writing to issue a Permit, the Inspector shall issue a Permit forthwith."

**ORDER TO DEMOLISH**

6. The present penalty clause in the By-laws does not provide for the removal of the cause of complaint, which in the case of certain temporary structures or shacks, may very well be all that is required. The Committee therefore, recommends that the following be added to Chapter 11, Section 20 (1):

"and in addition may be ordered to demolish and remove, alter or remedy any building or structure erected, altered, or repaired contrary to the requirements of this Chapter."

**FIRE WORKS — FIRE-CRACKERS, ETC.**

7. Because of considerable damage caused last Hallowe'en by persons setting off fire-crackers and because of requests of various individuals and organizations to disallow the sale of fire-crackers and things of a like nature, the Committee recommends that Chapter 9, Section 9 be deleted in its entirety and the following substituted:

"No person shall buy, sell, keep, have or set off any squibs or other fireworks."

**POOR RELIEF**

8. The Poor Relief Act does not provide for a Municipality collecting from another Municipality for any relief that may have been issued by the Overseers of the Poor to a person having a settlement elsewhere. The City of Halifax has been given this power under Section 930A of the City Charter. As this is becoming increasingly important in areas adjacent to the City and Town, the Committee recommends that the Legislature be requested to enact Special Legislation for this Municipality as follows:

"Any sums paid by the Municipality of the County of Halifax or by any person or organization on its behalf to any needy or unemployed person as welfare relief shall be recoverable by the County from the poor district in which the person receiving such has a settlement as defined in The Poor Relief Act and all the provisions of that Act relating to the recovery of sums paid as poor relief by any poor district from any other poor district shall mutatis mutandis apply to the recovery of sums so paid by or on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Halifax as welfare relief."

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

Adopted, February 26, 1954

**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

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

Gentlemen:

Following the Special Meeting of the Municipal Council held on the 30th day of December, 1953, when this Committee reported at some length to the Council on all activities of this Committee up to that date, we wish to advise that in accordance with the wishes of this Council, the new 1953 Agreement was entered into with the Town of Dartmouth; payments were made as had been approved by this Council, and in the manner approved by the Council, only after the 1953 Agreement had been duly executed by the Town of Dartmouth.

The signing of the above mentioned 1953 Agreement with the Town of Dartmouth, means that the Town relieves the Municipality from all obligations to take or pay for 600,000 gallons of water per day, as from January 1, 1954, but it also involves the undertaking by the Town of Dartmouth to make an application to the Board of Public Utilities of the Province of Nova Scotia, to fix rates for all of its consumers (including those within the Town) at the Town's own expense.

The Rate Hearing referred to has been set for Thursday, March 4, 1954, following which Rates will be set by the Board for many years to come. It is one of the most important things that this Municipality has had to face because the whole future of our own Water Utility on the Dartmouth side of the Harbor may depend on the results of this Hearing, as the fixing of Water Rates to the Municipality will have a very definite bearing on the operation of our Utility, both now and in the years to come.

The Town also considers this Hearing of utmost importance and have obtained the services of Mr. Frank Covert, of the law firm of Stewart, Smith, McKeen, Covert, Rogers, Sperry and Cowan, to act as the Town's Counsel at this Hearing, and they have also re-engaged the firm of Engineering Services Limited (Mr. John R. Kaye and Mr. Percy Lovett) to appear on behalf of the Town, as the Town's Engineering Consultants at the Rate Hearing.

Your Committee feels that where this is a very grave importance to the Municipality in the future and where the outcome of the Rate Hearing may have a very definite effect on the whole question of water supply on the Dartmouth side of the Harbour, that the County too should have expert Legal and Engineering assistance and accordingly your Committee has requested Col. F. C. Wightman, who has acted as Consulting Engineer for the County for some years, to give expert Engineering opinion from the County's point of view.

We have also asked Mr. Gordon Cooper of the law firm of McInnes, MacQuarrie and Cooper to assist the Municipal Solicitor in representing the Municipality at the Rate Hearing. Although it is realized that getting people of the calibre above mentioned to act for the Municipality in this connection, will cost the County some money, it is your Committee's considered opinion that it is better to spend a few dollars in this manner, rather than take the chance of losing a great many dollars over a long period of time — in short, the question is so important that your Committee feels that no stone should be left unturned to see that the County is adequately represented at these Hearings.

The report of December 30th also authorized this Committee to proceed with certain additional works, both on the Eastern and Western sides of the Harbour.

We are pleased to report that work has already been commenced on Sunnybrae Avenue in the Armdale Area and tenders have been called for additional construction work on the Dartmouth side of the Harbour; on Walker Street, which is an extension of the original installation, formerly known as Flawn Subdivision. The lowest tenderer for this construction work was Walter J. Casavechia of Port Wallis and it is your Committee's intention to have him proceed with this work as soon as final clearance is given by the Board of Public Utilities to proceed with this installation.

Looking over the past year, the Committee must report considerable progress. In addition to the Construction Work on which we have reported at the meeting of December 30th, your Committee has instituted Street numbering in the Armdale Area and in the Westphal Area, so as to provide for the establishment of Postal Carrier Delivery in these two Areas, and endeavours have been made to finish House numbering projects in North Woodside and in the Armdale Area to the south of the Bay Road, but we simply have not had the staff to complete these as yet. There are other Engineering problems that are arising continually, to which the Committee cannot get an answer quickly, simply because we have only one Engineer, whose duties cover County Planning work, as well as Public Service Work. One man can only do so much and it is your Committee's opinion that where the Public Services work is expanding and also where the Town Planning Work is expanding, that the time has come when this work will have to be segregated into two separate departments; each with the control of its own Engineer.

Your Committee has spent some considerable time in studying these matters and we have asked Col. Wightman, an independent Engineer, to come in and discuss with the Committee the present set-up with respect to our Engineering Department. He also is of the opinion that the Municipality is asking one man to carry too much. In his opinion the Planning Board has now reached a stage where it requires the services of a full-time engineer in order to adequately look after the vast amount of detail that is building up under the administration of the Town Planning Act, which includes not only Subdivisions but the taking over of roads and all the necessary detail that goes in connection with that; keeping proper records of plans, minutes of the meetings, etc., as well as countless interviews with the public, who are continually seeking information as to what the Board may or may not permit with respect to subdivision of lands.

In addition to the above, it has become increasingly apparent that the Local Building Inspectors, and the Local Sanitary Inspectors require assistance in carrying out their duties. One of the duties of the Planning Engineer would be to co-ordinate the work of these men, instruct them in their duties, instruct them in the interpretation of the Building By-laws and most important of all he should be appointed as a Building Inspector for all Building Districts in the Municipality, so that he can act with authority in this regard, and assist very materially the Local Building Inspectors in the enforcement of the Building By-laws. It is only fair to say that Col. Wightman agrees fully with the Committee's recommendation in this regard.

In the Public Services Engineering field, Col. Wightman, as well as your Committee, feels that not only is it impossible for one engineer to do Planning and Public Services, but that one engineer simply cannot keep pace with current Engineering problems in Public Services and at the same

time plan for future development of Public Services in this Municipality. Here again is a wealth of detail that must be investigated that is not always appreciated by those who are unfamiliar with this type of work. Initial surveys must be made, which take considerable time in the field and considerable time in drafting. Estimates must be worked out—and so on. Col. Wightman suggested, and your Committee concurs, that the Public Services Engineer should have assistance in the form of a person who could hold the pole for surveying, and perhaps do a little drafting as well, so that the Engineer may have more time to devote to pure Engineering problems.

All the above will cost more money but the Committee has some definite ideas in this respect which will follow later.

After making a careful study of the whole situation, and after consultation with experts, the Committee is of the opinion that the present Engineering Department of the Municipality is inadequate to provide the necessary services and information and also, that the space provided is entirely inadequate to carry on efficiently; and that in order to carry out efficiently the very minimum programme that the following be instituted immediately:

1. Mr. Ralph Fraser, the present Engineer, be retained as Engineer for Public Services, at his present salary of \$4,000.00, plus car allowance of \$800.00 per annum.
2. That Mr. Fraser be provided with an Assistant, who could function as a combination foreman in the field, and combination draftsman and instrument man. It is recommended that such a person be employed at a maximum salary of \$3,000.00 per year plus car allowance of \$800.00 per annum.
3. It is further recommended that the Engineer be provided with a stenographer, who would be responsible for handling correspondence, typing minutes and carrying out what clerical duties are necessary in connection with his Department. She would be employed at the present rates laid down in the salary scale, and as a matter of fact is already employed.
4. It is further recommended that where the space in which the present Engineering Department is so confined, that the Committee be authorized to find space elsewhere, at least until such time as the planned extensions to the Court House Building become a reality. It is estimated that such accommodation can be found nearby at a cost of no more than \$900.00 per year.

As stated above, the putting into effect the above programme will cost more money than is presently being expended on Engineering services, but your Committee feels that in order to defray somewhat the cost of carrying the above into effect, that the time has now come when the original policy that was laid down by the Municipality at the Special Meeting of the Council in November, 1948, should be changed in this regard.

In that original statement of policy, it was stated that,—“The Council shall provide a survey of such District for such services and that the costs of administration for such services, including Engineering, shall be borne by the Municipality.” Your Committee now considers that this should be changed and that the Municipality should adopt a practice which is largely used in business and in other Municipal Governments and make a charge of 5% for Engineering services on the Capital Expenditures involved, which would be a credit to any expenses of the Municipality with respect to

Engineering. In this way, if Construction work is to proceed in the future as it has done in the past, the amount charged for Engineering services will go a long way toward defraying the expenses of the County Engineer for Public Services.

There are bound to be expenditures cropping up from time to time that are not properly a charge against Capital Expenditures. Bringing Col. F. C. Wightman to act on our behalf as expert witness at the Rate Hearing to be held on March 4th, is a typical example. Expenditures of this nature are usually not large but nonetheless should receive approval of Council, but yet it seems ridiculous to call a Special County Meeting any time such a thing crops up. Your Committee has thought this matter over and considered it very carefully and now recommends that the Council authorize the Public Services Committee to make expenditures up to but not exceeding the amount of \$4,000.00 to meet unforeseen contingencies, which may arise from time to time throughout the year. This will enable the Committee to deal with things promptly as they arise without very often delaying important matters until a Special Council Meeting.

**New Subdivisions.** The present policy of the Council has been in the past to only install services after petitions have been received from 60% of the ratepayers living on any one street or in any community. This is a wise precaution and protects the Municipality's investment to a large degree, as before services are installed, we are assured of a substantial number of customers beforehand. It has been the practice of your Committee not to install such services until, not only have the petitions been received, but actual contracts to take the services have been signed by 60% or more of the residents concerned.

The above policy is perfectly satisfactory and perfectly workable in built up communities but there are now some areas developing on the Dartmouth side of the Harbour where Subdividers have approached the Committee and enquired as to the possibility of installing water mains before the Subdivision is actually built up. The argument used in cases of this type is that not only is the supply of an adequate water system preferable to the digging of individual wells in built up areas, but also it is far better from the sanitary point of view to supply services ahead of time, if at all possible, and then too, once the Subdivider has sold his lots and the individual person has built his well and thereby invested considerable sum of money in that way, the home owner is not as ready to apply for water and sewer services because of the money he has already invested to supply himself with same. This has been one of the factors which has retarded the installation of services in some areas.

Your Committee has thought about this matter and has studied it from all angles. They find that in some Cities and Towns and Municipalities, the matter is handled differently from others, but usually if the Municipality's contribution is guaranteed, some method has been worked out whereby services can, and are, actually installed ahead of time rather than to have the community build up and the whole area become contaminated before public opinion is strong enough to demand essential services.

Applying all these thoughts and conditions to our own situation, your Committee now recommends to Council that a system of providing water mains, with or without services to the street line, be adopted for providing services in new Subdivisions, providing that the Subdivider guarantees an 8% annual return by means of posting a bond satisfactory to the Committee until such time as there are sufficient consumers to provide 60% consumers on the total number of available lots than can be serviced in the

particular Subdivision concerned, at which time the Subdivider would be release from his bond in this connection.

**Booth Subdivision.** An unusual situation has arisen in connection with the Booth Subdivision on the Preston Road. This is the case of a new Subdivision that has requested water supply before the houses are actually built. It is located, however, on fairly high ground, which slopes upward from the Preston Road and is at such an elevation that it is extremely doubtful that water supplied from the low pressure system, coming into the Town of Dartmouth, would give adequate pressure to the highest tap in a dwelling near the upper end of the Subdivision. Our Engineer has recommended that this particular Subdivision be hooked up with the high pressure system, supplying the Town of Dartmouth, in order to insure adequate service. The Subdivision is located in an area that is growing quickly. There is much land surrounding this Subdivision but is just now starting to open up and our Engineer feels that it would be folly to bring a 6" service, the necessary distance from the high pressure main, to serve the Booth Subdivision only, but rather recommends that a 10" main be laid from the high pressure mains into the Town, as far as the Booth Subdivision, so that there will be adequate water to supply the whole surrounding area as it is developed.

Your Committee does not feel, however, that it is fair, under circumstances such as this, to charge the consumers in one Subdivision for the extra cost of installing a larger main, when that main is to provide for future development of a considerably larger area, and it therefore, recommends,—“That the difference in costs, between supplying normal domestic water in this Subdivision, and the cost of bringing a 10" main from the Dartmouth main past this Subdivision, which amounts to \$4,500.00, be borne for the time being by the Municipality, until such time as the area has developed to a stage where the full cost of the 10" main can be borne by the water consumers in the area.”

**Extension to Existing Mains, etc.** For the last year or two, Council has authorized this Committee to make some extensions, if, as and when required, providing the policy that has been laid down by the Municipality, is adhered to, that is, a requirement of 60% of the ratepayers on the street concerned, signifying by petition and agreement they are willing to become consumers or a suitable guarantee can be supplied. This is becoming more important as our Utility work progresses on both sides of the Harbour. Your Committee feels, once again, that rather than call Special Meetings of this Municipal Council to consider the advisability of making such extensions or new installations, the Committee recommends to the Council, authorization for temporary borrowing resolution to an amount of \$50,000. to enable the Committee to make extensions to presently existing lines or new installations, if, as and when it appears necessary and when such expenditure would be economically sound. Your Committee proposes to introduce separately a temporary borrowing resolution to this effect.

**Other forms of authorization.** Another thing that has slowed up the work of this Committee in the past is the fact that authorization must be received by Council for the signing of documents in connection with proposed installations and your Committee recommends that the Warden and Clerk be duly authorized by this Council to sign necessary contracts, easements, permits and other legal documents required for any project upon which the Committee embarks, with the consent of Council, upon resolution of the Public Services Committee, when this Committee is satisfied that the best interests of the Municipality and the residents concerned have been protected insofar as possible.

**Special Rates for Special Services.** The Public Services Committee respectfully recommend to this Council that Special Rates be approved as follows:

**Mooseland Street Lighting.** A rate of 23c to be levied on the area of Mooseland School Section No. 14, Halifax East.

**Woodside Sewer.** A rate of 40c to be levied on the ratepayers of North Woodside, to cover the District's half of the carrying charges and maintenance of the North Woodside sewer.

**Fire Protection Rate.** As it has been impossible for the Engineering Department to provide the up-to-date assessment figures on all properties that are within 1200' of a fire hydrant.

Your Committee respectfully recommends that the matter of setting the Fire Protection Rate on both the Eastern and Western sides of the Harbour be left in the hands of the Committee for final fixing.

**Lakeside Street Lighting.** The Committee recommends the rate of 25c per One Hundred Dollars of Assessment be levied on all rate-payers in Lakeside School Section No. 92 for Street Lighting Purposes.

**Tufts Cove Sewer Rate.** Certain Engineering information must be made available to the Committee before this Rate can be struck and your Committee recommends that the striking of this rate be left in the hands of the Committee.

**Water Rights.** Your Committee also wish to report to the Council that investigation is now being carried out with respect to the Municipality gaining Water Rights on several lakes that may be useful to the Municipality in the years to come. Too often in recent years the Municipality has attempted to get Water Rights on Lakes where draws have been fully authorized by the Minister under the Water Act to others, and it has been impossible to establish Rights on these lakes. However, with an eye to the future, your Committee considers that it is not too early for the County to proceed to take up Water Rights on whatever lakes it deems may be useful to the Municipality in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

Tabled, March 4, 1954

Adopted, March 5, 1954

## REPORT OF THE REVENUE COMMITTEE

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

Gentlemen:

Your Committee feels that the report of the Director of Assessment has very adequately covered the present situation with respect to assessment in the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

There are, however, one or two things that have been brought to the attention of the Committee during the past year.

A letter was received from a law firm in this City, advising the Municipality, on behalf of a client, that the assessment against the client, a Construction Company, is and was invalid, because the property assessed, was at all material times, owned by Her Majesty in the Right of Canada. The law firm advised that they were giving the Municipality notice that they intended to bring action in the Supreme Court against the Municipality for a declaration to the effect that the assessment was null and void. This assessment was on Construction Equipment, which was being used on a certain project for the Federal Government, and the reason for the law firm taking this view, is that Clause 16 of the Agreement the Company had with the Federal Government, states, — "That all machinery, tools, plant, materials, equipment, articles and things whatsoever, provided by the Contractor or by the Engineer, under the provisions of this Contract, shall, from the time of their being so provided, become, and until the final completion of the said work shall be the property of Her Majesty for the purpose of the said work, and the same shall, on no account, be taken away, used or disposed of, except for the purposes of the said work, without the consent in writing of the Engineer."

Your Committee has been concerned about this matter and have communicated with the Federal Members for Halifax County, the Hon. C. D. Howe, the Minister of Defence Production and the Hon. R. M. Fielding, Minister of Municipal Affairs for the Province of Nova Scotia, and we are pleased to report that the matter has been referred to the Department of Justice in Ottawa for a ruling from the Federal point of view, and at the Provincial level, it is understood that Special Legislation will be introduced at this session of the Legislature, which will insure that Municipalities will have the right to tax Construction Equipment as Personal Property, even though title of such machinery may be vested for the time being in Her Majesty the Queen in the Right of Canada. We have also been given assurance that there is no such Clause in any purely Provincial Agreement and that there is no suggestion of the Provincial Government adopting such a Clause in any of its Agreements or Contracts.

I wish to advise that Your Committee intends to follow this matter very carefully and will take whatever course of action it deems necessary to see that the right of the Municipality to assess such equipment is maintained.

In general discussion on the floor of this Chamber the other day, there was a resolution to the effect that the Revenue Committee should interview the Minister of Lands and Forests of the Province of Nova Scotia, to see if there were any possibility of present payments made to Municipalities on Crown Grants, being increased.

Your Committee has met with the Minister and has discussed with him the whole problem of Crown Lands and the return on them both to the



Province and to the Municipalities, and after going into all details with the Minister, they are pleased to report that, for the present at least, it would appear that the 5% that we are now receiving on actual stumpage sold, would appear to be a very fair figure.

As you have all read in the newspapers from time to time, the Provincial Department of Lands and Forests in cooperation with the Federal Government, are now in a process of mapping by aerial photograph all forest lands in the Province of Nova Scotia. This survey will ultimately provide a wealth of information about our forest lands, which is not now available. Your Committee recommends that when this survey has been completed, that this matter be gone into more fully, as it may be that when accurate inventories of forest lands can be made, there will be a better indication as to what the eventual picture may be to this Municipality with respect to the return from Crown Lands.

It would certainly appear from the Minister's comments of Monday that there is no change contemplated in the method of payment at the present time in any event.

It was suggested in Council the other day that the Revenue Committee should follow up closely the matter of Federal Grants from Ottawa, and that if it become necessary, the Committee might even have to go to Ottawa in this connection. Your Committee has not had sufficient time to study this whole problem but recommends that should it become necessary to go to Ottawa in this regard, that the travel, hotel and meal expenses of those Councillors and Officials necessary should be paid out of the surplus funds of the Municipality.

Your Committee has also gone into the problem of selling land under the present Assessment Act and find it unsatisfactory. One of the difficulties in selling land for taxes is obtaining a certificate from the Registrar of Deeds. In fact how can he give an adequate certificate in cases where old grants have been broken up into many parts — and yet none of the transfers have appeared on the records of the Registry of Deeds. We are of the opinion that assessment records of this Municipality are as good as in a great many town and cities and therefore, the Committee feels that this Municipality should request Legislation similar to that now enjoyed by the City of Halifax and the Town of Dartmouth with respect to the sale of land for taxes. We, therefore, recommend to the Council that the Law Amendments Committee be requested to prepare such Legislation for presentation at this present session of the Legislature.

A letter from A. Singleton Mason, Head of St. Margaret's Bay, asking for a refund of Poll Tax of \$1.00 for the year 1951 and \$1.00 for the year 1952 was referred to this Committee. We find that this man was overage for payment of Poll Tax in these years and we recommend that he be refunded \$2.00.

Two Affidavits re Relief from payment of Taxes for the year were referred to the Committee — one from Mrs. Hattie Boutilier of Boutilier's Point and the other from Mrs. Annie B. Dunphy of East Chezzetcook. The Committee has investigated these cases, finds them deserving, and recommends that they be relieved from payment of Taxes for the current year.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the Committee)

Adopted, March 4, 1954

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

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

Gentlemen:

Once again it is with pleasure that the County Planning Board submits its annual report to the Municipal Council. Again during 1953 your Planning Board has met regularly every second Monday and in addition to this, have had special meetings from time to time through the year, due to the number of items coming before the Board that simply had to be dealt with. No accurate records are kept with regard to the Board's time spent on various different details but it is estimated that about 80% of the available time was spent in considering Subdivision Plans submitted for approval; the remainder of the time being spent on other problems, such as street numbering, preparations for Master Plans and unsightly property cases.

**Subdivision.** Once again, during the year 1953, much Subdivision activity took place in the Municipality. This is particularly true in the summer months, when the Board has had to handle as many as forty (40) submissions at a single meeting. Total number of items submitted at regular meetings during the year comes to five hundred and forty-five (545). Of these items three hundred and eight-eight (388) Subdivision Plans were approved by the Board. Sixty-seven (67) Plans were deferred during the year for purposes of acquiring additional information before the Board could intelligently deal with them, but only fifteen (15) Plans had to be completely rejected by the Board. This brings the total number of Plans approved by the Board since its inception to one thousand, four hundred and fifty-one (1,451).

**County Roads.** Again this year the County Planning Board has vigorously pursued a policy of having Subdividers develop roads in accordance with the Agreement now existing between the Municipality of the County of Halifax and the Department of Highways. Although the Board feels there could be some streamlining in the methods used with regard to taking over roads, we are pleased to report that altogether thirty-five (35) streets have been taken over by the Department of Highways during the year 1953. Most of these have been new streets in new subdivisions but some have been older streets that have been in existence for many years, where the owners have gone through the proper procedure and deeded these streets to the Crown.

**Zoning.** It is unfortunate that no School Section nor part of a School Section has adopted the Model Zoning By-laws that were set up by this Council a year ago. There is a growing interest in one or two communities, which the Board is encouraging and it is hoped that the year 1954 may bring some practical application of Zoning By-laws at least in some parts of our County.

**Trailers and Trailer Camps.** This Board is most concerned about the appearance of various localities with trailers. Very often the wheels are removed, the trailer boarded up and it becomes a more or less permanent place of abode for the occupier. There are also a great many cases of single trailers being used in the same fashion. This Board is not against trailers or trailer camps but it does feel that where this type of vehicle is apt to become more popular as our population grows, that the Municipality should definitely take some active steps to control sanitary conditions that may arise as a result of individual trailers becoming permanent places of abode and very definitely to make some regulations with respect to the proper establishment of proper trailer courts or camps, so that unsightly

and unsanitary conditions in this regard can be controlled in the future. Your Board has already referred this matter to the Law Amendments Committee and trust that they will be able to report to Council in this connection at this session.

**Septic Tanks.** The County Planning Board has also been somewhat perturbed about the present unsatisfactory conditions that exist in some areas where it is obvious that not much care is taken to properly dispose of the effluent from septic tanks. The Board feels that too much importance is being placed on the type of septic tank being installed and not enough attention being paid to the disposal beds. The Board has already recommended to the Law Amendments Committee of the Council that steel septic tanks of an approved manufactured type and covered with a protective coating, should be allowed under our Building Regulations rather than only permitting concrete tanks, as very often a proper type of heavy gauge steel tank can be just as satisfactory; in fact sometimes even more satisfactory than a concrete tank, which is sometimes poorly built.

The Board has discussed these sanitary problems with Dr. Watt, the Medical Health Officer for Halifax West, and have directed that he and the Municipal Engineer made a combined study of proper methods of drainage and disposal from septic tanks and to report back to the Board in this regard. In the meantime it is hoped that the Law Amendments Committee will be able to bring in a recommendation with regard to the change in the Building By-laws as suggested above.

**Master Plan Surveys.** We are pleased to report that further Master Plan surveys have been carried out between Westphal and Woodlawn and from Port Wallis out the Waverley Road (underway at the present time), which both amplify the original plan of the Westphal area that was produced last year. It is of paramount importance to build up Plans as quickly as possible in all areas of the Municipality, so that the Board can tell how new proposals with respect to Subdivisions will fit in to the already existing roads, subdivisions and built up areas.

**Street Numbering.** You will recall that last year this Board reported that Postal Authorities had signified that they would institute a postal delivery service in Fairview, provided the houses were properly numbered and the streets re-named, where necessary, to prevent confusion with names of other streets in Halifax, Dartmouth and vicinity. We are pleased to report that the Board has been instrumental in bringing about street naming, largely in cooperation with local organizations in Tufts Cove, Armdale and the Westphal areas and that street numbering has actually been carried out in District No. 12 to the north of the St. Margaret's Bay Road and to the west of the Dutch Village Road. Also street numbering has been carried out in the Westphal area and letter carrier services in the Post Office Department is now in effect in both these areas. Street numbering is just about completed in the North Woodside area and it is hoped that more work can be done in the Armdale area to the south of the St. Margaret's Bay Road, so that these areas can also receive letter carrier service as soon as possible. These last two projects should have been completed before Christmas, except for the reason that the Engineering Department had so many problems before it that it simply could not get the numbering completed in these areas by that time.

There is a growing demand for street numbering in all parts of the Municipality, both from the residents and from firms who deliver and it is your Board's opinion that even after areas that can receive postal delivery have been named and numbered, that practice should be continued as a

matter of expediting delivery service and proper designation of mail to the local Post Office.

**Scope of Work.** The above report, although it may not take long to read, represents a tremendous amount of detailed work, both on the part of the Board members, but particularly on the part of the administrative staff. Comparing the figures of 1953 with the figures of about three years ago, it can readily be seen that the work of the Planning Board is about doubled in numbers of applications to the Board, but the work has more than doubled in this regard in that there is more investigation of individual cases absolutely required on the site. The street naming and numbering involves an endless amount of detail, meetings with Ratepayers' Associations, advising ratepayers of their proper numbers, the liaison work with the Post Office, etc. Also working out the detail with the Department of Highways and the Subdivider in connection with the taking over of roads, requires a great deal of time that was not required just a few years ago. All of the above means infinitely more correspondence, more time spent on the telephone and more interviews with the public, so that in the opinion of your Board, the time has arrived when the work of the Planning Board has reached such a stature that it must now of necessity be separated from the Public Services and be set up as a Department of its own. It is with this in mind that the Planning Board respectfully requests this Municipal Council to place the amount of \$9,400.00 in the Estimates for the year 1954 in order to carry out the work of the Board more adequately.

**Public Lands.** The Board is most concerned over the fact that in all of the more thickly populated areas of this County, there are no open lands available for recreational use. There are no public beaches and no public parks and no thought has been given to the setting aside of land for other use such as cemeteries. At the present time there is no liaison between any authority under this Council and the local School Section with respect to the location of schools and the rapidly growing population indicates attention must be given to this problem before too long. The Planning Board requests that Council empower the Board to make a study of this whole situation, investigate the possibility and the feasibility and the cost of acquiring lands for the purposes above described and to report back to the Council in this connection at the next regular or special meeting of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the Committee)

Adopted, March 4, 1954

### REPORT OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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

Gentlemen:

Your Resources Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Your Committee has been advised by the Minister of Agriculture that with respect to the land clearance policy, the amounts of assistance have been set as follows:

Power Rating of Equipment	Amount of Assistance
20 H.P. — 30 H.P.	\$2.50 per hour
31 H.P. — 40 H.P.	3.00 per hour
41 H.P. and over	3.50 per hour

These assistance rates are applicable for a maximum of forty (40) hours expended during any two (2) consecutive years, or any area not exceeding ten (10) acres cleared during any two (2) consecutive years.

Applications for the establishment of Pound Sections have been received from Moser River, Clam Bay and Sheet Harbour. Your Committee recommends the establishment of these Pound Sections, as no objections have been received from any of the Districts making application for such Pound Sections. They are as follows:

#### SHEET HARBOUR, DISTRICT NO. 21, POUND SECTION

"Beginning at the east side of East River Bridge at Sheet Harbour, travelling northwardly along the highway commonly known as East River Road, a distance of two miles from the east side of East River Bridge in the said northwardly direction."

#### MOSER RIVER POUND SECTION

"Beginning on Highway No. 7 at the property of Elsworth Croft of Moser River in an easterly direction for a distance of approximately five (5) miles to Smith Bridge at Necum Teuch. This Pound Section to extend on the Englehutt Road to Blair Englehutt's gate, Moser River north road to the brook running out of Mill Lake, Naugler's Road to the property of Joseph Sharpe, Smith's Road at Necum Teuch to Adam Smith and the Mitchell Bay Road to Emery Jewer's property."

#### CLAM BAY POUND SECTION

"Clam Bay Pound Section boundaries from Henry Eisan's to Rabbit Hill on the mail route."

Your Committee recommends the report of the Special Market Committee for approval whereby an amount of \$2,000.00 be placed in the Estimates for 1954 to serve as a grant to the City of Halifax to help toward the deficit incurred by the City of Halifax Market and recommends that the Municipal Clerk be authorized to pay this grant to the proper authorities.

Your Committee is in receipt of a report from East Hants, Halifax Veterinary Assistance Board covering their activities for the year 1953. Twenty-three hundred (2300) animals were examined, treated, vaccinated, etc., during the year. No diseases of serious nature were encountered.

We are also in receipt of a report from Dr. Hendry, whose work is carried on under the Halifax South East County Veterinary Assistance policy. Dr. Hendry, during 1953, made seven hundred and twenty-five (725) calls, covering a total mileage of twenty-eight thousand, two hundred (28,200) miles.

Your Committee feels that the work carried out by the above Veterinary Assistance Boards is very satisfactory and recommends that the sum of \$1,300.00 for the Halifax South East Veterinary Assistance, and the sum of \$900.00 for the East Hants Veterinary Assistance be placed in the estimates for 1954.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the Committee)

Adopted, March 5, 1954

**REPORT OF THE REGIONAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE**

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

Gentlemen:

This Committee was set up to investigate all phases of the operation and cost of a regional library, rather than to make any definite recommendations to the Council, and we have endeavoured to carry out this task to the best of our ability.

Your Committee has met with Mr. Peter Grossman, the Director of Regional Libraries for the Province of Nova Scotia and have gone into facts and figures with him and wish to report as follows:

There are now five Counties in the Province of Nova Scotia that are operating under the Regional Library Scheme. The Act under which these Libraries operate is known as "An Act to Amend and Consolidate Chapter 11 of the Acts of 1937, an Act to provide for the support of Regional Libraries." It is Chapter 6 of the Statutes of 1952, and provides that a City, Town or Municipality may enter into and carry out an agreement with other Cities, Towns and Municipalities for the establishment and operation of a Regional Public Library, with the approval of the Minister of Education of the Province of Nova Scotia — although at least some of the Regional Libraries are operated solely by a single City, Town or Municipality.

In this area the Halifax Memorial Library (now the Halifax Regional Library) already operates under the Regional Library Scheme, but Mr. Grossman has advised that it would not be necessary, or perhaps even advisable, to start out in cooperation with the City of Halifax. As far as is known the Town of Dartmouth is not particularly interested in such a scheme at the present time, although your Committee has not actually interviewed representatives of the Town in this regard.

As Council was advised last year under a Regional Library Scheme, the Province of Nova Scotia pays one-half of the operating costs up to a maximum of 35c per capita and that the remainder of the operating costs must be provided by the Municipality or the Municipalities participating in the scheme. Also it is still possible that if Halifax County were to enter a Regional Library Scheme, that an amount of \$10,000.00 might be made available by Carnegie Institute for the use in purchasing or helping to purchase the original stock of books.

It would seem that if a Regional Library Scheme were being considered by the County, it would be either,—

- (a) An Independent County Administration, or
- (b) In Cooperation with the City of Halifax

We list below a brief scheme, setting forth in outline form, what this would mean financially,—

- (a) An Independent County Administration.

**Management**

A Library Board of 7 members:

- 5 appointed by the County Council
- 2 appointed by the Province.

**Service****By Bookmobile**

- 1 standard truck type for service to rural districts.
- 2 trailer type "mobile branch" libraries for suburban and heavily populated districts.

**Headquarters**

- Office and administration.
- Not a book distribution point.

**Cost**

- Annual operating cost — \$45,000.
- Maximum Provincial Grant based on population at 1951 Census \$21,577.
- Cost to Halifax Co. \$23,443.

- (b) In cooperation with the City of Halifax and for the Town of Dartmouth.

The actual division of cost between the participating units would have to be determined by agreement between the parties involved.

It is not likely that the County's share would be reduced to any appreciable extent.

Cooperation would certainly make it possible to give a higher quality of service by:

1. Making available the reference facilities and book resources of the City Library.
2. Permitting direct use of the City Library by County residents.
3. Sharing administrative duties.

Appended to the report as Appendix "A" is a breakup in more detail of the Estimated Operating Cost of \$45,000.00.

Your Committee, since it was not asked for a definite recommendation, is simply reporting the detail of the cost of entering a Regional Library Scheme to the Council for its own decision on the matter.

One other thing that may effect Council's decision in this matter is the fact that Librarians are not immediately available. So few people are taking up this type of training that it takes some considerable time to build up an adequate library staff. In fact Mr. Grossman has suggested that it will take nearly one year to obtain the services of a Librarian.

Your Committee is also of the opinion, after meeting with the Board and some representatives of the Halifax Library Committee of the City of Halifax, that there is a possibility of reducing the \$5.00 rate for membership in the City Library for those people who are not resident in the City. This, however, will have to be followed up further.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

Received and filed, March 5, 1954

(APPENDIX ("A"))  
Halifax County Library

Population — 1951 Census ..... 61,591  
 Present Estimate ..... 65,000  
 Area of County: 2,200 sq. miles.  
 Road mileage: 1,225 miles.  
 No. of rural and villages schools: 168

Proposed library service by three bookmobiles, one designed for rural service and two for suburban areas.

Staff: 1 Librarian  
 1 Assistant librarian  
 3 Bookmobile librarians  
 3 Drivers  
 2 Clerks

Estimated budget: \$45,000.00

Receipts:

Municipality of Halifax County .....	\$23,443.00	
Province of Nova Scotia .....	21,557.00	
		\$45,000.00
		\$45,000.00

Expenditures:

Books .....	\$12,000.00	
Salaries .....	24,000.00	
Bookmobile operation .....	3,000.00	
H.Q. rent .....	1,500.00	
Supplies, etc. ....	1,500.00	
Postage, telephone, etc. ....	500.00	
Vehicle reserve .....	1,500.00	
Miscellaneous .....	700.00	
		\$45,000.00
		\$45,000.00



### REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL COLLECTOR

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

Gentlemen:

I have the pleasure in submitting a report as Collector for the year 1953.

The work of this office has steadily and greatly increased during the past three years. The Assessment Rolls show that in 1951 there were 23,239 individual assessments and 2,701 Poll Tax Assessments, or a total of 25,940.

In 1952 there were 24,628 assessments and 2,925 Poll Tax Assessments or a total of 27,553.

In 1953, the number again increased to 26,357 Assessments and 2,910 Poll Tax Assessments, or a total of 29,207.

For 1954 there are 28,224 individual assessments and 2,957 Poll Tax Assessments, or a total of 31,181.

This indicates that for 1954 there will be 5,241 more tax bills to be issued than in 1951.

The tax levy has increased correspondingly. In 1951 the total levy was \$825,558.65. In 1952, \$944,521.31 and in 1953, \$1,136,708.52, the latter being an increase of \$311,149.97 over 1951. The levy for 1954 will not be known until the rates have all been fixed but there is no doubt that the levy will again show a substantial increase over last year.

For the first time in our history, the tax collections have exceeded the million dollar mark. The following is a summary of these collections for the past three years:

Year	Levy	Collected on Current Taxes	Collected on Arrears	Total Collections
1951 .....	\$ 825,558.25	\$641,549.53	\$102,718.76	\$ 744,268.29
1952 .....	\$ 944,521.31	\$739,849.92	\$142,045.79	\$ 881,895.71
1953 .....	\$1,136,708.52	\$871,299.18	\$199,551.28	\$1,070,850.46

On December 31st., 1952 our outstanding taxes amounted to \$364,865.12. Against this we had set up reserves for uncollectable taxes amounting to \$124,037.38, leaving the sum of \$240,827.74 considered collectable. Of this amount we did collect \$199,551.28 in 1953. After adjustments the outstanding taxes to December 31st., 1952 stand at \$153,584.19 with reserves of \$98,633.70 or net taxes considered collectable of \$54,950.49. In 1953 for corresponding years we collected \$67,132.05 so that we anticipate that several thousands of dollars should come in over and above the reserves, which will be added to our Surplus Account.

It should here be noted that the taxes on the real estate of the Public Service Commission of Halifax amounting approximately to Nine or Ten Thousand Dollars have not been paid for 1953 due to the fact that there is an appeal to the County Court still undecided and these taxes have been withheld until the decision has been handed down, which we hope will be in the near future. Ordinarily these taxes would have been paid during the year which would have made a still better showing.

During the year far more reminders than ever before were issued. Several hundred personal letters were mailed to ratepayers who were two years or more in arrears, which proved very satisfactory. For the first time in our history reminders were mailed to practically all ratepayers

before the deadline of September 30th and since October 1st., other reminders have been mailed in all districts and this has resulted in receiving numerous payments. We have always encouraged the payment of taxes by instalment and a very large number of ratepayers are trying to get caught up by this method.

Many ratepayers when they receive their tax notice, send in cheques dated September 30th and quite a few often send in a series of postdated cheques. We greatly welcome such settlements and have always been only too willing to co-operate with ratepayers.

Every year numerous money orders and cheques are received in this office with nothing to indicate what the payment is intended for. Quite often we are able to identify the account, but very often we cannot. In such cases we can only credit up the amount to a Suspense Account and hope that at some time in the future we shall hear from the remitter. This is usually in the form of an indignant letter complaining that he has not been credited with a payment. If remitters would only indicate the nature of the payment or even let us know where the property is located, if the payment is for taxes, there would be no difficulty.

With 30,000 tax accounts to watch you can readily see the utter impossibility of the present staff giving close attention to individual cards and following them up as sharply as they should be. There is no doubt in my mind that in the not too distant future it will be necessary to increase the staff sufficiently to allow close continuous attention to these accounts which should certainly make for a decided improvement in collections.

As the Safety Committee has already reported on the Tax Warrant situation it is not necessary to repeat these statistics except to say that many more warrants were issued than ever before and the results have been encouraging and continued attention must be given to this matter. In many cases regular small payments are now being paid to the constables which, of course, means that the constable must call around at regular intervals.

Once again, I wish to emphasize the necessity for a change in the laws relating to the sale of property for unpaid taxes. This matter has been brought to your attention on many occasions. There are several hundred properties that should be sold and for which I have no doubt there would be ready purchasers, but under existing legislation it is not possible to sell. In my opinion, this is a very important matter and some action should be taken. My reports of 1950 and 1951 went into greater detail on the point and can readily be referred to.

With respect to Hospital Accounts the amount charged to the Municipality in 1953 was \$156,260.80. The total collections were \$33,565.73 on 1953 accounts. Total arrears collected were \$19,543.36. Of this amount \$11,240.04 was collected by the Collection Agency and the balance \$8,303.32 was paid in at the Municipal Office.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) Martin Archibald,  
Municipal Collector,

Received and filed, March 8, 1954

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURY LISTS**

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

Your Committee on Jury Lists report that they have prepared a List for the year 1954, containing the names of all persons assessed in the Municipality of the County of Halifax who are, by reason of the amount of assessment, eligible to serve as Jurors on both the Grand and Petit Juries.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed by the Committee)

Adopted, March 8, 1953

**AN ACT RELATING TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE  
COUNTY OF HALIFAX****1 In this Act**

- (a) "assessor" means the Assessor of the Municipality;
- (b) "clerk" means the Clerk of the Municipality;
- (c) "collector" means Collector of the Municipality;
- (d) "Council" means the Council of the Municipality;
- (e) "engineer" means the Engineer of the Municipality;
- (f) "Municipality" means the Municipality of the County of Halifax;
- (g) "rates and taxes" means the rates and taxes assessed and levied for the municipal purposes under the Assessment Act, and any other rates or taxes that the municipality collects under any other act, including School Section rates, District rates, Poor rates, Fire Prooction rates, Street Lighting rates, area rates, water rates, sewer rates, and installation, maintenance and service charges for water and sewer;
- (h) "solicitor" means the Solicitor of the Municipality;
- (i) "treasurer" means the Treasurer of the Municipality;
- (j) "warden" means the Warden of the Municipality.

**2** Rates and taxes rated or levied in respect of real property in the Municipality by or for the benefit of the Municipality, shall constitute a lien upon such real property and notwithstanding the Assessment Act, the lien attaches and may be enforced in the manner set out in this Act. -

**3** (1) Such lien shall attach on the date on which the collector's rolls are prepared, and shall continue for a period of six years thereafter, and shall have priority over every grant, deed, lease or other conveyance, and over every judgment, mortgage or other lien or incumbrance whatsoever affecting such real property or the title thereto.

(2) Rates and taxes rated in respect of real property after the collectors' rolls have been prepared shall constitute a lien upon such real property from the time at which they were rated.

**4** If in any case, proceedings are taken to enforce the lien for rates on real property within the period of six years mentioned in the preceding sections, such lien shall continue in force until the completion of such proceedings.

**5** The registration of any grant, deed, lease or other conveyance, or of any judgment, mortgage or other lien or incumbrance, whether the same was prior or subsequent to the time the lien for rates attached, shall in

no way affect the priority of such lien for rates and it shall not be necessary to register such lien.

6 (1) At any time, or from time to time, the treasurer may prepare a schedule of any lot or lots of land within the municipality, in respect of which any rates and taxes rated or levied for any one or more of the six years immediately preceding the year in which such schedule is prepared, are then unpaid.

(2) Such schedule shall contain the name of the person, if known, in whose name the real property was assessed, a general description of each lot sufficient to identify and locate the same, and the amount of arrears in respect of each lot, together with the respective years, if more than one year, for which such arrears were rated or levied.

(3) Such schedule shall be certified and signed by the treasurer as correct and shall be entitled "Lands in the Municipality of the County of Halifax liable to be sold for rates and taxes."

(4) It shall be the duty of the assessor to carefully examine and correct such list, and in case of any transfer having taken place in respect to any such lot, and the rates and taxes in arrears against the same being due by a former owner, to enter against such lot in red ink the name of the present owner or person to whom the same is assessed.

(5) Such list so corrected shall, within thirty days, be signed by the assessor and returned to the Treasurer, who shall file it in his office for public use.

(6) Such schedule shall be filed in the treasurer's office, and the same, or a copy thereof duly certified under the hand of the treasurer, shall in any court of law in this Province be received as conclusive evidence of the facts therein stated in any suit or proceeding in which the legality of any proceeding under this Act is questioned.

(7) In the preparation of such schedule the assessors shall furnish to the treasurer all the information in their possession or under their control as to the locality and description of the several lots which it is necessary to include in such schedule.

7 (1) The lien for rates and taxes on real property shall operate and attach upon the same from the date on which the collector's rolls are prepared as hereinbefore provided.

(2) After the preparation of the schedule, a notice hereinafter called a "lien notice" shall be sent, at any time, informing the owner of such real property or the person to whom the same is assessed, that it is liable to be sold for arrears of rates and taxes under the lien.

8 It shall be the duty of the treasurer to have any such notice served, and the provisions of the Assessment Act in respect to the mode of service of notice requiring payment of rates and taxes shall apply to the service of such notice.

9 (1) If the rates and taxes upon any such lot of land mentioned in such list, with interest thereon from and after the first day of October of the year in which they became due and payable, are not paid within three months after such list is filed, the treasurer shall submit to the Warden a statement, in duplicate, of all the lots of land in respect to which any rates or taxes have been in arrears for one year or more, containing a description of each lot with the amount of arrears against it set opposite the same.

(2) Such description shall be sufficiently definite for the identification of the lot, and it shall be the duty of the solicitor, the engineer and the assessor to render such assistance and furnish such information to the treasurer as is necessary to enable him to make such description.

10 (1) The Warden shall, after satisfying himself that each lot mentioned in the statements is the same lot which was assessed for the rates and taxes set opposite thereto, and is liable therefor, and that the lien notice has been duly served in respect to such lot, authenticate such statement by affixing thereto the seal of the corporation and his signature, and shall deposit one of them with the clerk and shall return the other to the treasurer annexed to a warrant under the seal of the Municipality and the hand of the Warden, authorizing him to sell such lots for the arrears of rates and taxes against them respectively, with the interest and the expenses.

(2) Such certificate of authentication and warrant shall be in form following or to the like effect:

#### CERTIFICATE OF WARDEN

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement of all the lands liable to be sold for rates and taxes due in respect to such lands for the municipal year commencing on the first day of January, 19\_\_\_\_, was on the\_\_\_\_ day of\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, submitted to me by the Treasurer; that I have made enquiry and am satisfied that each lot mentioned in the said statement is the same lot which was assessed for the rates and taxes set opposite thereto, and is liable for the same and to be sold for the said rates and taxes, and that the lien notice has been duly served in respect to such lot, and I hereby authenticate the said statement, and a duplicate thereof, by affixing the seal of the Municipality and my signature, this\_\_\_\_ day of\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

#### WARRANT

#### PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

To the Treasurer of the Municipality of the County of Halifax  
WHEREAS by assessment and rate made in conformity with law, the owners of the lands mentioned in the statement hereto annexed, have become liable to pay the several sums set opposite thereto for municipal rates and taxes assessed on property in the Municipality of the County of Halifax for the year 19\_\_\_\_, which said rates and taxes are still due and in arrears, and payable to the Municipality of the County of Halifax in respect of the said lands, and the said owners are also liable to pay the interest on rates and taxes and the expense of collection, which sums form a lien on the said lands; these are therefore required and command you forthwith to levy upon the said lands for the arrears of rates and taxes due thereon respectively, with interest and expenses, and in default of payment thereof to sell the said lands, or such portions thereof as are necessary, at public auction after thirty days' notice, and that out of the moneys arising from the sale of each such lands, or portions thereof, you do retain for the Municipality of the County of Halifax the amount of rates and taxes, interest and expenses, due in respect thereof, and that you do pay the balance, if any, as directed by an order of the Supreme Court or a Judge or master thereof, granted on summary application.

Herein fail not, and make a return to me of your doings under this warrant within ninety days.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, this\_\_\_\_ day of\_\_\_\_ A.D. 19\_\_\_\_  
(Seal) Warden

11 The statements signed by the Warden and sealed with the seal of the Municipality in respect to sales of lands for rates and taxes whether the

statement is deposited with the clerk or annexed to the warrant for sale as herein provided, or a copy thereof, shall, in any action or other proceeding touching the assessment, rating or taxing of the real property therein mentioned, or the title thereto, or in which any of them is brought in question, be received in any court in the Province as evidence of the legality of the assessment, rating or taxing, and that the said rate or tax was due and unpaid, and that each lot of land in any such statement mentioned was legally liable for the amount of rates and taxes set opposite the same, with interest and expenses, and that the said amount with such interest and expenses formed a lien upon such land.

12 (1) The Treasurer shall, in receipt of the warrant, prepare a copy of the list of lands to be sold.

(2) He shall add to the amount due for rates and taxes the interest thereon to the date of the proposed sale and the proportion of expenses chargeable to each lot for advertising the same for sale, and the expenses of obtaining a proper description thereof.

(3) The Treasurer shall, after preparation of the said list, advertise for sale at public auction at a Court House or other public place in the municipality, the several lots of land mentioned therein. Notice of such sale shall be published for at least thirty days immediately previous to the sale, in a daily or weekly newspaper published or circulating in the municipality, by one insertion each week, and it shall be sufficient in such notice to put the street and number of any property advertised, or to put any other such short reference by which such property may be identified, together with a statement that a fuller description may be seen at the office of the treasurer.

(4) The amount of rates and axes, interest and expenses, stated in the treasurer's advertisement shall in all cases be held to be prima facie evidence of the amount due. The fees payable in respect to proceedings for the sale of lands for arrears of rates and taxes, under the provisions of this Act, shall be those set out in the fourth schedule to Chapter 2 of the Acts of Nova Scotia (1938) (The Assessment Act).

13 (1) If previous to the time appointed for sale the rates, taxes or other charges with interest due and expenses are not paid, or if no person pays the same at the time of sale, the treasurer shall sell by public auction so much of the land as is sufficient to satisfy the same.

(3) He shall sell in preference such part of the lot as he considers it best for the owner to be sold first.

(3) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) the treasurer may accept a portion of the rates, taxes or other charges and interest thereon, together with the expenses, and may withdraw the said lands from the sale, but neither such acceptance or such withdrawal shall operate to prevent him at any subsequent time, from again advertising and selling lands for the balance of the rates, taxes or other charges and interest thereon, for which the said lands were previously advertised for sale, together with any rates, taxes or other charges and the interest thereon and expenses which have become due since such acceptance and withdrawal in the same manner as if such lands had not been previously advertised for a portion of the same, and the lien of the Municipality in respect to any of the rates, taxes or other charges or interest thereon, so unpaid, shall not be in any way affected by such acceptance or withdrawal.

14 If at any time appointed for the sale no bidders appear, the Treasurer may adjourn the sale from time to time.

15 If the Treasurer fails as such sale to sell any land for the full amount against it, he shall, at such sale, adjourn the same until a day then to be publicly named, not earlier than one week, or later than two months thereafter, of which adjourned sale he shall give notice by advertisement in subsequent issues of the newspapers in which the sale was originally advertised.

16 (1) If the purchaser of any lot of land fails to pay forthwith to the Treasurer the amount of the purchase money, or such smaller amount as is equal to the amount of the rates and taxes, interest and expenses, and to make provision for the payment within three days of the balance, the Treasurer shall forthwith again put up the lot for sale.

(2) If such balance is not paid within three days, the land shall again be advertised for sale with the like proceedings as if it had not been sold, and the expense of such resale shall be deducted from the amount paid on account by the first purchaser, and his balance refunded to him on demand.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SALE

17 (1) The Treasurer shall, upon payment of any such balance within three days after the sale, give a certificate under his hand to the purchaser, specifying the land sold, and also stating the sum for which it has been sold.

(2) The certificate shall also state that a deed conveying the same to the purchaser, or his assigns, will be executed by the Warden and Treasurer on demand and on payment of five dollars at any time after the expiration of one year from the date of the sale, if the land is not previously redeemed.

(3) The Treasurer shall keep a duplicate of every certificate of sale, which shall be open to the inspection of any person interested in the land therein mentioned.

(4) A copy of such certificate shall be filed by the Treasurer with the registrar of deeds for the County of Halifax and a fee of seventy-five cents paid to the registrar, which shall be included in the cost of the sale.

(5) Such certificate may be in the form following or to the like effect:

#### MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX

This certifies that on..... 19..... the land assessed in the name of..... being..... (here insert street number of such other description as will sufficiently indicate the property) having been put up for sale at public auction by the Treasurer of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, was sold to....., of....., for the sum of \$.....

If the said property is not redeemed within one year from the date of sale a deed will be given by the Municipality for the sum of five dollars, conveying the same to the said purchaser or his assigns in fee simple.

Treasurer of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

(Note in case of redemption)

The above described land was redeemed on..... 19.....  
Date.....

Registrar of Deeds.

18 The purchaser shall, on receipt of the certificate of sale, become the owner of the land so far as to have all necessary rights of action and powers for protecting the same from spoliation or waste, until the expira-

tion of the term during which the land may be redeemed, and may from time to time collect rents due or to grow due, or use the property without diminishing its value, but he shall not cut down any trees thereon, or injure the premises, or knowingly suffer any other person to do so.

19 The purchaser shall not be liable for damage done without his knowledge to the property during the time the certificate is in force.

20 The Treasurer shall, out of the purchase money received for each lot, deduct the amount of the arrears of rates and taxes, with the interest and expenses, for which the lot is liable, as shown by the list advertised, and also all rates and taxes assessed on or in respect to such lot for the subsequent years and due at the time of the sale, and shall pay the balance (if any) as directed by an order of the Supreme Court of a Judge or master thereof, granted on summary application.

21 (1) The owner of any land so sold, or his heirs, executors, administrators or assigns, or any other person having an interest therein, or any person for the benefit of the owner, may at any time within one year from the day of sale, exclusive of that day, redeem the property sold by paying to the Treasurer (who is hereby required to receive the payment) for the use and benefit to the purchaser, or his legal representative, the sum paid by such purchaser, together with ten per cent thereon, together with any amount which has been assessed for rates and taxes against the said property subsequent to the sale thereof.

(2) The Treasurer shall give to the paying such redemption money a receipt, stating the sum paid and the object of the payment, and such receipt shall be evidence of the redemption.

(3) A duplicate of such receipt shall be kept in the office of the Treasurer, open to the inspection of any person interested in the land therein mentioned.

(4) A duplicate shall also be furnished by the Treasurer to the Registrar of Deeds at Halifax, who shall lodge the same with the certificate of sale of the property and note the fact of such redemption on such certificate.

22 (1) The purchaser shall deliver to the Treasurer a statement showing the amount received by him from rents or other income from the property so sold during the period from the date of sale to the time of redemption, and also any amount spent by him for insurance, repairs or other reasonable charges, and any balance of such statement to the debit of the purchaser shall be deducted from the ten per cent aforesaid, and the balance remaining, together with the amount paid at the tax sale, paid to the purchaser or his legal representatives.

(2) If such property has been in the occupation of the purchaser during such period a reasonable amount shall be charged to him for the rent thereof, and if the parties are unable to agree such amount shall be determined by the Treasurer.

(3) In the event of any dispute as to the amount of such balance, or any item in such statement and accounting, the same shall be summarily determined by a Provincial Magistrate whose findings and determination shall be final and conclusive and the costs in such proceedings shall be borne by the Municipality.

23 From the time of the payment to the Treasurer of the full amount of such redemption money, the purchaser of the land shall cease to have any further right in or to the same.



## DEED

24 (1) If the property is not redeemed within such term of one year allowed for its redemption, then, on the demand of the purchaser, or his assigns, or other legal representatives, at any time afterwards and on payment of five dollars, the Treasurer shall prepare and deliver to him or them a deed of such property under the seal of the Municipality and the signature of the Warden and Treasurer then in office, provided that where any rates and taxes against such lands were at the time of the sale due and unpaid for more than six years immediately prior to such time, the Treasurer on the demand of the purchaser or his assigns or other legal representatives shall upon the payment of five dollars, forthwith cause to be prepared and executed a deed of the land sold to such purchaser or his assigns or other legal representatives.

(2) Such deed may be in the form following or to the like effect:

MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF HALIFAX  
TAX DEED

To all to whom these presents shall come, we..... of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, esquire, Warden, and....., of the same place, esquire, Treasurer,

Send Greetings:—

WHEREAS, by virtue of the provisions of..... The Treasurer of the said Municipality did, on the..... day of..... in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and....., sell by auction to..... of the..... of..... in the County of..... that certain lot or parcel of land hereinafter mentioned, at and for the price and sum of \$....., of the lawful money of Canada, on account of the arrears of rates and taxes (if for any other charge insert here) alleged to be due thereon to the..... day of..... in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and....., together with interest and expenses.

Kow know ye that we, the said....., and..... as Warden and Treasurer of the said Municipality, in pursuance of said sale, and of the statutes in such case made and provided, and for the consideration aforesaid, do hereby grant, bargain and sell unto the said....., h heirs and assigns, all that certain lot or parcel of land in the said Municipality of the County of Halifax, and described as follows:

(Description)

The same having been assessed to.....  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the aforesaid Warden and Treasurer of the said Municipality, have hereunto set our hands and affixed the seal of the said Municipality, this..... day of..... in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and.....

Warden (Coporate Seal).  
Treasurer.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of

No.....

25 Every tax deed shall be registered in the office of the Registrar of Deeds at Halifax within fifteen months after the sale, otherwise the persons claiming under such sale shall not be deemed to have preserved their priority as against a purchaser in good faith who has registered his deed prior to the registration of such tax deed.

26 Such deed shall be conclusive that all the provisions of this Act with reference to the sale of the land therein described have been fully complied with, and every act and thing necessary for the legal perfecting of such sale have been duly performed, and shall have the effect of vesting the said land in the grantee, his heirs or assigns, in fee simple, free and discharged from all incumbrances whatsoever.

(2) Such deed shall have the effect of vesting the land described therein in the grantee or purchaser, his heirs and assigns, in fee simple, freed and discharged from all encumbrances whatsoever, whether registered or not, including all claims of any wife for dower and of any husband for courtesy.

(3) Any such deed in such form, or to the like effect, as hereinbefore set forth, purporting to be executed under the seal of the Municipality and to be signed by the Warden and Treasurer, shall vest in the grantee therein named, his heirs and assigns, a full, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple of the land therein described.

27 Where any real property is sold for rates, taxes or other charge, and the sale is set aside for any error, irregularity or other cause, the lien thereon shall not be thereby discharged, but such property may be resold for such rates, taxes or other charges.

28 Proceedings commenced for the sale of land for rates or taxes under the provisions of this Act may be carried on and completed, and a deed thereof executed and registered, notwithstanding the Warden or Treasurer in office at the time of the initiation of such proceedings, or of any step therein, have been respectively succeeded in office by others, and notwithstanding any statute under which such proceedings were commenced or carried on is repealed before the completion thereof and a deed is executed and registered.

29 If at any adjourned sale of land held by the Treasurer under the provisions of Sections 14 and 15, or if at any sale held under the provisions of subsection (2) of Section 16, no bid is received for such land to an amount sufficient to satisfy the rates and taxes, interest and expenses, due with respect thereto the Treasurer may bid the amount of such rates and taxes, interest and expenses, and thereupon such land shall, subject to the right of redemption as in this Act provided, vest in the Municipality, in like manner and to the same extent as such land would have vested in a person who had received a certificate under the provisions of Section 17.

30 (1) On any such purchase by the Municipality, the Treasurer shall file with the Registrar of Deeds for the County of Halifax, a certificate stating that such sale had been had, specifying the land sold, the person to whom it has been last assessed, the price paid and that the lands have been purchased by the Municipality.

(2) The Registrar shall file such certificate for a fee of seventy-five cents.

(3) A copy of such certificate shall be kept in the office of the Treasurer where it may be inspected by any person.

(4) If the land so purchased by the Municipality is redeemed in accordance with the provisions of this Act, or, if not so redeemed, on the expiry of the period allowed for redemption, the Treasurer shall forthwith notify in writing the Registrar either that such land has been so redeemed

or that the period for redemption has expired and that the land has become vested absolutely in the Municipality. The Registrar shall make an entry on such certificate in accordance with the terms of such notice and the Treasurer shall make a similar notation on the copy in his office.

(5) Such certificate shall be in the following form or to the like effect:

#### CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE

This certifies that on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. 19\_\_\_\_, the following property, being all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying, being at \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of Halifax and more particularly described as follows:—

(here describe property)

the same being assessed on the assessment rolls of the Municipality of the County of Halifax in the name of \_\_\_\_\_ and the same having been put up for sale by the Treasurer of the said Municipality for arrears of rates and taxes, was in default of other purchaser, bought in by the said Municipality for the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of Halifax this day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 19\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer.

#### NOTE—

The above described property was redeemed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_\_

or

The above described property not having been redeemed within one year from the date of said sale, has become vested in the said Municipality in fee simple.

Date of Note \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Registrar of Deeds.

31 Any land so purchased by the Municipality shall, after the period of redemption has expired, and without any further act, deed or conveyance except the entry by the Registrar of Deeds on the certificate as required by Section 30, become the property of the Municipality, in like manner and with like title and interest as would have been vested in a purchaser of such land at the sale and to whom a deed had been given by such Municipality after the period of redemption had expired, and the Municipality may lease any such lands for any period not longer than twenty-one years, or may mortgage or sell the same, and it shall not be necessary to obtain the consent of the Minister of the Municipal Affairs to such mortgage or sale.

32 Nothing herein contained shall limit the right of action of the Municipality.

33 Sub-section (5) of Section 9 of Chapter 72 of the Acts of 1953, is amended by adding immediately after the word "shall" in the fifth line thereof the words "for every day such condition is not remedied".

34 (1) No person shall carry on business within the Municipality as a hawker, peddler, petty tradesman, or by going about from place to place on foot, or with any animal bearing or drawing goods for sale, or with any motor vehicle, or with any vehicle of any description, without having first taken out a license therefor.

(2) Nothing in this section shall apply to:—

(a) Any person selling or offering for sale in the Municipality milk, vegetables, fruit or other products of his own farm or garden or forest produced by himself, or

(b) any fisherman selling or offering for sale in the Municipality fish caught by himself.

(3) The Clerk shall issue licenses under this Section which shall be in force for one year from the date of issue and no longer, upon the payment of the following fees:

(a) Where the applicant is not a resident or a ratepayer of the Municipality — \$50.00

(b) Where the applicant is a resident or a ratepayer of the Municipality — \$10.00

(4) Where any person contravenes any provision of this section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$20.00, and in default of payment to imprisonment not exceeding 10 days.

35 (1) Every drain connecting with a public sewer main shall be maintained at the expense of the owner of the property connecting with the public sewer main but subject to the supervision and control of the Engineer.

(2) Every private drain connecting with any public sewer main shall be built subject to the supervision of the Engineer, and shall be of such size and at such level and descent, and with such mode of piercing or opening into the public sewer, and generally in such manner and of such materials, as the Engineer directs, and no such drain shall be covered in until the same has been inspected and approved by the Engineer.

(3) If any such drain is covered in before the same has been so inspected and approved the Engineer may open the same for the purpose of inspection, and the cost of so doing shall be paid by the owner of the property and shall constitute a lien on the property, may be recovered as rates and taxes.

36 (1) No person shall within the Municipality buy, sell, keep or have any of the devices commonly known as air guns, air rifles, or any sling shot.

(2) Where any person contravenes any provision of this Section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$100.00, and in default of payment to imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

37 (1) No person shall within the Municipality, buy, sell, keep or have any of the articles commonly known as squibs or firecrackers.

(2) Where any person contravenes any provision of this Section, he shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding \$200.00, and in default of payment to imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.

38 All property, both real and personal, of The Commissioners for Fire Protection for the District of Woodside used for fire protection services, shall be exempt from municipal, poor district, school and street lighting rates and taxes.

39 All property, both real and personal, of the Bedford Service Commission used for fire protection services, shall be exempt from municipal, poor district, school and street lighting rates and taxes.

40 All property, both real and personal, of the Sheet Harbor Board of Trade, West River, Sheet Harbor, Nova Scotia, used for fire protection services shall be exempt from municipal, poor district, school and street lighting rates and taxes.

**REPORT OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**

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

Gentlemen:

The County Board of Health is pleased to report that there have been no epidemics in the Municipality of the County of Halifax during the year 1953.

In meeting since this Council Session started your County Board of Health has discussed the appointment of Medical Health Officers for the Municipality of the County of Halifax for the year 1954 and now recommend that the same division of the County continue during the year 1954 that was set up in the year 1953 and that Dr. W. N. Watt, M.D., C.M., be the Medical Health Officer for the Western Area of Halifax County and Jail Physician at the same salary at last year and that Dr. N. A. Morrison be the Medical Health Officer for the Eastern Area of Halifax County at the same salary as last year.

With respect to a \$800.00 subsidy that has been paid to Dr. Allan MacLeod of Moser River supplementary to the \$1,200.00 Grant presently being paid to him by the Department of Health your Board recommends that as this doctor has now been in practice in the Moser River Area for the past several years and has now had a chance to get himself established in Medical Practice, that the Grant from this Municipality be reduced to an amount of \$400.00 for the year 1954 and that such Grant be terminated as at December 31st., 1954.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the Committee)

Adopted, March 9, 1954

**REPORT OF THE WELFARE COMMITTEE**

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

Gentlemen:

Your Welfare Committee is pleased to present to the Council its report on the operations and activities at the Halifax County Hospital and the County Jail for the year ended December 31, 1953.

As required by the By-Laws, regular meetings have been held on the 6th day of each month, unless that date fell on a Sunday or Holiday, and on such occasions the committee met as close to that date as possible. In addition to this, many special meetings have been held. The regular monthly meeting is so largely taken up with administration problems, that very little time is left to inspect the Hospital, visit the patients, or inspect the farm, outbuildings, etc. As a result, most of the visiting and inspection has been of necessity carried out at special meetings.

The year has been a busy one and not without its problems. Approximately twenty acres of ground has been bulldozed, and approximately eight acres of this newly cleared land has been stoned and will be ready for planting this year. In addition, five more acres approximately have been made ready for bulldozing, by cutting and clearing. About eighty-four acres of our own land was under cultivation and in addition about nine and a half acres were under cultivation at Lawrencetown on land rented from

Bobby Robertson. This year we will have more ground available than ever before for cultivation. This is a far cry from the eleven and a half acres that we started with in 1940.

General maintenance has been carried out on all the outbuildings, and on the Hospital buildings as well. All windows, doors, fire escapes and guard railings were repainted on the exterior of the old Hospital building, while general repairs to plaster and floors have been made on the interior, together with painting where it was required. Considerable painting was carried out on the interior of the new building — all Hospital wards were painted and all corridors, halls, together with the main entrance. This work has improved the appearance considerably and has taken away some of the bare look that prevails when everything is plain white plaster.

In the main kitchen some re-arranging of steam kettles was carried out. This was primarily due to the prevalent leaking from the drain trough. They have now been placed in a line along the north side of the kitchen, complete with copper covered drain and an aluminum canopy, which results in a far more satisfactory setup. Battleship linoleum was also laid on the kitchen floors, which is a great improvement and much easier to keep clean.

As usual, Christmas festivities were celebrated to the fullest extent. This is always one of the highlights of the year for the patients and everything is done that can be done to make it an enjoyable time for them. The staff always contributes much of their own time to make Christmas as pleasant as possible, and their efforts in this regard are much appreciated by the Committee. This year the Superintendent tried, for the first time, holding a dance after the annual Christmas party, which was much enjoyed by those patients who could take part. In fact so much so that they have asked for additional entertainment of this kind, when possible. The experiment was so successful that a Valentine's dance was also carried out, which again was very much enjoyed by all those who could take part and it is hoped that more entertainments of this type can be carried on in the future to help brighten the lives of the patients, who, through no fault of their own, are forced to live within the confines of the Hospital.

Once again we must pay tribute to many firms, church organizations and individuals who donated so generously to help make Christmas the success it was. It seems that this list is growing year by year and year by year more presents, candy, etc., are received for distribution amongst the patients at Christmas time. The Committee is most appreciative of this kind gesture and wishes to thank all those who contributed in this way. The list will be found attached as Appendix "B" of donations that had been received in this regard.

The Committee also wishes to extend its thanks to the Superintendent, the Matron and all members of the Hospital Staff who have help to carry on the operations of the Halifax County Hospital in as most efficient manner and thanks also goes to those members of the Clergy who visited regularly at the Institution on Sunday mornings to carry out Divine Services and also to the Visiting Committee for the time they have given in visiting the Institution. A copy of the Visiting Committee's report will be found attached to this report as Appendix "C".

Farm produce, although in total dollar value nearly equals that of last year, has dropped off considerably in some of our main crops. This season was not the best season, due to excessive moisture, which encouraged growth of weeds, and made it difficult to get machinery on some parts of the land for cultivation. The Superintendent reported his concern to the Committee around the 1st of August in connection with this matter and

expressed his concern over the number of skips in the potato crop and the poor development of some other root crops. Shortly after this your Committee visited the farm with the Superintendent and with the Farmer, who, at that time, was Mr. Owen Darragh, and all members of the Committee were concerned with the general appearance of the crop and the apparent poor development of some vegetables, particularly turnips and cauliflower.

In order to get at the root of the trouble, your Committee lost no time in arranging, through the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, for two trouble shooters from the Agricultural College at Truro to visit the Farm and to discuss with the Committee what was generally conceded to be a rather poor crop on the Farm. Mr. Shue and Mr. Jenkins examined the Farm and met with the Committee early in September and they reported that the potato crop was suffering from a number of things. Some of the seed they felt was probably ruined through treatment and some of the seed apparently was damaged by the seeder. They could not understand just why the potatoes did not grow more than they did, except for the fact that after questioning about the use of the land, it was determined that there had not been much opportunity to rotate crops to any very great degree, as the Farm had been continually expanding from year to year as the patient population was growing and the total farm area had been planted each year.

They also reported with respect to turnips and cauliflower — that the land was infected with disease known as clubroot. This is a bacterial disease that gets into the soil and is sometimes difficult to get rid of. They recommended the planting of clubroot resistant varieties in the future. The written report of these gentlemen is attached to this report as Appendix "D" and it will be noted that their main recommendation is that a competent Farm Manager be hired to plan and manage the operations of the Farm.

In verbal consultation with the Committee, Mr. Jenkins stated that, in his opinion, the number of livestock and animals that we have at the Hospital, together with the number of acres under cultivation, was too big a job for an ordinary farmer to make a real success of the Farm and he explained to the Committee what a proper Farm Management programme would mean. Briefly, it means hiring a man whose sole responsibility would be the operation of the Farm. Your Committee feels that this would be a wise move in any event, because it is felt that with the increased size of the present Hospital plant, that it is not fair to ask the Superintendent to be completely responsible for the administration of the Hospital, the management of its staff and its affairs, the welfare of the patients, and at the same time to also be responsible for the management of a Farm that is large enough to require the full time attention of some one who is thoroughly versed in Agriculture.

Already your Committee has entered into an Agreement with the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing, through the Director of the Extension Services Programme, to take advantage of the assistance that can be rendered by the Extension Programme of the Agricultural College in Truro. The Agreement reads as follows:

"In order to clarify the Policy of the Farm Management Program and to confirm the intentions of the individual farmer, this Agreement Form is drawn up.

The Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing through the Director of Extension Services agrees:

1. To survey and draw up a farm plan for each entrant.

2. To take and analyze soil samples from each farm.
3. To recommend a suitable crop rotation.
4. To recommend varieties of each crop and the correct amount and kinds of fertilizer for each crop.
5. To advise in ways and means of building up an economical size of farm business.
6. To advise on a sound livestock improvement program.
7. To assist, or supply information, on the organization for efficient marketing.
8. To provide supervision on the keeping of farm records and accounts.

The applicant agrees:

1. To co-operate with the supervisor and give him earnest support.
2. To supply necessary assistance and information.
3. To provide lime, fertilizer and seeds as suggested.
4. To keep the necessary records in connection with farm operations.

I hereby agree to abide by the above regulations with the understanding that if they are not carried out, the assistance will be discontinued."

Your Committee considers that the above is only a step in the right direction however, and that in order to get the very best possible out of the Farm, we should employ a competent Farm Manager to carry on the outside work at the County Hospital, who would be responsible directly to the Committee for the management of the outside work in the same manner as the Superintendent is responsible to the Committee for the management of the Hospital itself. Your Committee recommends that this be done and in this connection recommends that the By-Laws of the Municipality of the County of Halifax be amended as provided for in Appendix "A" which will provide for a Farm Manager, responsible to the Committee, as outlined above.

We also recommend that the employees of the Halifax County Hospital shall be as named in the schedule attached to this report and that the remuneration be as shown in the schedule and that schedule be signed by the Warden and Clerk and filed with the proceedings of Council in the Municipal Office. We also recommend that your Committee be authorized and empowered to make salary revision and changes in personnel, if, as and when required during the coming year.

**Handicrafts.** You will notice in the report of the Visiting Committee that in their opinion the need for handicraft teaching is evident, as they feel that it would add much to the lives of the patients at the Hospital if they were able to take up some hobby. Your Committee has gone into this recommendation to some extent and have already discussed the matter with the Handicraft Division of the Department of Industry for the Province of Nova Scotia, who are looking into the matter on the Committee's behalf and who will be discussing this whole matter with the Committee at a future date.

**Dental Care.** The report of the Medical Health Officer for the County Hospital states that the greatest need at the present time is Dental attention for patients at the Hospital. Your Committee has spent some considerable time in investigating this problem during the past year and have tried to get a Dentist established at the Hospital without success. The matter is being gone into more fully with the Department of Health for the Province of Nova Scotia and with the Dental Society to see if some



method cannot be worked out whereby treatment can be rendered at the Hospital on a financial basis that will be satisfactory, both to the Committee and the Dental Officer concerned.

**County Jail.** Your Committee has met monthly at the County Jail to visit those serving sentence and those awaiting trial and have inspected the Jail thoroughly on each occasion and find that the Jailer and the staff keep this building in as clean and tidy a manner as is possible in a building of this age and commend him and his staff for the manner in which they carry out their duties.

During the year certain repairs have been carried out in the present Jail building. The old type of enamelware has been replaced with new plastic dishes; new linoleum has been placed on the office floor and a new stove has been installed in the kitchen quarters. Also considerable money has been expended in improvements to the heating system early this year and as many of you have noticed, the entire section of fencing between the Court House Building and the Cemetery has been replaced.

Your Committee is also recommending in the Joint Expenditure Estimates increases in pay to the staff at the Jail as follows:

	Present Salary	Recommended Salary	Increase
Jailer .....	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00
Matron .....	500.00	600.00	100.00
Turnkeys .....	1,200.00	1,500.00	300.00

Your Committee feels that the above recommendations with respect to salary are entirely justified, when consideration was given to salaries being paid in other types of employment and to similar types of employment in other parts of the Province.

It is hoped that before too long the Court House will proceed with the improvement programme that has been talked about for several years and which, we understand, will include Jail accommodation, as well as extensions to the existing Court House Building.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the Committee.)

Adopted March 10, 1954

#### APPENDIX "A"

##### Amendment to Chap. 7 of the By-Laws re Farm Manager

Chapter 7, Section "O", "The Interpretation" Section should be amended to insert after the word "attendant", the words "Farm Manager" and "Farm Assistants".

Section 13 of Chapter 7 of the By-laws of the Municipality of the County of Halifax to be deleted in its entirety and the following substituted.

##### 1. Farm Manager

The Committee shall appoint a Farm Manager whose duties will be to co-ordinate all work on the farm. The tenure of appointment of the Farm Manager shall be at the pleasure of the Welfare Committee.

##### 2. Farm Employees

The Farm Manager, subject to confirmation by the Committee, may employ persons as farm employees including an Assistant Farm Manager,

and such employees shall be paid such wages as the Committee may from time to time determine.

### 3. Dismissal

The Farm Manager may dismiss or suspend any farm employee, including the Assistant Farm Manager, who is insubordinate or who breaks the regulations or who is suspected of misconduct in connection with the farm, and shall report his action to the Committee; such employee may appeal to the Committee who shall investigate both sides of the dismissal and whose decision will be final.

### 4. Inmates Employed on Farm

(a) Male inmates may be used as workers on the farm if in the opinion of the Superintendent and the Medical Officer they are mentally and physically able to engage in farm labour.

(b) The Farm Manager shall be responsible for the discipline of inmates assigned to farm work and any infraction of the first prescribed rules shall be reported immediately to the Superintendent.

### 5. Accounts

An accurate and regular account of all materials and supplies purchased for the farm shall be kept and a report of all expenses and charges made to the Committee at the regular monthly meeting.

### 6. Inventory

A complete inventory of all fuel used in connection with the farm, livestock, implements, machinery etc., will be kept so that the Committee may at any time determine what may be required to keep the farm properly supplied and equipped.

### 7. Inspection of Records

All records must be kept in a correct and legible manner and open for inspection by the Committee at any time.

### 8. Purchases

The Farm Manager shall see that every branch of the farm operation is carried out in an efficient manner and that all purchases in connection with the farm are of the quality ordered and used with the strictest economy.

### 9. Leave

His days of leave shall be granted by the Committee and he shall not absent himself from the farm unless he appoints some responsible and competent person approved by the Committee to act in his absence.

### 10. Other Duties

He shall supervise and control the cultivation of the farm and garden and take care of all farm implements, produce and stock, and will be held responsible for the maintenance of such machinery, stock and farm buildings.

11. He shall endeavour at all times to conduct the work on the farm in a most careful and economical manner, study closely in what way or manner he may obtain the best results and suggest to the Committee any improvements that he feels may be necessary.

12. He shall keep a careful record of milk, eggs, vegetables, meats etc., on the farm and supplied to the Hospital. Such records to show the number of eggs, gallons of milk, pounds of Pork, Beef, Fowl etc., so that the Committee by a study of market prices may be in a position to decide to what extent the farm may help in supporting the Hospital.

**13. Farm Produce**

All the available above farm produce shall be supplied to the Hospital at the request of the Superintendent or his designate, and sold to the Hospital at prices to be set by the Welfare Committee. Any farm produce not being used by the Hospital shall be used on the farm for purposes of feed and shall be accounted for as such.

**14. Method of Supplying Hospital**

Any farm produce required by the Hospital and supplied by the farm shall be transferred to the Hospital in the following manner:

A requisition form in triplicate shall be filed out by the Superintendent or his designate.

The Farm Manager shall supply such farm produce if it is possible to so supply, keep the triplicate copy of the requisition form for his own records, and return the original and duplicate copy to the Superintendent or his designate with the farm produce so supplied.

After checking the farm produce so received at the Hospital the Superintendent or his designate shall receipt and return the original copy of the requisition to the Farm Manager, noting the receipt of the goods concerned on the duplicate form which will be retained by the Superintendent at the Hospital for his records.

Approved for presentation for legislation, March 10, 1954

**WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT****APPENDIX "B"****HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL****ENTERTAINMENT AND DONATIONS 1953**

We are indebted to the following for:

Gordon Patterson (Entertainers)	
Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth.....	Christmas Entertainment
Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth .....	20 Motion Pictures
c/o Mr. Grant Allen	Donations of Ice Cream during the year.
Kiwanis Club of Armdale .....	Entertainment
c/o Mr. Fred Leverman	
Women's Institute of Cole Harbour .....	Musical Entertainment
c/o Mrs. John Giles	Donations of Ice Cream and Cake.
Quebec Chapter No. 27, O.E.S. ....	Visitation, donation of home cooking and magazines.
c/o Mrs. Eva Nickerson	
Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter No. 20, O.E.S. ....	Musical Entertainment
c/o Mrs. Alice Theakston	Donation of Ice Cream and cake — Donation of \$10.00 — Donation of 14 Chairs.
Halifax Chapter No. 7, O.E.S. ....	Donation of \$10.00
c/o Mrs. Gertrude Dowell	
Miss M. C. Freda .....	Donation of \$5.00
Canada Packers Limited, Truro, N. S. ....	Donation of \$25.00
Dartmouth Medical Centre .....	Donation of \$25.00 (Radio Fund)

Women's Missionary Society .....	Christmas Gifts
St. James United Church	Donation of 15 Hymn
c/o Miss Phyllis Gentles	Books.
Women's Missionary Society, Grace United Church.	Christmas Gifts
c/o Mrs. C. R. Webber	
Women's Missionary Society, Imperoyal United Church .....	Christmas Gifts
Women's Missionary Society, Women's Missionary Society, Stairs Memorial Church, c/o Mrs. Harold Dillman .....	Christmas Gifts
Women's Missionary Society, United Church, Upper Musquodoboit, c/o Mrs. George Burris.....	Christmas Gifts
Mr. C. G. Roome & Family .....	Bible
Woodlawn United Church .....	Christmas Gifts
c/o Mrs. J. D. N. MacDonald	
Women's Auxiliary, Christ Church .....	Christmas Gifts
c/o Mrs. L. W. Walker	
Brigadier and Mrs. R. E. G. Roome, and Mrs. Neil VanAllen .....	Christmas Gifts and Treats.
I.C.U.R.O.K. Club per Mrs. Charlotte Titus .....	Christmas Gifts to all children. 2 Radios and 2 watches to 2 boys.
Moffatt's Drug Store .....	15 lbs. Candy
Morris Drug Store .....	15 lbs. Candy
Steven's Drug Store .....	25 lbs. Candy
McGrath's Drug Store .....	5 lbs. Chocolates
Rosedale Nurseries Ltd. ....	Donations of Flowers and Plants during the year.
James E. Dean Limited .....	40 lbs. Candy
H. H. O'Brien .....	40 lbs. Candy
C. F. Trider .....	5 Boxes Hard Candy
Solomon Bros. ....	3 Boxes Chocolates
Peoples' Hardware .....	40 lbs. Candy
Howard's Limited .....	30 lbs. Candy
E. L. Lloy .....	10 lbs. Candy
Teasdale Bros. ....	40 lbs. Candy
Canada Packers Limited (Halifax) .....	1 Box Apples
Woodlawn Dairy .....	15 lbs. Candy
Fairley and Stevens Limited .....	25 lbs. Candy
Canadian Laundry Machinery Co. Ltd. ....	Donation of \$5.00
Mrs. Brewer (Spryfield) .....	Donation of \$5.00
Salvation Army (Dartmouth) .....	200 Bags Christmas Treats. Religious Ser- vices during the year.
6-8 Evening Sewing Class, .....	Donation of Candy and Clothing for 34 children.
c/o Miss Verna Hiltz	
Past Matrons Club, Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter	Donation of Clothing for children.
O.E.S., c/o Mrs. Vincent MacInnis	
Shannon Chapter, I.O.D.E., c/o Mrs. R. M. Fraser	Donation of Clothing.
Warden W. J. Dowell .....	4 Boxes of Grapes
Dartmouth Women's Professional Club .....	Entertainment
c/o Mrs. W. Mitchell	
St. Peter's Church, Children of Mary .....	Christmas Gifts
Knights of Columbus, St. Peter's Church .....	Ministrel Show —
c/o Major James Lovett	Ice Cream and Cake.

**13. Farm Produce**

All the available above farm produce shall be supplied to the Hospital at the request of the Superintendent or his designate, and sold to the Hospital at prices to be set by the Welfare Committee. Any farm produce not being used by the Hospital shall be used on the farm for purposes of feed and shall be accounted for as such.

**14. Method of Supplying Hospital**

Any farm produce required by the Hospital and supplied by the farm shall be transferred to the Hospital in the following manner:

A requisition form in triplicate shall be filed out by the Superintendent or his designate.

The Farm Manager shall supply such farm produce if it is possible to so supply, keep the triplicate copy of the requisition form for his own records, and return the original and duplicate copy to the Superintendent or his designate with the farm produce so supplied.

After checking the farm produce so received at the Hospital the Superintendent or his designate shall receipt and return the original copy of the requisition to the Farm Manager, noting the receipt of the goods concerned on the duplicate form which will be retained by the Superintendent at the Hospital for his records.

Approved for presentation for legislation, March 10, 1954

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**WELFARE COMMITTEE REPORT**
**APPENDIX "B"****HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL****ENTERTAINMENT AND DONATIONS 1953**

We are indebted to the following for:

Gordon Patterson (Entertainers)	
Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth.....	Christmas Entertainment
Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth .....	20 Motion Pictures
c/o Mr. Grant Allen	Donations of Ice Cream during the year.
Kiwanis Club of Armdale .....	Entertainment
c/o Mr. Fred Leverman	
Women's Institute of Cole Harbour .....	Musical Entertainment
c/o Mrs. John Giles	Donations of Ice Cream and Cake.
Quebec Chapter No. 27, O.E.S. ....	Visitation, donation of home cooking and magazines.
c/o Mrs. Eva Nickerson	
Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter No. 20, O.E.S. ....	Musical Entertainment
c/o Mrs. Alice Theakston	Donation of Ice Cream and cake — Donation of \$10.00 — Donation of 14 Chairs.
Halifax Chapter No. 7, O.E.S. ....	Donation of \$10.00
c/o Mrs. Gertrude Dowell	
Miss M. C. Freda .....	Donation of \$5.00
Canada Packers Limited, Truro, N. S. ....	Donation of \$25.00
Dartmouth Medical Centre .....	Donation of \$25.00 (Radio Fund)

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c/o Major James Lovett	

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green .....	1 Box Apples
Dartmouth Baptist Church Ladies' Aid .....	Christmas Gifts
c/o Mrs. Cedric Mitchell	
Dartmouth Detachment R.C.M.P. ....	Assistance rendered during the year 1953.
Chef of Police Lawlor (Dartmouh) .....	Assistance rendered during the year 1953.
Fev. Fathers Hooper and Sweeney .....	Religious Services and Visitations.
Rev. J. D. N. MacDonald .....	Religious Services and Visitations.
Rev. David L. Kennedy .....	Religious Services and Visitations.
Rev. Benjamin Fream .....	Religious Services and
Miscellaneous donations of Magazines and Clothing.	

**APPENDIX "C"**  
**REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE**  
**HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL**

Tangier, N. S.  
November 20, 1953

The Warden and Members of the Municipal Council,  
The County of Halifax, N. S.,  
The Law Courts, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs:

I beg to advise that the Visiting Committee of the Halifax County Hospital visited the Institution on November 19th and that Mrs. A. C. Pettipas, Mrs. Harry Merrick, Mrs. J. T. Cruikshanks and the Rev. P. C. Jefferson (Guest) were present.

Your Committee visited and inspected all the wards, the kitchen, the dining rooms, refrigerators, the laundry and the lavatories, all were clean and in good order.

Your Committee again recommends that some system of forced ventilation be installed especially in the corridors near the kitchen and the corridor joining the two buildings. The wards on the northwest side of the new wing are apt to be cold. It was noticed that there were some blankets placed at the bottom of the outside doors to keep out the draft. This trouble could be overcome by using weather stripping, but better, hang outside doors.

May we suggest that "Service Clubs" ought to be encouraged to furnish sitting or recreational rooms. The work already done by the Hon. Joseph Howe Chapter of the L.O.D.E. is most commendable.

The need for handcraft teaching is evident and your Committee feels that it would add much to the lives of those who are able to take up some hobby. We recommend that a careful study be made and that an instructor or instructors even on a part-time basis be engaged.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

(Signed) G. S. TANTON,  
(Rev. G. S. Tanton) Chairman.

Received and filed, March 10, 1954

## APPENDIX "D"

## NOVA SCOTIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETING

Truro, N. S.  
September 22, 1953

Mr. R. G. Hattie,  
Municipal Clerk,  
Municipality of Halifax,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Hattie:

As a result of our visit to the Halifax County Hospital Farm September 10th, we wish to submit the following report on the operations of the farm.

In a survey of the farm it was noted that the crops generally were very poor and yields would be very low. It is our opinion that the poor crops are the result of bad management practices.

We would therefore recommend the following:

1. That a competent Farm Manager be hired to plan and manage the operations of the farm. We further recommend that this Farm Manager be a man who has had some training in agriculture at an Agricultural College.
2. That a map be prepared showing the location and size of each of the fields on the farm.
3. That a definite cropping program be established for each field of the farm. Such a program to include the growing of grass and legume crops to maintain the organic matter content of the soil. This program to be surveyed and approved by the Field Crops Services Branch of the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Marketing.
4. The use of Fall Rye as a Winter cover crop on as much of the cultivated land as possible.
5. The planting of Wilhelmsberger variety of Swede Turnips. This is a Club Root resistant variety.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) J. E. Shuh  
J. E. Shuh, Director,  
Field Crops Services.

(Signed) W. A. Jenkins,  
W. A. Jenkins,  
Assistant Director Extension Services.



**REPORT OF COUNTY HOSPITAL MEDICAL OFFICER**

To the Warden and Members of the Halifax County Council,  
Halifax County, N. S.

Dears Sirs:

The routine Medical care of patients at the County Hospital has been carried out daily for the past year.

The greatest need at present is dental attention for patients in the Hospital. There is a serious problem, with the majority of these people requiring extensive treatment.

The cropping up of the odd case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis among the patients create quite a problem, as the isolation of those which have to be kept here is difficult.

The Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Smith, have made working conditions here very pleasant for me. The entire staff have given excellent cooperation in the medical care and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking them.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) F. F. P. MALCOLM, M.D.

Received and filed, March 10, 1954

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VISITING COMMITTEE  
HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL**

The Warden and Members of the Municipal Council,  
The County of Halifax,  
The Law Courts, Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs:

I beg to submit the annual report of the Visiting Committee of the Halifax County Hospital. Two official visits were made by your Committee together with visits by the individual members during the year.

All wards, infirmaries, dining rooms, kitchens, refrigerators, laundry and lavatories were inspected. All were clean and in good order. At no time have we visited the hospital and found it otherwise than clean and wholesome.

Your Committee did note that the wards, especially on the north side were cold. It is realized that in an institution of this nature that there must be adequate ventilation and probably the open windows account for the cold. If so, it is recommended that a ventilating system be installed. Some of the doors, again on the north side, need to be repaired and have weather stripping on them. In one or two cases in the infirmaries there ought to be more bed clothes provided.

Your Committee, once again, recommends that some provision be made to carry on handcrafts and other hobbies and that a part time or full time instructor be engaged to do this work.

Several complaints were received from patients that the food, though wholesome was scant in servings. Your Committee respectfully suggests that this matter be brought to the attention of the Welfare Committee.

We learned with great satisfaction that the Knights of Columbus of Dartmouth are furnishing a sitting room (interior decorations, furniture,

floor covering and curtains) for the female patients in one of the wards. They are to be congratulated on this good work. We hope that other fraternal organizations and service clubs will be encouraged to follow this good example.

Entertainment for the patients has been carried on as in other years and the social life has been greatly enhanced by the institution of weekly dances for the patients.

In closing this report we pay tribute to the good work being done by the Superintendent and Mrs. Smith, together with the Staff, and express our appreciation for courtesies received.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) G. S. TANTON,  
on behalf of the Committee.

Referred to Welfare Committee, March 10, 1954

### REPORT OF THE WELFARE COMMITTEE

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

Gentlemen:

The Welfare Committee has examined the exhibits of the various District Balances and find they all have Credit Balances in Poor and District Accounts.

We recommend the present system of administering Poor and District Rates be continued for the ensuing year.

We, as a Committee, have looked over the Poor and District Expenditures for each District during the past year and have found them all to be in order.

We, therefore, recommend to Council that all such expenditures be hereby ratified by this Council.

We recommend that the following rates be assessed to the following Districts for Poor and District purposes, as has been recommended by each Councillor:

District Number	Amount of Assessment	Total Rate	District for Poor Levy	Proportion of Poor	Proportion for Other Purposes
7	\$2,451,750	\$.20	\$ 4,903.50		100%
8	3,686,525	.15	5,529.79		100%
9	1,589,550	.10	1,589.55	90%	10%
10	833,675	.30	2,501.03	70%	30%
11	1,505,250	.10	1,505.25	100%	
12	9,164,050	.40	36,656.20		100%
13	1,628,850	.20	3,257.70	50%	50%
14	4,278,200	.15	6,417.30	85%	15%
15	412,675	—	—	—	—
16	276,725	.20	553.45	75%	25%
17	642,950	.10	642.95		100%
18	590,450	.20	1,180.90		100%
19	873,300	.10	873.30	100%	
20	462,675	.35	1,619.36		100%
21	901,200	.50	4,506.00		100%
22	466,525	.45	2,099.36		100%
23	1,868,350	.05	934.18		100%
24	827,725	.15	1,241.59		100%
25	644,950	.25	1,612.38		100%
26	693,225	.05	346.61		100%
27	4,214,925	.15	6,322.39	50%	50%
28	6,693,625	.10	6,693.63	50%	50%

Councillors of Districts No. 20, 21 and 22 have requested that the sum of \$1,500.00 be paid from the District Funds of No. 20; \$1,500.00 from District Funds of No. 22 and the sum of \$3,000.00 be paid from District No. 21 to the Treasurer of the Eastern Shore Memorial Hospital, Sheet Harbour, on or before July 31, 1954. Your Committee recommends this be done.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed by the Committee).

Adopted, March 10, 1954