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of the

THIRD YEAR MEETINGS

of the

Thirty-Third Council

of the

MUNICIPALITY

of the

COUNTY OF HALIFAX

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE THIRTY-THIRD COUNCIL OF
THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY
OF HALIFAX.

FIRST DAY MORNING

February 14, 1961.

Council met at 10:30 a.m.

The Session opened with the repeating in unison of the Lord's Prayer.

Roll called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Cox, Palmeto, and Rogers submitting an application for reappointment as Solicitors for the County.

Councillors Moser and Curren moved:-

"THAT the law firm of Cox, Palmeto and Rogers be appointed as Municipal Solicitors during the ensuing year, on the same basis as in the past."
Motion carried.

A Public Hearing was then held re Armdale Zoning By-Law.

The Municipal Clerk asked the County Planning Engineer, Mr. Reardon to show the Council and the people in the gallery a plan of the Armdale Zoning.

Councillor Moser stated that he was one of the strongest objectors to the erection of the Hart motel a few years ago. He asked where it was intended the new motel would be, adding that with the construction of a motel in the area, there would be congestion.

The Warden asked if anybody or anyone in the gallery wished to speak on the Armdale Zoning By-Law.

Mr. J. B. Morrow, President of the Springvale Avenue Sub-division Improvement Association, asked permission to read a report of a Committee set up to study changes in Armdale Zoning. The report stated that the Committee gave full support to the present zoning, but would raise strong objection to any re-zoning in the

area immediately south of the Springvale Avenue Subdivision.

The Warden then asked if anyone else from the gallery wished to speak on the proposed Armdale Zoning By-Law.

The Municipal Clerk said that he had not received any written objections to the proposed Armdale Zoning By-Law.

Councillor Blackburn asked if the Council was going to vote on the Armdale Zoning By-Law, before the County Planning Board brought in its report.

The Municipal Clerk stated that the Council was voting on the Armdale Zoning By-Law as it had been recommended by the Planning Board at the January Session.

Councillors Hanrahan and Balcome moved:-

"THAT the Zoning By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Halifax be amended by adding thereto Appendix "X", and that Section 14 of the said Zoning By-Law be amended by adding immediately after the words "Appendix 'C'" the words "and Appendix 'X'". Motion carried.

Councillors Balcome and Henley moved:-

"THAT Armdale Zoning By-Law, and all by-laws in amendment thereto, be repealed." Motion carried.

Councillor Blackburn said that in regard to the proposed motel he could not see where the erection of such could affect or congest the area.

In answer to Councillor Moser's question concerning the motel, the Municipal Clerk stated that the Council voted on the acceptance of present Zoning By-Laws, and that the objection raised in Mr. Morrow's report pertained to re-zoning immediately south of Springvale Avenue Subdivision.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from Mr. C. J. Mitchell, County Constable in District 14. Council agreed that the letter be referred to the Councillor in that district.

Councillor Spears asked if the Municipal Solicitor had brought By-Laws pertaining to County Constables.

The Municipal Clerk said that Mr. Cox had the By-Laws, but was not present at the moment.

The Municipal Clerk then read a letter from the Musquodoboit Harbour Board of Trade requesting that the matter of the Musquodoboit Harbour Park be turned over to them.

The Municipal Clerk also mentioned that he had several petitions concerning the redistribution in District 14D.

The Warden suggested that the petitions be deferred until the Report on Redistribution was brought in.

Councillors Curren and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the Council Meeting of December 15, 30 - 1960; and January 10, 1961, be approved as circulated." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then read the County Planning Board Report.

Councillors Settle and Henley moved:-

"THAT the Report of the County Planning Board be adopted."

Councillor Moser stated that with the building of the motel on the Bay Road, there would be a bottleneck created, and with such a hazard he could not agree to the construction of the motel.

Councillor Settle said that some explanation of this motel construction could be made. He said that people in the area were already in a bad situation, because of narrow roads, and felt that since the motel would have an adequate entrance there could be no further hazard created.

Councillor Moser then suggested that the motel discussion be continued after a Public Hearing was held.

Councillors Redmond and Balcome moved:-

"THAT this Council advertise in the usual manner, its intention to rezone the remainder of the Percy R. Keddy property on the St. Margaret's Bay Road, Armdale, from R-1 residential use to C-1 Commercial use." Motion carried.

The motion, that approval of County Planning Board Report, was put and carried.

Councillors Archibald and Flawn moved:-

"THAT notwithstanding the fact that appeals from assessment in the Municipality of the County of Halifax are heard on the 4th Wednesday in January, and that Notices of appeal must be filed ten days prior to this;

AND WHEREAS it was impossible to complete assessments for persons leasing space or land at the Halifax International Airport due to lack of information from the Department of Transport;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the date for filing appeals on these assessments be extended to February 27, 1961, and the date for the Board of Appeal to meet to consider appeals, if any, arising from parties so assessed, be extended to Wednesday, the 1st day of March, 1961." Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Burris took the Chair.

Councillor Blackburn asked if services such as parking at the International Airport are assessable.

The Director of Assessment said that the people renting parking space are assessed for land only.

Mr. Hattie read a resolution to renew a note for Capital Borrowing in an amount of \$500,000.00 for a further period of 90 days at 4 3/4%.

In reply to Councillor McGrath's question, Mr. Hattie said that no other Trust Company had been asked to take the note at a lower rate.

The Municipal Clerk said that at the time that the loan was negotiated the County shopped around, but he did not shop around to have the note renewed. While it may be renewed at 4 1/2%, he was asking authority to renew it at a maximum of 4 3/4%. In reply to question by Councillor Blackburn, Municipal Clerk informed Council 5 3/4% was the rate paid on the County's overdraft. He pointed out that this rate was the same as that paid by Province.

Councillors Archibald and Redmond moved:-

"THAT the Warden and Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to sign a Promissory Note to extend a loan in the amount of \$500,000 for a further three-month period from a Trust Company doing business in Halifax and at an interest rate of 4-3/4%." Motion carried.

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved:-

"THAT the proposed By-Law to amend the Mobile Home By-Law, of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, be tabled until the next Session of Council." Motion carried.

The Municipal Solicitor read an act relating to the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

Regarding the new legislation, Councillor McGrath asked about Section #6.

Councillor Curren said there should be a study between the Municipal School Board and the County Planning Board concerning the acquisition of new land for school construction.

Councillor Flawn suggested that the Committee get an option on the land. He said a prime example of land loss due to lack of option was Clayton Park, a new Sub-division in Rockingham.

Mr. Rogers, in reply to a question by Mr. Blackburn, said these changes in legislation were necessary due to one section of the draft being deleted by the Private and Local Bills Committee, which put the paragraph numbers out of order. This motion was to rectify the situation, but in no way changed the content of the legislation.

Councillors Flawn and White moved:-

"THAT the proposed legislation entitled "An Act Relating to the Municipality of the County of Halifax" as read and explained to Council this date, be approved." Motion carried.

Councillor Moser asked whether the debts of the Municipality of the County of Halifax on Capital projects were assumed by Town of Dartmouth, through amalgamation.

The Municipal Clerk stated that the Town of Dartmouth had assumed debts of the Municipality on Capital projects through amalgamation.

The Council agreed that it would be more equitable to provide ice-cream for County Hospital patients at the noon-day meal, rather than provide such treats as cigarettes, gum, or candy.

Councillor Redmond moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:00 p.m."
Motion carried.

FIRST DAY AFTERNOON

February 14, 1961.

Council met at 2:25 p.m., with Warden Leverman in the Chair.

Following roll call, Warden Leverman extended a welcome to Councillor Archibald on his return to Council after a lengthy illness.

A discussion followed whether the Mobile Home By-Law and the Building By-Law should be considered during this session. The Municipal Clerk said he was of the opinion they could be dealt with, but that as the Occupancy Permit By-Law was a new one, that this perhaps should receive further study by the Councillors before voting on it.

Councillors Redmond and Daye moved:-

"THAT the resolution passed this morning relative to the By-Law to amend the Mobile Home By-Law be rescinded, and that the By-Law be reconsidered on Thursday of this week or as soon as possible thereafter, along with a By-Law to amend the Building By-Law."

Before voting on the motion, an amendment to the motion was moved by Councillors Blackburn and Baker:-

"THAT these By-Laws be considered by Councillors, but not voted on until the March Session of Council." Amendment lost.

By standing vote, the original motion was carried with 22 voting for the motion and 2 against the motion.

Solicitor Rogers spoke on the Occupancy Permit By-Law, and suggested that Council be given time to examine the By-Law in detail and to deal with it at a later date.

In reply to a question by Councillor McGrath, Mr. Rogers said there may be many cases where a permit would be issued before a building is completed, so long as adequate health facilities are available. This, he said, would be at the discretion of the building inspector.

Councillor Baker said he thought Council should take a good look at this By-Law before voting on it, as many people have to complete buildings gradually and occupy them before they are completed. He said he felt Council might be going too far in giving Building Inspectors the power to refuse occupancy.

Councillor McGrath asked the Solicitor what influence the proposed By-Law would have in the case of a building moved from one site to another, to which Mr. Rogers replied that under these circumstances a permit would be required.

Councillor McGrath said he understood the By-Law was not intended to imply a hardship on owners.

Mr. Rogers said, generally, there are three cases where a permit would be required:

(1) Before moving into a new construction, when an occupancy permit would be applied for at the same time as the building permit;

(2) In cases where a building had been condemned, a permit would be required before the building could be reinhabited. This, he said, was to protect people from moving into a building in a bad state of repair;

(3) Where a building's use has been altered. For instance, where a former dwelling is altered to incorporate a store in the front two rooms. Before the store could be occupied, an occupancy permit would be required.

Mr. Rogers, in answer to a question by Warden Leverman, said the proposed By-Law does not cover sub-standard dwellings.

Councillors Spears and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Occupancy Permit By-Law be tabled until the next regular Session of the Council." Motion carried.

Mr. Hattie read the Report of the Board of Appeal.

Councillor McGrath asked if a person pays \$20 Poll Tax to the City of Halifax or to the Town of Dartmouth, would the City or Town refund \$15, the value of the County Poll Tax, if requested.

Councillor Blackburn suggested the County Poll Tax should be equal to the City and Town Poll Tax.

The Municipal Clerk said the amount of the Poll Tax was decided upon during the January meeting of Council.

Councillor Blackburn said the City charges a poll tax of \$20 to both men and women, and that Dartmouth did the same, both being levied on persons earning over \$1,000 a year. He asked why the County continued to tax males only \$15 and females nothing.

Mr. Hattie replied that the policy was set by Council, and that Council had decided not to place a tax on females.

Councillor Henley suggested that this matter could be discussed during the special meeting on taxation being held immediately after this afternoon's session.

Councillor Redmond observed that the Report of the Board of Appeal indicated two instances where there was evidence that gasoline had entered the domestic water supply, resulting in reduced assessments. He said he felt that not only did the owners suffer, but that the County suffered as well due to the resultant lower assessments. He asked what approach the County had to the responsible company. He said he was not disputing the finding of the Board of Appeal.

In reply to a question put by Councillor Moser, Mr. Hattie said that all witnesses appearing before the Appeal Board are sworn. Continuing, Mr. Hattie said that the Board had temporarily reduced these two assessments, and that he understood the company involved would make good the damage done.

Solicitor Cox, speaking from the gallery, said there are a number of lawsuits pending throughout the province for similar

actions, and that he felt the Municipality would have no course of action in this matter. But the owners have brought action against the company, he said, which would be tried in the near future.

Councillors Curren and Settle Moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Board of Appeal be received and filed." Motion carried.

The Municipal Director of Assessment read his report.

Councillor McGrath asked Mr. Purcell what happened to the four people who resigned from the Assessor's Department during the past year. Mr. Purcell replied that one had gone with the province, one entered the pulp wood business and two joined the Assessment Department of the Town of Dartmouth.

Councillor Moser asked why Mr. Purcell found it necessary to replace the assessors. He said he felt Council should cut down its staff.

Mr. Purcell said in a few years the County will have just as many accounts as it had before amalgamation, although 7,000 accounts were lost to Dartmouth.

Councillor Blackburn said he did not agree with Mr. Purcell, and that he did agree with Councillor Moser. He asked why the assessor's department needed as many people as before amalgamation to do three quarters of the work. He said if extra men were needed in three or four years time, they should be hired then.

Councillor Redmond said in private business, when there is a reduction in business, there is a staff reduction automatically. Then, when business increases, and if the increase warrants it, there is an increase in staff. He said in all departments he felt there could be a decrease in staff.

Councillor Archibald observed the County now has 37,505 tax accounts serviced by a staff of eight. Mr. Purcell said each assessor has about 100 to 150 field days a year, amounting to some

35 to 40 calls per assessor a day.

Councillor Redmond said that comparing the number of tax accounts to the County's population, this means there are only two persons per tax account. He said he questioned this figure.

Mr. Purcell said the figure includes poll tax payers, and Councillor Settle observed that it includes a great many non-residents as well.

Mr. Purcell said the assessors take a census every year; that they enquire about the number of people living in each home.

Councillor Moser again asked why Mr. Purcell considered he needed two more assessors.

Mr. Purcell replied that he did not add two more assessors; what he had done was to replace those who left.

Warden Leverman observed that while the County lost 7,000 accounts to Dartmouth, already the County had picked up over 2,000 new ones.

Councillor Hanrahan questioned whether it was possible the assessors' department was actually understaffed in the past.

Councillor Henley observed that the County should hope for very rapid development in the next few years. He said he felt sure the assessor's department had been understaffed, and that it was most unfair to consider a reduction of his staff.

Warden Leverman paid tribute to the Municipal staff, adding that almost every time he went to his office during evenings or Saturdays a large percentage of the staff was on the job.

Councillor Redmond said he felt there are some very competent persons in the office, but that their duties were not delegated properly.

Councillor Grant said he felt that County taxes got out of line during the past few years and that private incomes had not kept pace with tax increases. He said he felt that if it were

possible to reduce the staff by even one it would be worthwhile.

Councillor Blackburn said that as a member of the Finance and Executive Committee, he always questioned requests for modern equipment that's supposed to make extra help unnecessary.

Councillor Baker observed that Mr. Purcell had been employed by the County for a number of years, and that he was in a position to know if replacements for his staff were in fact necessary. He said that if Councillors took a good look at the number of their committee meetings they might be able to save some money there.

Councillor Daye said that if the total number of tax accounts was cut down, so should the staff be reduced.

Councillors Curren and Baker moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Director of Assessment be received and filed."

Motion carried by a standing vote of 19 for, 5 against.

Councillor Baker asked for a report on the remuneration received by Councillors during the past year, which Mr. Hattie agreed to provide.

Solicitor Rogers read the following Resolution:-

WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that the hereinafter described lands are required by the Municipality for school purposes at Spryfield, in the County of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that no agreement can be made for the purchase thereof;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council expropriate the hereinafter described lands and that the compensation for the said lands be \$10,500.00;

CLYDE CHAMBERS PROPERTY
SOUTH SPRYFIELD

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being at South Spryfield, in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, and being a portion of Lot A as shown on a plan of Clyde Chambers property, prepared by Walter E.

Servant, P.L.S., and signed by Granville Leopold, P.L.S., dated February 8th, 1961, and which said lot may be more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron post set at the intersection of the eastern boundary of the Old Highway with the southern boundary of Lot 8, said point being fifty-six (56) feet from the centre line of the present Herring Cove Road;

THENCE by the magnet of the year 1961, North seventy degrees fifty-eight minutes East ($N70^{\circ} 58'E$) along the southern boundary of said Lot 8, one hundred one and four tenths (101.4) feet to an iron post;

THENCE North nineteen degrees two minutes West ($N19^{\circ} 02'W$) along the eastern boundary of said Lot 8, one hundred (100) feet to the southern boundary of property now or formerly owned by Bernard Brunt;

THENCE North seventy degrees twelve minutes East ($N70^{\circ} 12'E$) along the southern boundaries of said property now or formerly owned by Bernard Brunt and property now or formerly owned by Hector Gaudet, (recorded in Book 1466, Page 357 in the Registry of Deeds at Halifax), four hundred thirteen and five tenths (413.5) feet to an iron post set in the southwestern boundary of the Old Ferguson Cove Road;

THENCE along the various courses of the southwestern boundary of the said Old Ferguson Cove Road a calculated bearing and distance of South sixty-eight degrees two minutes East ($S68^{\circ} 02'E$) seven hundred seven and sixty-two one hundredths (707.62) feet to an iron post set at the northern angle of property now or formerly owned by Robert Bishop;

THENCE South sixty-one degrees twenty-five minutes West ($S61^{\circ} 25'W$) along the northwestern boundary of said property now or formerly owned by Robert Bishop eight hundred eighty-eight and four tenths (888.4) feet to an iron post;

THENCE North nineteen degrees West ($N19^{\circ}W$) sixteen (16) feet to an iron post;

THENCE South sixty-one degrees twenty-five minutes West ($S61^{\circ} 25'W$) along the northwestern boundary of Marie Avenue, one hundred sixty and five tenths (160.5) feet to an iron post, said point being the southeastern angle of Lot 1;

THENCE North nine degrees twenty-five minutes West ($N09^{\circ} 25'W$) along the eastern boundaries of Lots 1 to 7 inclusive, four hundred fifty-seven (457) feet to an iron post;

THENCE South seventy degrees fifty-eight minutes West ($S70^{\circ} 58'W$) along the northern boundary of said Lot 7 one hundred one and four tenths (101.4) feet to an iron post set in the eastern boundary of the Old Highway, said point being fifty-four (54) feet from the centre line of the present Herring Cove Road;

THENCE North nine degrees twenty-five minutes West ($N09^{\circ}25'W$) along the eastern boundary of the said Old Highway, sixty-six and ninety-four one hundredths (66.94) feet to the place of beginning.

CONTAINING ten (10) acres.

It was moved by Councillors White and Spears that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried.

Solicitor Rogers then read the following resolution:-

WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that the hereinafter described lands are required by the Municipality for school purposes at Herring Cove, in the County of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that no agreement can be made for the purchase thereof;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council expropriate the hereinafter described lands and that the compensation for the said lands be \$1,200.00;

BAKER PROPERTY
HERRING COVE

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being at Herring Cove, in the County of Halifax, and shown as the Baker Property on a plan prepared by Nolan Bros. and Associates, dated February 10, 1961, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the western side of a brook which divides the Orman Power property, from the School Property, and the property under description at the juncture of the most southerly corner of the property under description with the most easterly corner of the School Property, in the centre of an old stone wall, as shown on said plan;

THENCE on a bearing (N50° 19'W) a distance of 40.5 feet to a point;

THENCE on a bearing (N63° 45'W) a distance of 40.6 feet to a point;

THENCE on a bearing (N10° 45'W) a distance of 53.86 feet to a point;

THENCE on a bearing (N23° 46'E) a distance of 18.8 feet to a point;

THENCE on a bearing (N66° 56'E) a distance of 22.45 feet to a point;

THENCE on a bearing (S85° 15'E) a distance of 32.5 feet to a point;

THENCE on a bearing (S49° 53'E) a distance of 30.04 feet to a said brook;

THENCE in a generally southerly direction along the west side of said brook to the place of beginning.

It was moved by Councillors Spears and Curren that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried.

The Report of the Public Works Committee was read by Mr. Hattie.

Councillors Spears and Redmond moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Public Works Committee and its appendicies be tabled and discussed at a later date during this session."

Motion was carried by a standing vote of 16 for, 8 against.

Warden Leverman said that Councillors would meet tomorrow at Ocean View Home at 10 o'clock, and that they would proceed from there to the County Hospital in time for lunch about 12:30. The Warden also expressed his disapproval of providing the male patients with cigarettes with nothing for the female patients.

A discussion followed regarding treats for the patients, with Warden Leverman, Councillor Stubbs, Baker, Daye, Moser, Archibald and Snair participating.

Councillor Snair, Chairman of the Welfare Committee, said he felt the policy was changed this morning. He said he thought it was a good idea to abandon treats, and that in so far as he knew, no Councillor enjoyed playing Santa Claus. If Councillors wanted to continue treating the patients, he said he felt it would be a good idea to have the treats served during a meal. He said the idea of cutting down the variety of treats stemmed from the superintendent of the hospital, that in the past some patients were given food, candy, or tobacco they should not have had. In addition he said, apples and oranges are not the treat today they used to be. He said he also felt Councillors should not consider taking treats to the men and not to the women. Any change, he felt, would be for the better.

Councillor Snair suggested that Councillors take nothing, but to let the superintendent buy ice-cream and serve it to the patients

during a meal. If Councillors wanted to do something more, he suggested they follow a suggestion made by Councillor Stubbs by donating a radio, T.V., or something similar.

Councillor Thomas said that the superintendent will tell the patients that the ice-cream was supplied by the Councillors.

Councillor Blackburn said that if the Councillors arrived at the Hospital without at least apples or something else, he felt he would not like to go on the visit.

Councillor MacKenzie suggested they accept the Chairman's Report as is.

Councillor Baker said he felt the change in treats was too drastic, that he concurred with Councillor Blackburn's remarks and that while he would attend a meeting at the Hospital he would not like to mix with the patients.

Councillor Curren asked if ice-cream is on the normal hospital diet, to which Councillor Snair replied that it is not, although certain service clubs do provide it occasionally.

Councillor Curren recalled that in the past Councillors included chocolate cookies in their treat. He felt if chocolate cookies were handed out along with the ice-cream that this would be satisfactory.

Councillors Curren and Snair moved:-

"THAT ice-cream and chocolate cookies, with cigarettes at the table, be served with the noonday meal at the Halifax County Hospital and Ocean View." Motion carried.

Councillors Blackburn and Baker moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at Ocean View Municipal Home." Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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SECOND DAY MORNING

Council met at 10 a.m., at the Ocean View Municipal Home.

Roll called.

Council then adjourned to inspect the Home facilities.

Following the inspection, they proceeded to the County Hospital for lunch.

SECOND DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2:00 p.m. at the Halifax County Hospital.

Roll called.

Council then adjourned to carry out it's annual visit to and inspection of the hospital and farm facilities.

February 16, 1961.

THIRD DAY MORNING

Council met at 10:35 a.m.

Roll called. Deputy Warden Burris in the Chair.

Deputy Warden Burris said that the minutes of the first day's meeting were being circulated and that they would come up for approval later in the day.

Mr. Hattie read two communications. The first letter was from the Armdale Service Commission regarding sidewalk construction, which was referred to the Public Works Committee. The second was a letter from the Armdale Ratepayers Association concerning representation in District 12. This was referred to the Redistribution Committee.

The Municipal Clerk stated there was a breakdown in the office duplicating machine and that reports would be brought in as soon as they became available.

The Report of the Medical Health Officer for Halifax West was read by Dr. Kevin Smith.

Councillors Spears and Balcome moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Medical Health Officer for Halifax-West be received."

Councillor Moser questioned Councillor Baker's action in paying for medical services rendered in his district for immunization inoculations. He wondered if there should be a recommendation from the Medical Health Officer to the Provincial Government that these medical services be provided free of charge to school pupils.

Dr. Smith said that immunization in Nova Scotia comes under the Provincial Department of Health. The department provides nurses, vaccine, and the equipment and get the doctors to attend the clinics. Dr. Smith agreed this matter had become a contentious problem, but he wondered if the County should go on record as demanding free

medical services. On the other hand, he said, he did not feel the County should pay for medical services of this nature. He felt it would also set a precedent not only in the County but throughout the province as well.

Councillor Moser felt the Medical Health Officer should bring in a recommendation in this regard. He said that when another Councillor pays for medical services for immunization he felt he would have to do the same thing for his district.

Dr. Smith replied that his position in this regard was only to give advice to the County and that he had no official position with the Provincial Government. He did not consider this to be a County problem but a Provincial problem as it is the Province which runs the clinics.

Councillor Baker said he had district money available at the time, and that his people picked their own doctors. He felt that some people in his district could not afford the money and he said he also realized that some doctors were supplying their services at no charge. He said that any doctor who makes a charge for immunization against polio in his district would be paid. He suggested that the Nova Scotia Medical Society might be approached to set up free clinics, similar in nature to the free services provided by the Legal Aid Clinic of the Nova Scotia Barristers Society. He felt this would be a good move on behalf of the doctors to make for better relations between the Medical Society and the people of Nova Scotia. He said he felt if the matter would be put to them they may do something about it. Councillor Baker asked Council to request the Medical Society if their members would donate their services to these clinics.

Councillor Curren referred to the mention of a mild epidemic of infectious hepatitis, and asked for a report on the number of cases in the County of Halifax in 1960.

Dr. Smith said Dr. Cameron would have these statistics.

Councillor Curren asked if cases of hepatitis were spread over the County, and referred to a news report which referred in particular to Rockingham School.

Dr. Smith replied that cases were to be found all over the County and that they were not confined to any particular area.

In reply to a question by Councillor Curren, Dr. Smith said that no schools were closed last year as the result of the disease. He said hepatitis is spread primarily by local contact. In the Rockingham School, he said the drinking water was tested and found to be perfectly pure. The Medical Health Officer said that in regard to hepatitis, one does not say that an area is infected. If one or two cases appear in an area, it is normal to expect eight or ten others. In looking over the statistics for the Province, he added, the number of cases remains about the same. Next time the prevalence of the disease may be in another county, but nowhere had it reached epidemic proportions. He said that outbreaks of hepatitis have occurred for a number of years.

Councillor Baker, speaking on uninspected meat in Halifax County, said he knew some animals were being slaughtered that are not fit for human consumption. He said he felt the time has arrived when all meat should be inspected, and that this action would not increase the price greatly and will serve to protect the public. He said that certain diseases can be spread by impure meats and that in the past some deaths were attributed to bad meat. Councillor Baker stated that the City of Halifax has new legislation in this regard, which has not yet been enforced. He asked that this matter be referred to the County's Health Committee, adding that he would volunteer his services free of charge, as he was in possession of information which he thought would be of interest to the Committee. He asked for a report on this during next session.

The motion to adopt the report was put and carried.

Dr. Smith then read the Report of the Halifax County Physician.
Councillors Snair and Curren moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Jail Physician
be received." Motion carried.

The Report of the Medical Health Officer for Halifax East was read by Dr. Duncan MacMillan. Before reading the report, however, Dr. MacMillan paid tribute to the late Councillor Evans, saying he was a great man and a great Councillor. He said he felt the people of Councillor Evans' district had provided a good substitute in Councillor Thomas. He spoke on paying for medical services regarding immunization against polio, adding that he felt it was difficult for a doctor to make a recommendation as many people feel a doctor is looking out for himself. He said, however, he would personally speak to the provincial Minister of Health, Mr. Donahue, and will later pass along to Council the result of his conversation. Personally, he said he felt the fear of some people that they could not pay for immunization vaccine may keep them away, but that the best way to get to the roots of the problem was to do it through the provincial Department of Health.

Councillor Curren asked Dr. MacMillan about the cause of hepatitis. He said he understood it was spread by contact, but what causes it in the first place?

Dr. MacMillan said it could be caused by contaminated water, but once it starts, it is nearly always spread by contact. He said it was something like measles, that always somewhere in the province someone has measles, but that it flares up here and there. In the old days, he said, infectious hepatitis was called yellow jaundice, so it is nothing new.

Councillor Baker asked whether school children should be permitted to attend school when they have infectious diseases, to which Dr. MacMillan replied that personally he does not usually

allow them to attend school to protect the rest of the school. In each case, he said, the idea is to consult the doctor who in many cases must use his best judgment.

Councillor Redmond said he felt the situation was that the County should encourage children to stay at home under these circumstances but not obligate them to do so, referring in particular to cases where another member of the family has an infectious disease.

Dr. MacMillan said the doctor's biggest trouble was with children who contract the disease and do not tell him. Legally, he said, he doubted if children who had come in contact with a disease but who had not contracted it could be prevented from attending school.

Dr. Smith, speaking from the gallery, said the Department of Health feels the value of keeping children home under these circumstances is questionable.

Councillor Stubbs asked if it is not true that people develop a natural immunity against diseases according to their environment, to which Dr. MacMillan replied that this is true. The difficulty, he added, was where these children meet together in a common place such as a school. He repeated that the water supply is very important.

Dr. MacMillan said there was a total of 33 new TB cases in the County last year of which 19 were in his district. He added that the total number has been declining each year, as X-ray now catches almost all of them.

Councillor MacKenzie asked about dental clinics, stating that he felt the Eastern part of the County should take more advantage of them.

Dr. MacMillan replied that most of the work in this regard was done by local Home and School Associations.

Councillor Stubbs explained how the clinics operate under Home and School Associations, but she questioned whether all schools were being covered.

Councillor Baker said that in his district the dentist's board and that of his assistant were paid by the Home and School Association. He said the clinics were not complete ones as such, but that they were primarily to teach dental hygiene. He said about 10 minutes per child was spent by the dentist, who would under urgent circumstances do an extraction, but normally a dental report is sent to the parents only.

Councillors Henley and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Medical Health Officer for Halifax East be received."
Motion carried.

Councillor Thomas thanked Dr. MacMillan for his remarks concerning the late Councillor Evans and himself.

During a break when copies of reports were being distributed to Councillors, Councillor Flawn announced the name of the new school being built in the Beaver Bank area as "Beaver Bank - Kinsac Consolidated".

Councillors Flawn and Curren moved:-

"THAT the name of the new consolidated school be "Beaver Bank - Kinsac Consolidated" school."
Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved that Mr. John F. O'Hara be appointed constable.

Councillor Spears asked for a brief outline of what duties Mr. O'Hara would have, and following a discussion in which it was stated that a By-Law was being prepared to cover all appointments of special constables; Councillor McGrath withdrew his motion.

The Report of the Welfare Committee was read by Mr. Hattie, after which he read a letter from the Minister of Welfare, Mr. W. S. Kennedy Jones, commending the Municipality for the fine job it was

doing in caring for the aged and mentally ill.

Councillors Snair and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Welfare Committee be adopted."

Councillor Baker said that although it was not in the report, he would like to have information concerning the matter carried in the committee's minutes that Mr. Donald be allowed to carry a revolver for his own protection, as well as for the proper running of the Jail.

Councillor Snair said his committee was taking a long look at whether the Jailor should be permitted to carry a revolver or not. He said the former Jailor did not carry a revolver but that he had one in the Jail. The request, he said, was to allow the Jailor to have a revolver in the Jail, as the former Jailor was so authorized.

Councillor Curren commented on yesterday's visit of Councillors to the County Home, and commended the committee and the staff of Ocean View Home and of the Hospital for doing a wonderful job. He said he talked with a number of patients and that he found no complaints whatever.

Councillor MacKenzie thanked the Minister of Municipal Affairs for his letter and Mr. and Mrs. Lynch for the excellent work they are doing. He said he felt all patients were receiving good attention.

Councillor Daye spoke on the lodging of debtors in Jail, saying he could not see putting a debtor in Jail as serving a useful purpose.

Councillor Stubbs, referring to the charge of \$1 a day for debtors, asked the Solicitor how a debtor could be placed in Jail before the case comes before the County.

Mr. Cox replied that the governing act is the Collection Act, which was probably drafted some 50 to 60 years ago. However, he said it was not correct to say that a debtor could be confined before

Court proceedings. After a judgment is taken out, he said, the debtor must be examined by an ordinary examiner and then by a special examiner. Before judgment, he said there are normally a great many delays. One of the rare instances, he said, is when a debtor is thought to be about to leave the Province, when he is placed in custody to ensure he is available when his case comes up for trial.

Councillor Williams questioned the procedure regarding garnishees, to which Mr. Cox replied that the garnishee procedure is extremely cumbersome, and of little practical value to anyone. The act, he said, has all sorts of exceptions. For instance, one can garnishee money now owing but not money that may be owing this week or next week. Some provinces, he explained, have continuous garnishees.

In reply to a question by Councillor Williams, Mr. Cox said that there is a maximum of \$40 a week that can be garnisheed.

In reply to a question by Councillor Stubbs, Mr. Cox said the \$1 a day is paid by the creditor and not by the debtor.

Councillors Snair and Williams moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Welfare Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved an adjournment until 2 p.m., but before the motion was put, Mr. Cox asked if Council wished to have a by-law brought in regarding visiting hours in the Jail, to which Council agreed.

Councillor Manrahan asked if, before Council adjourned, they could deal with the Report of the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital, which was agreed upon.

Mr. Hattie read the Report of the Board of Management of the Halifax County and the Report of the Medical Health Officer of Halifax County Hospital.

Councillor Baker, referring to the piggeries, questioned the

method of killing hogs at the hospital, saying he felt the method was outmoded and cruel. He said the method of hitting a pig in the head with an axe may not even be legal, and suggested a pistol be used instead. He commended the superintendent for the excellent job he is doing.

Councillor Baker continued by saying that he found some dissatisfaction among the inmates regarding the amounts they are paid for doing work on the farm. He said he understood they are paid by cheque from the Municipal Office, and he asked whether mental patients could legally endorse a cheque.

The superintendent of the Halifax County Hospital, Mr. Davies, said he agreed with Councillor Baker that the system of paying inmates should be reviewed, and that perhaps they should be getting more than they are now. Regarding the killing of hogs, he said he would suggest to his Board of Management that they bring in a report on this at a later date.

Councillor Archibald said he felt there was just as great a possibility of missing with firearms as there was with a hammer. He asked Mr. Davies, regarding the rehabilitation of patients, whether they could be placed in homes and gradually brought back to society.

Mr. Davies agreed it was well enough to say this could be done, but that they must constantly keep checking. This procedure will have to come, he said, as part of a well studied program.

In reply to a question placed by Councillor MacKenzie, Mr. Davies said the operation of the CNIB canteen at the hospital was taken over by the hospital after consultation with Mr. Flynn of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. He read correspondence pertaining to the change-over, and said that he hoped the profits from the operation of the canteen would be used for the purchase of a projector and films for the patients.

Councillor Baker said that following this excellent explanation of why and how the change-over was effected, he felt the people of the County would agree with the action taken.

Councillor Settle asked about the operation of the bus service provided employees of the hospital, to which Mr. Davies replied that with more of the staff living out, greater bus service was required. The bus owner, Mr. Davenport, decided to purchase a larger bus, he said, one that will carry 32 passengers. At first it was not making enough money to make it pay, he said, so the Hospital Board authorized an increase in the cost of a monthly pass from \$4 to \$5. Mr. Davenport's salary, he said, was raised from \$290 to \$330 a month.

Councillor Settle said Mr. Davenport feels his increase is not in line with what the passengers are paying, and Councillor Hanrahan asked if the County is paying for the operation of the bus.

Mr. Davies said Mr. Davenport supplies the bus, including gasoline, oil, maintenance, and so on.

Councillor Hanrahan questioned the way in which the CNIB was voted out, as the matter was not referred to Council. It was done by the Committee, he was told.

Councillor Curren questioned if a privately owned bus could continue to carry the wording "School Bus", to which Mr. Davies replied that Mr. Davenport would have the wording removed.

Councillor Stubbs asked when the Department of Public Health would take a good look at the situation regarding the patients that were transferred to the County from Inverness County.

Mr. Cox, replying to a question by Councillor Redmond, said he assumed the matter of transferring the canteen from the CNIB to the hospital was within the jurisdiction of the Board of Management. Mr. Davies said the same operator was retained in the canteen.

Councillors Snair and Moser moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Snair and Moser moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Medical Health Officer at the Halifax County Hospital be received and filed." Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Councillors Williams and Redmond moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2:30 p.m." Motion carried.

THIRD DAY AFTERNOON

February 16, 1961.

Council met at 2:45 p.m.

Roll called. Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

The Municipal Solicitor stated in regard to the County Hospital canteen that the sole responsibility of transferring the canteen lies with the Hospital Management Board.

The Municipal Clerk read the Report of the Redistribution Committee. Included in the report was a minority report submitted by Councillor Archibald.

Warden Leverman said that the problem of redistribution is most contentious, and that it would be advisable for the Councillors to study the report overnight.

After the report was read, Mr. Hattie produced a map showing proposed redistribution.

Councillors Hanrahan and White moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Redistribution Committee be adopted."

Councillors Redmond and Williams moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Redistribution Committee be tabled until tomorrow."
Motion carried.

Councillor Flawn brought to Council's attention that some correspondence regarding redistribution was tabled on Tuesday to be read after the Report was brought to Council. He suggested this correspondence be read. Council agreed.

Mr. Hattie read three petitions from residents of the Westphal-Lake Loon-Cherry Brook area, all asking that this part of the Westphal area be left with District 14 rather than be included in District #16 as had been suggested in early reports in the press and otherwise from the Redistribution Committee. One other petition was read from residents of Westphal in District #16, petitioning that this part of Municipal District #16 should be

combined with District #14. The fifth petition was from residents of Montague Mines, also requesting that this area be left with District #14 rather than be included as part of District #16.

The Report of the Redistribution Committee, in its recommendations, is recommending that Westphal-Lake Loon-Cherry Brook be part of District #14 (that may be combined with District #15); the other two petitions were to be considered further by the Council or perhaps referred to the Committee.

A letter from the Armdale Ratepayers' Association was read containing suggestions with respect to the splitting of present District #12. These recommendations are already included in the recommendations of the Redistribution Committee.

Councillor Curren asked if a letter from Bedford Service Commission had been received concerning redistribution.

The Clerk stated that such a letter had been addressed to the Chairman of the Committee requesting that the Bedford School Section part of District #27 be included with the Bedford District #8. This has been included in the Committee's recommendations.

Councillor Curren also remarked that he had received telegrams from the executive of the Rockingham Service Commission asking that Rockingham School Section be made a separate polling district. This also is contained in the Committee's recommendations.

Councillor Archibald asked approximately what time the redistribution report would be considered by Council tomorrow, to which the Warden replied at 2 p.m., the first thing on the afternoon's agenda.

During the first day of the Annual Session, Councillors Spears and Redmond moved that the Public Works Committee and its appendices be tabled and discussed at a later date during this session.

Councillors Hanrahan and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Public Works Committee be adopted."

Councillor Curren asked regarding the last paragraph of the report pertaining to sewage for residents of the Rockingham area when a proposition will be ready to present to the people of the area.

Warden Leverman said that a few weeks ago that officials of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation sat down with the County's Public Works Committee when they agreed to have their engineers meet with the County's engineers to determine exactly what costs would be involved.

Councillor McGrath said he understood that Rockingham was to be the first area surveyed, and asked how many meetings Mr. Fraser has had with Mr. Grant. Mr. Hattie said they had had several meetings.

Mr. Fraser said he would meet with CMHC's engineers on Monday to complete plans for the sewer installation.

The motion was put and carried.

Warden Leverman declared a recess at 3:55 p.m. before hearing the Report of the Director of Welfare.

Council reconvened at 4:20 p.m. with Warden Leverman in the Chair.

The Report of the Director of Welfare was read by Mr. Rooney.

Councillor McGrath paid tribute to the work carried out by Mr. Rooney and members of his staff. He said there is certainly more to Welfare than he had anticipated, and drew reference to particular instances in which Mr. Rooney had been most understanding and helpful.

Councillor MacKenzie said he concurred in Councillor McGrath's remarks, and asked Mr. Rooney to what extent the Provincial Government participates in assistance.

Mr. Rooney said the Provincial Government participates fully- provided the minimum food scale is authorized. He said the province pays two-thirds of the cost provided the scale is not below \$5,

under that they will not participate. Amounts over \$5 (for example, \$12) the province will still pay two-thirds.

Councillor Daye said there are not many Councillors who would not concur in what Councillor McGrath said about Mr. Rooney. In the several dealings he had had with Mr. Rooney, he said he was always given a warm welcome. He thought the whole Welfare Department was well run and doing a good job.

Councillor Settle said he was always of the opinion that Welfare could be handled best by a highly trained specialist in welfare work such as Mr. Rooney is. Under the old system, he observed, money was handed out but there was little if any rehabilitation.

Councillor White said at the first he had misgivings about hiring a Welfare Officer, but since he has seen the work performed by the Department, he was very pleased.

Councillor Baker concurred in the previous remarks made by Councillors but that he had received a few complaints from grocery stores regarding having to take extra time to make out slips. He asked if this could be overcome; and he also asked Mr. Rooney to elaborate on a particular case history which he thought was most impressive.

Mr. Rooney said in reply that regarding counter slips, that this matter was being looked into at present.

Warden Leverman said that a few years ago, under similar circumstances, he took the matter up with the Department of Welfare, when they were quite happy to receive cash register slips rather than an itemized statement.

Mr. Rooney then described the case history referred to by Councillor Baker. In reply to Councillor Baker, he said that contrary to reports carried in the press and over the radio, the parents did not abandon their eight children but where in fact at

the time looking for accommodation for them.

Councillor Daye asked whether welfare orders could be taken to any store, to which Mr. Rooney replied that they could. He said they try to treat welfare recipients as we ourselves would like to be treated. People receiving welfare, he said, are normal people like ourselves, and they too like to shop where they think they get the best prices.

Councillor Stubbs drew attention to the fact that while everyone in the Province pays a three per cent hospital tax, residents of Halifax and County entering the Grace Maternity Hospital, the Children's Hospital or the Victoria General Hospital can not continue to use the services of their personal physicians unless they pay the difference for a semi-private bed. In other counties, and in the Halifax Infirmary, she said she believed this condition did not exist.

Mr. Rooney replied that he felt this matter was outside his field, and he suggested that perhaps Dr. Graham Simms could probably best answer this question.

Councillor Stubbs then asked if Dr. Simms could be asked to attend a future meeting of Council to explain this situation. Council agreed.

Warden Leverman said he does not ordinarily praise an individual employee of the County, but in the case of Mr. Rooney, he felt he would make an exception. At a recent meeting of the Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, a question of organizing a welfare department came up when it was suggested that if they wanted to learn how to run a welfare department go out and see Dan Rooney.

Councillors Snair and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Director of Welfare be received." Motion carried.

Solicitor Cox read the following Resolution:-

WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that the hereinafter described lands are required by the Municipality for school purposes at Oyster Pond-Jeddore, in the County of Halifax;

AND WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that no agreement can be made for the purchase thereof;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council expropriate the hereinafter described lands and that the compensation for the said lands be \$1.00;

"ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being at Oyster Pond, Jeddore, in Halifax County, N. S., said lot being on the east side of the East Jeddore Road and shown on a plan prepared by John A. McElmon, P.Eng., P.L.S., dated February 15, 1961, said lot being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on the east boundary of the East Jeddore Road at the south-western angle of the school lot;

THENCE S 82° 30'E along the southern boundary of the school lot and land of Morris Mitchell, two hundred fifteen and seven tenths feet (215.7') to a cross marked on a granite rock;

THENCE S 10° 28.5'W along the western boundary of land of Porter H & Effie Mitchell one hundred one and four tenths feet (101.4') to a cross marked on a whin rock;

THENCE N 82° 30'W parallel to the first described course two hundred twenty four and five tenths feet (224.5') more or less to the eastern boundary of the East Jeddore Road;

THENCE northerly along the eastern boundary of the East Jeddore Road one hundred three feet (103') more or less to the point of beginning, all bearings being magnetic in the year 1961."

It was moved by Councillors Flawn and Daye that the Resolution be adopted. The motion carried.

The Municipal Solicitor states that the reason for the expropriation is that the Association which has title to this piece of property is not a properly incorporated or properly established Association, and we spent a lot of time on trying to determine how we would obtain title from the Association and we came to the opinion that it just could not be done.

Councillor Flawn explained that it was the land of the Oyster Pond Recreation Association, so that no private owners will think we are taking their land.

On motion of Councillors Snair and McGrath, Councillor adjourned at 4:45 p.m., until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

February 17, 1961.

FOURTH DAY MORNING

Council met at 10:25 a.m.

Deputy Warden Burris in the Chair.

The Municipal Clerk read a letter from the Dispensary asking for a grant of \$1,200. The Council agreed that the letter be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee.

Councillors Curren and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT the Minutes of the first and second day be adopted." Motion carried.

The Report of the Municipal School Board was read by Mr. E. T. Marriott.

Councillors Curren and Settle moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Municipal School Board be adopted."

In reply to questions asked by Councillor Flawn, Mr. Marriott stated that the School Board has instituted a program of refinishing old desks, but they still require a number of new lefthanded desks, and that the reference made on page six of the Report was in relation to an access road to the Cow Bay, Eastern Passage School and that regarding bursaries mentioned on page two of the report, that the request was for a fund of \$1,000 to be set up again this year, even though only a portion of it may be spent.

Councillor Isenor thanked the School Board for its consideration for Dutch Settlement School. He asked that consideration had been given the school at Cook's Brook.

Mr. Marriott replied that it was the policy of the School Board not to give immediate consideration in replacing one-room schools. The present school at Cook's Brook is considered adequate and when it needs repair or to be enlarged, then consideration will be given it.

Councillor McGrath asked how many schools are without indoor sanitation and without running water.

Mr. Marriott said there has been a continuous program over the years to provide these services to the schools and at present had worked down to the three-room and two-room schools. Mr. Marriott said that he would obtain the required information and include it in his next report to Council.

Councillor Daye thanked the School Board for its recommendation re Head Jeddore and asked if anything had been done regarding indoor sanitation at the school at West Jeddore. Mr. Marriott replied that to his knowledge there were not immediate plans for the school at West Jeddore. He suggested that the School Trustees get in touch with the School Board.

Councillor Settle said that more maintenance work would be done to West Jeddore School.

In reply to a remark by Councillor Curren, Mr. Marriott agreed that maintenance work in the West Jeddore School was certainly required in regard to the well and water.

Councillor Moser said he understood it cost \$200.00 to educate each pupil in Halifax County. He asked if it is right that students from Lunenburg County, attending school in this County be charged at the rate of \$150.00. Mr. Marriott replied that this arrangement was made some time ago and that he had a meeting scheduled on February 20. with members of the Chester Board to discuss this situation.

Councillor Henley expressed satisfaction regarding indoor sanitation installation at Mushaboom School, and that the local trustees have a fund of \$1,000 which they are willing to contribute to cost of installation.

He asked that some consideration be given the school at Sober Island.

Mr. Marriott suggested that the trustees of the school make

known their request to the School Board.

Councillor Williams asked if the janitors of schools in Halifax County are paid by the number of rooms they service; to which Mr. Marriott replied, basically this is true, but also their pay is based on stairways, laboratories, etc. He said a very serious attempt has been made to bring janitors' salaries in line across the County, and he agreed to include reference to this in his next report to Council.

Councillor Turner asked what consideration was being given to Port Dufferin School. Mr. Marriott replied that the Board had met with trustees from the school at Sheet Harbour, last week, but he was not sure of the outcome.

Deputy Warden Burris added that during the meeting in question, which he attended, the whole matter of consolidation was discussed but no definite recommendations were made to the Board.

Councillor Redmond added that it was left up to the trustees.

Councillor Curren said that there would be a certain amount of maintenance carried out at Port Dufferin School at any rate.

Councillor Blackburn thanked the Municipal School Board for the School at Waverley. He asked about Goff's, Oldham, Enfield Border Section, and asked if they were sending children to Hants County. Mr. Marriott stated that this was true and that the County is paying about \$75 for children in lower grades, and \$265 for the pupils in High school grades.

Councillor MacKenzie said that there were three schools left in District #20 that are without water and sanitation, and he particularly asked if a request was received from the Mooseland school, as he felt this school would never be affected by consolidation.

Mr. Marriott replied that this is a one-room school, and that as yet no request had been received.

Councillor MacKenzie asked if teachers' desks were being provided in the Spry Harbour School. Mr. Marriott replied that as this is a relatively new school, they will be provided automatically.

Councillor Snair asked why we pay Hants County \$265 for Halifax County students and in turn Lunenburg County only pays us \$150.

Mr. Marriott replied that this situation is known and steps are being taken to rectify this.

Councillor Snair asked if the crush area in the Black Point School was now being used as a classroom. Mr. Marriott stated that no immediate consideration was given with regard to an addition.

Councillor Snair asked if there were any consideration given to the idea of keeping pupils of St. Margaret's Bay in the St. Margarets Bay Area, rather than transport them to Halifax West High School. Mr. Marriott stated that nothing is being considered at the present time, as there is adequate room for these pupils at Halifax West High School.

Councillor Snair said that his point was rather than to keep adding to Halifax West High School, why not give consideration to the building of a new plant in the St. Margaret's Bay area. He said that some children were dropping out of high school, because they were not physically capable of standing the rigor of travelling 70 miles a day.

He also suggested that these students could not take part in extra activities in the school, as they had to leave by bus too early to participate in activities.

Councillor Snair asked Mr. Marriott to write a letter to the trustees at Black Point School, indicating that the School Board has no intention of making a permanent classroom out of the crush area.

Mr. Marriott replying to a question by Councillor Stubbs said that the school appropriation was \$200,000 less this year than last.

If amalgamation had not taken place, he said, there would have been an overall increase of 15% last year.

Councillor Stubbs commented on the supervisory program, and stated that she hoped that supervisors were being chosen very carefully, under the guidance of the School Board. She also commented on the situation surrounding domestic science, stating that when the girls are engaged in Domestic Science classes, no attempt is made to teach the boys, who spend a whole afternoon a week doing nothing.

Mr. Marriott agreed with Councillor Stubbs that great gains could be made in the supervisory program. He said that he meets with the supervisory principals each month, when problems such as these are discussed. At the present, he said they accept students into the high schools through examination which are set up on a group basis, rather than on an individual school basis. He added that it is not the policy of the School Board to teach Domestic Science without teaching Manual Training at the same time.

Councillor Stubbs commented that nationally about 50% of the students leave school about grade 7, which she felt might be higher in Nova Scotia, adding that these are the unemployed people of tomorrow.

Councillor Grant asked if the school at Meagher's Grant would come under consolidation. Mr. Marriott replied that no school would be closed if it has more than 8 children, except by a majority vote by the people in the area.

Councillor Williams asked about a rumour about the Robert Jamieson School library in Jeddore being changed into a classroom, to which Mr. Marriott said that he had heard nothing about it.

In reply to a question by Councillor Archibald, Mr. Marriott stated that North School at Middle Musquodoboit and Chaswood just below it were overcrowded, that in the Board's opinion consolidation

would be the solution, but if the people in the area do not want it, it will not come.

Councillor Archibald said he understood that a petition had been circulated asking for a new school at Chaswood. Mr. Marriott said personally he knew nothing of any meetings with the trustees held in this connection, to which Deputy Warden Burris said that there was a meeting in early December at which he was present, when a request was put forward for a new school in this area. The meeting decided not to take further action until they saw what the future education program would be in the area.

Councillor Baker said that if the boundaries of District #10 were extended, as recommended by the Redistribution Committee to take in Goodwood, would the children of this area be moved to Hatchett Lake, where there is a six-room school under construction. Mr. Marriott stated that in the past they were not anxious to go into consolidation, if the time comes when they are anxious and building gets to the point where something should be done, then he thought consideration would be given to it. He said the Board never chooses to turn its back on good buildings.

Councillor Stubbs asked Mr. Marriott if he could confirm the rumour that provincial legislation will be introduced requiring that children be six years old before starting school. Mr. Marriott replied that he had not heard of the possibility, and that he thought such legislation would be unlikely without a lot of consideration beforehand. For example, he said, the Board has instituted a primary program which would have to be changed.

Replying to Councillor Stubbs, Mr. Marriott said the Board has a draft of an agreement drawn up by Mr. Cox in the hands of the Town of Dartmouth at the present time with respect to taking children into the amalgamated area.

Councillor Archibald suggested the Report should be referred

to the Finance Committee.

Councillor Flawn commented that the \$855,500 figure might well climb into the million dollar plus mark and that Councillor Archibald's suggestion, that the Report be considered by the Finance Committee was sound.

Mr. Marriott said that the estimate of \$855,500 was obtained from the Architect.

Mr. Marriott then read the majority report of the Conciliation Board. After reading the report, he said the minority report could certainly be made available if requested. Implementation of the report, he said, would cost \$124,000 for a full year, but for the remainder of the current calendar year, the cost would be \$60,000. Implementation of the minority report he said would cost \$476,000.

In reply to a question by Councillor Flawn, Mr. Marriott said that the findings of the Conciliation Board are not binding on either party. If the report was accepted by Council, it could still be refused by the teachers, he said. If the recommendations are not acceptable to the teachers, he said their recourse would be one of several actions, one of which could be a "coincidental resignation".

Councillor Flawn said it was the duty of the Finance Committee to bring in a recommended tax rate, and in order to prepare those figures, it was necessary to know estimated expenditures for the following year.

Mr. Marriott replied that the additional \$60,000 required to implement this report, if approved by Council, was not included in the estimates for the School Board's requirements for the current year. This, he said, was a special request.

Councillor Snair asked if it is true that teachers are paid not only by qualification but also by years of service, to which Mr. Marriott replied that this is so. Continuing to answer

Councillor Snair, Mr. Marriott said the Municipal School Board exercises any influence than can be exercised over whether teachers with bachelors degrees teach in high schools or primary grades. But he maintained that the Board can not say that because a teacher has a B.A. she must teach in high school. Mr. Marriott pointed out that this does not imply that because a teacher has a B.A. she should be teaching in high school, the County assumes the difference for a teacher with a degree teaching in the lower grades.

Councillor Snair said he felt that this amounts to the County paying more to have teachers with degrees teaching elementary classes.

Mr. Marriott replied that while the Board encourages degree qualified teachers to go into the high schools, it is difficult to generalize on this problem as the question of a teacher's personality is a very real one.

Councillor Flawn commented that teachers with higher qualifications, who do not teach in high school are not eligible for Leonard increases, so the charges to the Municipality for teachers with degree qualifications are 100 per cent.

Mr. Marriott said the Municipality makes the Leonard scale available to all licensed teachers regardless of whether the government participates or not. Many of the municipalities in the province do the same thing, he added. He said that this was a matter of not only economics, but also of supply and demand. One must think in terms of getting teachers into the classrooms, and this Municipality stands out in the province for the school building program it carried out during the past five years. If you are going to build somewhere in the vicinity of \$7 or \$8 million new buildings, and if you are not going to do what you can to get the best teachers available to go inside these buildings to teach, then he thought it was penny-wise and pound foolish to quibble over the

Leonard scale to get the type of teachers required in the schools. This, he said, was the thinking of the Board in doing this.

Replying to Councillor Stubbs, Mr. Marriott said he would like to see a high school licence and an elementary school licence, both built on training and experience, when it could be said there is such a thing as a high school licence, or an elementary school licence. Such a situation does not exist now.

Councillor Stubbs drew an example of a similar situation existing where a qualified engineer capable of making \$18,000 a year accepts a job with a small contractor for much less. He is still qualified but expects and gets far less than his potential.

Mr. Marriott commented on merit pay, stating he felt that all municipal school boards in the province in conjunction with the teachers union should sit down and work out a feasible policy for merit pay. If it is not possible, he said he felt we have to prove it to ourselves. Some accept the thinking that it is not possible, he added, but we have not tried it.

Councillor Hanrahan said he considered it false economy to think that because primary school teachers have good qualifications they are being wasted. He said the time we need the best teachers is in the child's early formative stage -- in the primary schools. Children must have a good educational foundation.

Mr. Marriott agreed with Councillor Hanrahan, adding that the best teachers we can get are needed throughout the whole system.

Replying to Councillor Williams, Mr. Marriott said this is the first year in the history of the County that no children are required to study by correspondence.

Councillor Archibald, commenting on merit pay for teachers, suggested this should be studied on a provincial scale so that native ability would be recognized. He asked if any such study was

being undertaken in the province now.

Mr. Marriott said he and a great many others were interested in the idea of studying merit pay, but that at the time and to his knowledge no formal study was being made. He said merit pay has been tried in other parts of Canada and in the United States, but that nothing locally was being done about it.

Councillor Archibald asked if the County could take steps to institute such a study, adding that the County is losing the services of many highly qualified teachers because they are not recognized as being worth more money than less effective teachers.

Replying to Councillor Flawn, Mr. Marriott said the only salary the Municipal School Board can pay teachers is that laid down by the Foundation Scale. Salaries over and above that, he said, must be authorized by Council.

Councillors Curren and Redmond expressed their dissatisfaction that the report covers only one year and that next year the teachers could ask for additional increases. Councillor Blackburn suggested this would mean an increase in the tax rate to \$1.79 or \$1.80 in contrast to last year's assessment for school purposes of \$1.58.

Councillors Archibald and Flawn moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Municipal School Board be referred to the Finance and Executive Committee and referred back to this session of Council." Motion carried.

Councillors Spears and Moser moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn at 12:35 until 2:00 p.m."

FOURTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council convened at 2:15 p.m., with Warden Leverman in the Chair.
Roll called.

Warden Leverman, in introducing the debate on the Report of the Redistribution Committee, asked councillors to observe the rules and to speak only twice on any one subject. He asked Council if they wanted to have the Report read again, to which Council agreed that this was not necessary.

Mr. Hattie read the original motion, moved by Councillors Hanrahan and White, that the Report of the Redistribution Committee be adopted, and a subsequent motion that consideration of the Report be held over until this meeting of Council.

Councillor Settle moved an amendment to the motion, which was seconded by Councillor Redmond:

"THAT the school sections of Cole Harbour, Westphal, Lake Loon and Montague Mines remain as District 14 with one councillor, and that District 15-26 inclusive, their boundaries and representation, remain as they are presently set up".

Speaking on his motion, Councillor Settle asked why District 14 was being more or less eliminated under recommendation of the Report. He traced the history of assessments in District 14, saying that at the period when his district has the highest assessment in the County it did not ask for more representation. Regarding Districts 15-26 inclusive, he said he never believed councillors looked upon themselves as district councillors, and those who represented small districts made large contributions to the County as a whole.

Councillor Hanrahan, as Chairman of the Redistribution Committee said his committee felt it must assess the situation as it is today, not as it was 20 years ago, and that when changes come about, representation should be looked at again by another committee. He said his committee tried to make an equitable distribution, and that it was up to Council to make the final decision. He added that he hoped Council would look at the matter in an unselfish manner.

Councillor Redmond complimented the Committee for its splendid Report, adding that it is very difficult to properly divide the County. He added that he could not see merit in the whole report, however. Six years ago, he said, he suggested the County should be divided into suburban and rural areas, and he still felt the same way. The councillor said there is an indication that another move is under way that the people of Bedford are considering amalgamation and another possibility was in Fairview. The greatest development, he **said**, is taking place adjacent to the City and Town, and that District 17 is the most logical place to receive an increase in population.

Councillor Henley concurred in the remarks made by Councillors Settle and Redmond, adding that he too felt the Redistribution Committee had done an excellent job regarding urban districts 8, 12, and 27 as he felt additional representation was required there. But he asked why was the Committee recommending to take away representation from the other districts.

Councillor Williams said the districts on the Eastern Shore have all grown and he felt they should not be disturbed at this time. Agreeing with remarks made by Councillors Settle, Redmond and Henley, he suggested that before a change could be brought about that a plebiscite should be held.

Councillor Baker asked if that portion in District 12 in the watershed area, property of the Public Service Commission, was proposed to be included in District 10. Councillor Hanrahan replied that it was not intended to include this in District No. 10.

Councillors Baker and Henley then moved an amendment to the motion:

"THAT District 10 remain as it is at the present time".

Councillor Stubbs stated that Goodwood was the center of community interest and this was the reason why the Committee decided to bring this into District 10.

Councillor Daye said he would go along with the other councillors from the East, although it was proposed there would be no change in his District.

Councillor Mosher asked if the Timberlea school section would be included in District 12.

The Warden stated that the Timberlea School Section would become a District of its own and would not be included in District 12.

Councillor Spears said he did not feel that this debate should develop into a battle between East and West. He hoped that Councillors would look farther ahead than their own Districts and look to the County as a whole. He said he felt the present Council is cumbersome and he had hoped with the present Report that the number of Councillors would be cut.

Councillor Archibald said we are a County as a whole and that, as such, unity provides for strength.

Councillor Grant thought the committee was trying to take away the voice of District 25, and as far as size is concerned, he said there are only two districts bigger.

Warden Leverman said this is the third attempt by a committee of Council to consider redistribution. The committee, he said, spent many endless hours thinking this thing out. He said he believed this was an honest attempt by the committee to come up with a solution. It may not be the right answer, he said, but at no time was there a question of this being other than an honest attempt.

Councillor Grant said that District 25 never had a foot of paved road, that it was never one of the more prosperous districts, but before any change was made, he thought the people in the district should be offered a plebiscite.

Councillor McGrath said the first thing was for all councillors to forget they are councillors, that they should forget they are going to run again next fall. All should be willing to concede to the wishes of the people, and to clear from their minds petty prejudices. He said the present debate looked very much like a fight between the East and the West.

Councillor Daye said he did not think the East was ganging up on the West. Councillor Snair said his district was not going to be affected, but that he commended the Redistribution Committee for the fine job it had done. He said he was prepared to go along with the Committee's Report.

Councillor Stubbs said she had heard several complaints about the report to date but no alternate suggestions.

Councillor MacKenzie said that those councillors who spoke against the resolution were also going along with the wishes of the people. He suggested if the time spent by the Committee had been spent in obtaining new industry, that it would have been more profitable.

Councillor Blackburn said he could not see Lucasville going into District 8, as it was directly connected with Middle Sackville. Otherwise, he said he was willing to go along with the Report.

Replying to a question by Councillor Blackburn, Mr. Hattie said there is an election every three years, and the matter of redistribution also comes up periodically, normally once every three years. The matter of amalgamation, he said, necessitated a look at redistribution this year.

Warden Leverman said that as things stood then, the only objections raised against the report are that Districts 17 and 18 be combined as one, that Districts 24 and 25 be combined as one, and Districts 14 and 15 be combined as one.

Councillor Curren said that as a member of the Committee, populations and assessments were carefully considered, and that every effort was made to decrease the number of Councillors rather than increase it.

Councillor Mosher said he felt the arguments for the Report were not always fair, that if he had to represent two districts he could not do as well as if he represented only one district.

In reply to the Warden, Mr. Hattie said the proposed number of seats under the committee's recommendation would be 24.

Under the amendment to the motion, Mr. Hattie said there would be a total of 27 seats.

Councillor Thomas said he did not agree with a few people represented in the committee telling the whole county what to do, although he thought the committee had done a good job.

Councillor Henley said he felt rural councillors have as much work to do as urban councillors, that they have larger areas to cover and that more services were often required. He said he did not see the present debate as East vs. West.

Councillor Baker said he would withdraw his motion as he had an opportunity to check the boundaries in question and he was now satisfied.

Councillor Burris agreed, if reasonable, to reduce the total number of Councillors, as a small board works better than a large one. During the past two decades, he said there was a tremendous growth in population, particularly in the urban areas. In 1936 or 1937, he said there were 33 councillors. (Warden Leverman said at one time the number was as high as 42." There were some very small districts then, he added, and he felt that as the urban centers increased in population they were entitled to more representation. In the wisdom of councils in the past, he added, these districts were set up, and changes could be made again.

Councillor Henley suggested one possible solution might be that council be reduced to 12 members on salary, but as this was out of the question, he suggested Council accept the report as amended, and that council continue in the spirit of unity as it has in the past.

Councillor Sellars said that Districts 14 and 15 are small ones but that they should be left as is.

Councillor MacKenzie said he believed that urban councillors were not bothered as much as rural councillors, as the Municipal building was nearby and people would often phone or visit there for information.

Councillor Stubbs said she was concerned with Montague, that they petitioned the Municipality not to become a part of District 16 but that they may not have realized there were to be included in District 27.

Mr. Hattie, referring to the petition from Montague, said it read that in addition to not wanting to be part of District 16 they protested being removed from District 14.

Warden Leverman reminded Council there was only one amendment to accepting the Report as a whole, and that separate motions were made regarding Districts 24-25 and 17-18.

Councillors Stubbs and Curren then moved an amendment to the amendment:

"THAT the Montague Mines School Section No. 85 be made a part of District 27 as originally recommended by the Redistribution Committee."

Moved by Councillors Mosher and Baker:

"THAT District 9 remain as is at the present time and that part of Timberlea School Section that is in District 9 remain in District 9".

At the request of Council, standing votes were taken as follows:

AMENDMENT - (Councillors Mosher and Baker):
For: 11; Against: 13; LOST

AMENDMENT TO AMENDMENT - (Councillors Stubbs and Curren):
For: 8; Against: 16; LOST

AMENDMENT - (Councillors Baker and Henley):
WITHDRAWN

AMENDMENT - (Councillors Settle and Redmond):
For: 16; Against: 8; CARRIED

Recorded vote as follows:

FOR:
Councillors Settle, Sellars, Thomas, Redmond, Williams, Dayé, MacKenzie, Henley, Turner, Burris, Archibald, Grant, Isenor, Flawn, Mosher, Baker.

AGAINST:
Councillors Stubbs, Blackburn, Snair, Curren, McGrath, Spears, Hanrahan, White.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AMENDED REPORT OF THE REDISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE:

For: 16; Against: 8; CARRIED.

Recorded vote as follows:

FOR:

Councillors Flawn, Isenor, Grant, Archibald, Burris, Turner, Henley, MacKenzie, Daye, Williams, Redmond, Thomas, Sellars, Settle, Mosher, Baker.

AGAINST:

Councillors Blackburn, Stubbs, Snair, Curren, McGrath, Spears, Hanrahan, White.

Deputy Warden Burris took the chair at 4:10 p. m.

After a suggestion made by Councillor Stubbs, the committee agreed that the By-Law to amend the Mobile Home By-Law, tabled on Thursday, February 14, be tabled again until Monday, February 20th, so that Councillor Stubbs would have an opportunity to notify the President of Mobile Homes Association, so that he might be in attendance when consideration of the amended By-Law would be given.

Councillors Settle and Henley moved:

"THAT the By-Law to amend the Building By-Law be adopted".

Carried.

Councillors Settle and Hanrahan moved:

"THAT Council approve a Temporary Borrowing Resolution in the amount of \$ 30,000.00 for proposed repairs to the Municipal Incinerator". Carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and White moved:

"THAT Whereas the Council is of the opinion that the hereinafter described land is required for the purpose of maintaining a sewerage pumping station at Armdale in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that no agreement can be made for the purchase thereof;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council expropriate the hereinafter described lands, and that the compensation for the said lands be \$1.00.

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being in Armdale in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia and outlined in red on a plan showing a portion of the Fenerty Estate as Parcel "C" dated October 7, 1960 and signed by Robert E. Gough, Provincial Land Surveyor and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point being the North East corner of lands owned by the Municipality of the County of Halifax as shown on said plan;

THENCE North twenty-four (24°) degrees - twenty-six ($26'$) minutes East a distance of seventeen point two (17.2) feet more or less to the Shore of Chocolate Lake;

THENCE in a North Easterly direction along the shore of Chocolate Lake a distance of ten point four (10.4) feet to a point;

THENCE South twenty-four degrees twenty-six minutes West ($S24^{\circ}26'W$) to a point;

THENCE South twenty-four (24°) degrees - twenty-six ($26'$) minutes West a distance of seventeen point zero (17.0) feet to a point as shown on said plan.

THENCE North eighty-five (85°) degrees - twenty-nine ($29'$) minutes West a distance of ten point four (10.4) feet to the place of beginning.

It was moved by Councillors Moser and Henley:

"THAT Whereas the Council is of the opinion that the hereinafter described land is required for the purpose of maintaining a sewerage pumping station at Armdale in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that no agreement can be made for the purchase thereof;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council expropriate the hereinafter described lands, and that the compensation for the said lands be \$1.00.

ALL that certain lot piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being in Armdale in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia and outlined in red on a plan showing a portion of the Fenerty Estate as Parcel "X" dated October 7, 1960., and signed by Robert E. Gough, Provincial Land Surveyor, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point being the North East corner of lands owned by the Municipality of the County of Halifax that is shown on said plan.

THENCE South eighty-five (85°) degrees - twenty-nine ($29'$) minutes East, a distance of ten point four (10.4) feet to the point of beginning;

THENCE South Eighty-five (85°) degrees - twenty-nine ($29'$) minutes East, a prolongation of the aforementioned line a distance of ten point four (10.4) feet;

THENCE North twenty-four (24°) degrees - twenty-six ($26'$) minutes East a distance of fifteen feet more or less to the shore of Chocolate Lake.

THENCE in a Westerly direction a distance of ten point five (10.5) feet along the shore of Chocolate Lake to a point;

THENCE South twenty-four (24°) degrees - twenty-six (26') West a distance of seventeen (17) feet to the place of beginning.

Councillors Archibald and Williams moved:

"THAT the Council adjourn to meet at the call of the Warden". Carried.

In reply to a question by Councillor Blackburn, the Municipal Clerk stated that there would be no changes in District numbers, but that the list of District Officers would need revisal.

Councillor Stubbs said that as Council would adjourn until the Warden's notification, she would withdraw her former suggestion concerning the By-Law to amend Mobile Home By-Law, and would notify the President of Mobile Homes Association when Council reconvenes.

The motion of adjournment was put and carried.

FIFTH DAY MORNING

March 14th., 1961.

The Annual Session of the Halifax County Council reconvened at 10:30 a.m., with Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Following the Lord's Prayer, Mr. Hattie called the roll.

Councillors Williams and Settle moved:-

"THAT Council send flowers to Councillor Redmond, presently confined to Hospital."
Motion carried.

Mr. Hattie, speaking on the Public Hearing re Armdale Zoning By-Law, said it was re-advertised in accordance with the Act and that he felt that some people present in the gallery wished to be heard. He added that there was no change in the recommendation of the County Planning Board, that the Keddy Development be recommended.

Councillor Settle said the County Planning Board felt it should recommend the inclusion of this development in the Armdale Zoning By-Law. He added that as the motel is dependant, to a large extent upon summer business, that unless a start can be made soon, there would be a loss this year.

County Planning Engineer, Mr. Reardon showed Council maps indicating the location of the Keddy property. He said that the Keddy property had been changed from R1 to Commercial.

The Warden asked if there was anyone in the gallery who wished to speak, whereupon Mr. Ken Smith, who identified himself as legal counsel on behalf of Mr. Keddy, asked for early approval of the plan and the understanding of Council.

Mr. Hattie said that no written objections had been received.

Councillor Hanrahan and Balcome moved:-

A BY-LAW TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW

1. The Zoning By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Halifax be amended by adding thereto Appendix "X".
2. Section 14 of the said Zoning By-Law be amended by adding immediately after the words "Appendix "C" the words "and Appendix "X".

Motion carried.

Councillors Balcome and Hanrahan moved:-

A BY-LAW TO REPEAL THE ARMDALE ZONING BY-LAW

1. Chapter 22 of the Revised By-Laws of the Municipality of the County of Halifax 1957, The Armdale Zoning By-Law, and all by-laws in amendment thereto, be repealed.

Motion carried.

Mr. Hattie read a letter from a Mr. J. S. Horam of Rockingham, who asked that demands for increased expenses for educational purposes be held down. It was agreed that the letter be acknowledged and filed.

The second letter, from the Rockingham Ratepayers Association was read, regarding its belief that the tax rate should be held where it is. Acknowledged and filed.

A third letter from Coffin, Blois and Hicks, Barristers, on behalf of the residents of the Fleming Heights Subdivision, was read. It enclosed a petition against the building of a school in the Fleming Heights Subdivision.

Councillor Flawn, speaking on the third letter, said the proposed school was to be four rooms, later to be enlarged to eight rooms. He said they had hoped to obtain a site from the City, a portion of Fleming Heights, which under deed could not be used for purposes other than parkland. The City sought authority to dispose of this land to the County of Halifax.

A target date for the completion of the school, he said, was September, 1961, as the school trustees had presented a case to the effect that there is overcrowding in the McLeod School.

With the loss of the possibility of getting the property from the City, he said the Capital School Committee had to look at alternate school sites.

The decision of the Committee to build the school on the proposed site was due to recommendations made by the trustees. All questions relative to the site of a new school were discussed, he

said, including the level of land the school should be on. The outcome was that the piece of land in Fleming Heights was considered the most logical. He said both the proposed school and the present school would come under the jurisdiction of the Principal of the McLeod School.

He said that while the school's elected trustees had been consulted and general agreement had been reached, no action has been taken to construct this school as of now, as a further recommendation from the Municipal School Board was received presenting a case to change the initial number of rooms from four to six.

Councillor Flawn continued, that individual home owners felt they do not want a school on their adjoining property and that they felt their property value would depreciate. Councillor Flawn said that in his experience this was not the case in Halifax County. He said the Capital School Committee will not call for tenders until Council considers this petition. He said that the land has not been conveyed to the Municipality and while the proposed site is in an R1 zone, the Zoning By-Law does not prohibit schools and churches. He said the School Board feels the new building is necessary for use by September and that the Architects, Whebber and Harrington, were pretty well along with their plans and were ready to appear before the Committee.

Warden Leverman said he was personally interested in this situation, as it is in the District he represents. He said a letter had been received from the school trustees recommending this site, which recommendation was passed along to the Capital School Committee by the School Board and that the trustees maintained their view, was shared by a majority of ratepayers in the District. He said that he and Councillor Flawn had met with the signers of the petition, who claimed they were never consulted by the trustees. Warden Leverman said Council found itself in an unhappy position.

On the one hand, the school trustees were saying, this is where we want the school and we represent the majority of ratepayers. On the other hand, people living adjacent to the school site say, we do not want it at all and the trustees do not represent us. Meanwhile, the trustees say they must have the school built by September 1st.

Mr. Hattie replying to a question by Councillor Curren, said the petition contained 53 signatures, of which about one-third represent husband and wife.

Mr. Hattie in replying to a question by Deputy Warden Burris, said that the signatures on the petition represented residents from the immediate area of the proposed school site.

Councillor Flawn said there were three ways to get to the proposed school. The signatures on the petition represented people living on two of the streets and the third street is not residential property.

Warden Leverman replying to a question by Councillor Blackburn, said that very few of those signing the petition had children of school age. The main objection of those signing the petition, he said, was on a basis of depreciation of their property values.

Councillor Flawn, mentioned that the water supply for the school would be taken from a central water supply and that residents were objecting to the fact that the school would be placing their supply in jeopardy.

County Planning Engineer, Mr. Reardon, showed Council the proposed site on a map. He said that the County Planning Board advocated space for a turning circle and that this was to be built along with the school.

The Warden said that the school line would abut on the back line properties of residents surrounding the site.

In reply to a question by Councillor Blackburn, Mr. Reardon said the proposed site enveloped $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres.

In reply to a question by Councillor Stubbs, Councillor Flawn said the plans called for a six-room school now, with the addition of four rooms at a later date.

In regard to the Warden's former statement, Councillor Flawn said that five home owners would have their properties abutting the school property.

In reply to a question by Councillor Stubbs, the Warden said that the alternate sites were thoroughly investigated.

Councillor Flawn said that an alternate site, which is owned by Rex Burgess, could have been purchased for about \$5,000.00 less, but that the County would have to construct a 500 foot road and a long length of wooden stairs.

The Warden mentioned that Randolph Street is a dead-end street and that residents were objecting to the fact that the tranquillity of the area would be disturbed with the erection of a school on the proposed site. He said that this street would now be opened to traffic.

Councillor Flawn said that this school would (a) serve all children in walking distance and that no bus service would be required; (b) that the only traffic disturbing Randolph Street residents would be cars driven by teachers and an oil truck servicing the school about every two months.

In reply to a question by Councillor Snair, the Warden said the trustees felt they represented the opinion of the majority of taxpayers. Councillor Snair felt that this did not necessarily mean that the opinions of all taxpayers were represented and said that Council should be sure that the opinion of the trustees is the opinion of the residents in the area.

The Warden stated that those people other than those represented in the petition have not had an opportunity to sign their own petition.

In reply to a question by Councillor Turner, the Warden said that when the school becomes a ten-room school, it will service all children in walking distance and that no bus service will be required.

Councillor Snair said that he agreed with the objection raised by residents surrounding the school site, because he felt that with children crossing their properties the value of their land would depreciate.

The Warden stated that these people have a clause included in their property deeds that states that their property will be strictly a one family resident property and added that residents now feel that if the County constructs the school, they are violating this clause, however, he questioned the validity of this clause in the deeds drawn up by the Fleming Heights Subdividers Association.

Councillor Snair said that if the legality of these clauses incorporated into the deeds are questionable then it is time that the Solicitors involved stopped writing these clauses into the deeds.

The Municipal Solicitor said restricted conveyances can be incorporated into deeds to protect property owners, but it can not restrict governments from expropriating the land for governmental use.

In reply to a question by the Warden, the Municipal Solicitor said that if the people "were led down the garden path" by this clause, they did not ask proper questions about their deeds.

Councillor Blackburn stated that he could not see that if Mrs. Wallace owned the property, where the Subdividers had the authority to sell the land.

Councillor Hanrahan asked if the County were committed to the purchase of that property.

The Municipal Solicitor stated that as this was a public meeting it would not be fair to answer the question.

In reply to a question by Councillor Stubbs, Councillor Flawn stated that Mr. Jack Wallace was told verbally that the land would be bought and that the Committee had no option on the land.

The Council then adjourned for a five minute recess to reconvene as a "Committee of the Whole" to further discuss the problem of the proposed Jollimore School Site.

After further discussion on this matter,

Councillors Snair and Moser moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2 p.m."
Motion carried.

FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council convened at 2:20 p.m. with Warden Leverman in the Chair.

Roll called.

Before County Solicitor A. W. Cox read proposed legislation (Bill 70), he explained that the Bill had received a second reading in the House of Assembly.

In reply to Councillors Flawn and Curren, Mr. Cox said that under the Bill the County could dispose of land acquired in the first instance for school purposes only.

Mr. Cox, answering a question by Councillor Hanrahan, said the Bill would apply only to land acquired after the Bill is passed and that it would not be retroactive.

Councillor Henley agreed with the general content of the Bill, but observed he thought the idea was for the County to acquire options on property.

Warden Leverman said this whole matter had previously been approved by Council and that today's business was to present the Act in legal language. He questioned if this was the time to debate whether the content of the Act is right or wrong. He said Council had voted on it and instructed the Solicitor to prepare it for legislation where it has now received its second reading.

Councillor Curren said with the Act as it is, the full responsibility rests with Council to make sure that land purchased is for school purposes only. He said he did not like the last part of the Act which said that if the purchased land is not required it could be sold or "used for other purposes".

Mr. Cox explained that the only way Council can acquire land under provision of the Act is if it is required for school purposes.

Councillors Snair and Archibald moved:-

"THAT Council approve the proposed Legislation entitled "An Act Relating to the Municipality of the County of Halifax" which has been presented to the Legislature, at its 1961 Session, marked and known as Bill No. 70." Motion carried.

Councillors Snair and Balcome moved:-

"THAT the matter of the proposed new school at Jollimore, be referred back to the Municipal School Board, with the request that the Board reconsider the whole situation, and in particular, reconsider the matter of changing the School Section Boundaries so that students in the northern part of Jollimore School Section could go to the South Armdale School, and also consider the possibility of recommending a new school in Kline Heights." Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs asked for Council to consider hearing a person in the gallery regarding the amendment to the Mobile Homes Act. She said this was agreed upon during the last session of Council.

The By-Law in question was read by Mr. Cox, who explained that the proposed amendment spells out that each day constitutes a fresh offense, in order to avoid having a mobile home owner pay a fine and continue to offend.

Warden Leverman told Council that as the present session of Council was not considered to include a public hearing that before anyone outside Council could be heard he must have Council's unanimous consent. Agreed.

Mr. Robert Kerr, representing the Mobile Home Owners' Assoc., read a brief statement in which the Association said that of the 12 registered courts in Halifax County, there are now only 14 vacancies, and that the overcrowding problem could not be solved by imposing fines.

Councillor Stubbs asked if a trailer were notified to move, and if it didn't, does this mean that for every day it didn't this would constitute a new offense?

Mr. Cox said the amendment was not intended to change the Act. It means, he said, that an owner can be tried again for the same offense. It does not mean that he will be fined so much for each day.

Councillor Stubbs said she thought the proposal amendment would plan an unfair by-law in the County's books.

Councillor Settle felt there was some confusion regarding the proposed amendment, that in effect the by-law became effective only after some court action had been taken. Mr. Cox agreed with Councillor Settle, repeating that the proposed change would come into effect only after one previous conviction.

Councillor Moser said he felt the amendment showed discrimination.

Warden Leverman said whether the Mobile By-Law was right or wrong, it was concerned only with a situation where once a mobile home owner has been convicted in the courts with not complying with the laws of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, he must then pay a fine each time he is convicted.

Councillor Williams said that he understood the amendment to provide for cases of continuing offenses and that the offender can be prosecuted again. Mr. Cox added that the amendment helps to remove the case for the defense, that is, when he was convicted before he can't be convicted again. It makes law enforcement easier, he said.

Councillor Stubbs asked if, for example, a mobile home owner were ordered to move his trailer, and he had no place to move it, would he be convicted again?

Councillor Henley said the County was not trying to impose a hardship on anyone, that Council was doing everything it could to help mobile home owners. But, he said, there are violators who will not cooperate and this was a provision to help enforce the by-law.

Councillor Settle said he concurred with Councillor Henley's remarks. This was an attempt to make the present act more workable. He said it was not Council's intention to prosecute anyone with no place to go, and that Council would avoid prosecution if at all possible.

Councillor Williams asked Mr. Kerr where the 14 vacancies referred to in his submission were, to which Mr. Kerr replied in Spryfield, Lakeside and St. Margaret's Bay.

Councillors Henley and Williams moved:-

"THAT the Mobile Home By-Law of the Municipality of the County of Halifax be amended by adding immediately after Section 67 thereof the following section:- "67A Every day during which a contravention of or failure to comply with the provisions of this by-law continues shall be deemed a fresh offense."

Motion carried.

The Report of the Municipal Collector was read by Mr. Philip J. Hope.

Warden Leverman vacated the Chair and was replaced by Deputy Warden Burris at 3:10 p.m.

Councillor Stubbs asked whether mobile home owners are taxed on personal property.

Mr. Cox replied that if a trailer has built-in cabinets, or any furniture or fixtures attached to the trailer, these would be included in the personal tax covering the trailer. But if the objects are movable, such as chairs and tables, they are then classified as household effects and are not taxable.

Mr. Hope said a Poll Tax is not imposed on persons paying personal property taxes.

In reply to a question by Councillor Curren, Mr. Hope said that real and personal taxes are broken down, but that they appear on the same tax bill and are taxed at the one rate.

Councillor Moser said he felt the County's floating population gets away with murder, and that the stable population pays through the teeth. He said that people renting accommodation pay only a poll

tax, but these same people may have six or eight children, and that they contribute nothing toward their educational costs. He added that it costs the County about \$200 to educate each child.

Councillor Turner agreed that property owners shoulder the burden of taxes.

Councillor White agreed that Councillor Moser advanced a good point, and Councillor Daye concurred with remarks made by Councillors Moser and White. Councillor Daye stressed that the property owner must pay for education of the floating population. He said he felt there should be some way to get the floating population to pay its share.

Councillor Settle said one suggestion was to designate a percentage of a sales tax towards education, and while this might be a partial answer, everyone realized this was an old, old problem. It is a valid argument, he said, but the solution was different.

Councillor Williams said many Councillors were disappointed that a part of the additional two per cent sales tax being imposed by the provincial government was not being designated for education, although some of it may be used for that purpose, he added. He suggested the young, single man was contributing nothing towards education.

Councillor Isenor asked Mr. Hope if those people from his district working in Hants County had to pay the Hants County poll tax.

Mr. Hope said the poll tax is based primarily on residence, and that residents in his district would pay the \$15 Halifax County poll tax and the difference between the two (\$5) to Hants County.

Councillor Daye said he felt many single, young men would be only too glad to pay \$20 if they could get a job.

Councillor Baker asked why the tape recorder was not being used during the current session, to which Mr. Cochran replied that the tape recorder used during the first part of the Annual Session was on test, and that in all probability another would be substituted in the near future.

Councillors Spears and Balcome moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Municipal Collector be received and filed." Motion carried.

The Report of the Building Inspector was read by Mr. G. W. Jerram.

Councillor Stubbs questioned the column for District 14, with a minimum fee of \$2, how it was that 39 permits were issued for Garages and only \$36 was collected in fees. Mr. Jerram replied that prior to July, 1960, no fee was required, and permits authorized on the old form were honored without the new fee being charged.

Councillor Baker, referring to the section on sub-standard dwellings, said he considered the figure 1 for District #10 was inaccurate. He thought there were more. He also asked about unsightly junk yards, and mentioned one example where the owner was asked to fence in the junk yard and that while he made an attempt it was far from satisfactory.

Regarding Building and Sanitary Inspectors, Councillor Baker suggested, excluding Mr. Jerram himself, who he considered qualified, that the majority of men were not well qualified for their jobs. He drew attention to a one year correspondence course, which is available for a fee of \$50. If agreed upon, this fee could be paid by the County, he suggested. There is an additional fee, he said, of \$15 for examination. The City Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Graham, said he would be willing to cooperate with the County in this regard, he added.

Councillor Baker said if this matter is not acted upon this year it would be two years before the County had qualified inspectors. The course of study is conducted in the inspectors' own time, he said.

Councillor Curren asked if the figures on construction costs included schools and churches, to which Mr. Jerram replied that one church was included.

Warden Leverman said he understood from the Provincial Department of Highways that all junk yards would be eliminated this coming summer. He asked Mr. Jerram if his department received its full

budget quota, could he assure Council that the County's building inspection will be one hundred per cent in 1961. Mr. Jerram replied that every effort would be made to accomplish this.

Councillor Blackburn asked what the Building Inspector could do about sub-standard houses. Mr. Jerram said Council should appreciate the fact that where the standard of buildings is very low, one must also take into account there are people living in them. However, as soon as a sub-standard building is vacated, everything possible is done to prevent new families from moving in, he said.

Councillor Baker said he has two buildings in his district, both in a dilapidated condition.

Mr. Jerram said in regard to one of the buildings referred to, it was the intention of the owner to make it over into a garage. Regarding the second building, he said he understood the owner had plans to use the land for development. He had asked the owner to complete his plans and submit them to the County Planning Board.

Councillor Baker said he would like to see the plans when they are completed.

Warden Leverman asked if a building is 75% destroyed by fire and where the fire ward has asked that the building be demolished where does the building inspector enter the picture? Who, he asked, has the right to tear down such a building?

Councillor Snair said the fire ward, appointed under the Municipal Act, has duties only in fire fighting, but that the fire marshall, or a person delegated by him, can condemn a building.

Councillor Williams asked Mr. Hattie if his office sent out instructions to fire wards when they are appointed, to which Mr. Hattie replied, yes. Councillor Williams observed that the fire wards in his district claimed they had never received instructions.

Mr. Bensted told Council that fire wards received badges and instructions after they were sworn in. Councillor Daye mentioned

that the probable reason why some fire wards never received instruction was because they were never sworn in.

Mr. Cox said that legal proceedings could be taken against a person or company ordered by the fire marshall, fire chief or district councillor to demolish a building if not done. The fine, he said, is \$100 a day so long as the situation exists.

In reply to a question by Councillor Hanrahan, Mr. Cox said Council does have the right to demolish a condemned building and charge the costs to the owner.

Councillor Daye said he thought many fire wards do not know their duties. Councillor Snair said as a Councillor he considered it his job to inform his district fire wards regarding their duties. Otherwise, he asked, why are they appointed. The duties, he said, are outlined in the Municipal Act, and it was the responsibility of each councillor to know the Act and inform his fire wards. He said the fire chief can condemn a building, but not a fire ward.

Warden Leverman said he would not ask his fire chief to do something that should be done by the building inspection department. He asked how he would go about getting action to remove a building from Edmonds Grounds. He said he wanted the building removed within 48 hours.

Councillor Spears said Council had told Warden Leverman how the building could be removed -- that the fire chief has the right to take action.

Mr. Cox concurred with Councillor Spears, saying this was a responsibility of the fire chief.

Councillor Moser asked why the operating cost of the Building Inspector's Department was not included in his report.

Councillor Baker, speaking on the powers of Councillors regarding fire hazards, said he has a tar-paper shack in his district which is lined with cardboard. It has three smoke stacks. He said he filled

out the necessary papers, but that the fire marshall had referred them back to him. Meanwhile, he said, the shack could burn today with a resultant loss of life.

Councillor Daye said he thought are fire wards should be sent instructions. Councillor Williams observed that they do receive instructions after they are sworn in.

Mr. Hattie said badges and instructions are now sent out after the fire wards are sworn in, but from now on instructions would be sent along with the notification of appointment.

Councillor Hanrahan asked if it would help to have building inspectors sworn in as fire wards. He was told this would not be practical.

Councillor Spears, commenting on Councillor Baker's observation, asked why the fire marshall was "passing the buck".

Mr. Jerram said there had been a misunderstanding. The person who fills out the forms, he said, is the person who hands them to the violator. The fire marshall outlined the procedure to him, which had previously been misunderstood, he said, and he was not "passing the buck".

Councillor Baker asked if it was not the duty of the fire marshall to investigate all fire hazards? In this case, he said, the shack was a definite hazard.

Councillor Moser said it should be in the report what the building inspectors department cost including a detail of mileage paid.

Councillors Snair and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT the report of the Building Inspector be received and filed." Motion carried.

Councillors Archibald and Spears moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning." Motion Lost.

Councillor Baker asked if the breakdown of remuneration to councillors, which he requested during a previous session, was available, Mr. Hattie replied this information was now available and that he would see that Councillor Baker and all Councillors got a copy.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Report of the Regional Library Board.

The Warden commended the Board for its fine report but mentioned that Councillor McGrath had neglected in signing the report, to include his title. He also mentioned that the Warden's name was not included in the list of Board members as an ex-officio member.

In reply to a question by Councillor Snair, Mrs. McCormick said that the membership in the Regional Library was 785 as of December 31st., 1960.

Councillors McGrath and Baker moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Regional Library Board, and the Report of the Librarian be received."
Motion carried.

Councillor Daye stated that he was one of the strongest objectors to the establishing of a Regional Library and Bookmobiles in Halifax County. He said that if they had been established 30 years ago it would have been a different story, but that with present day demands, such as education, on the taxpayers of the County, he felt that a library and bookmobiles were not needed.

Councillor Baker said that originally he had backed up Councillor Daye's objection, but that now he strongly supported the idea of having a Library and Bookmobiles. He said that he had received several requests for bookmobile service in his District, and added that on one particular occasion when asked by him, Mrs. McCormick sacrificed an evening of her time to speak to members of the Home and School Association in Terence Bay, on library and bookmobile service in Halifax County.

In regard to his former statement Councillor Daye said that if a plebiscite were held that 70% of the County's taxpayers would vote against the Regional Library. He said that a lot of taxpayers could not afford the added expense of a library and that it was being forced upon them.

Councillor Moser concurred with Councillor Daye and said that the County needed education more than a library.

The Warden pointed out to Council that since the library was established, that it was not up to Council members to continue discussion on the establishment of the Library, but rather to approve the report and budget of the Regional Library. He added that the library is used to such a great extent that the parking space in back of the Administration Building is always filled. He also said that a great number using the library facilities were children seeking educational reference.

In reply to a question by Councillor Snair, Mrs. McCormick said that at present there were 2,530 registered borrowers at the branch library, adding that branch circulation from January 1 to March 11 was 13,147. She said that as a result of 4 days' operation, the bookmobile circulation was 870.

Councillor Snair then asked if the bookmobile had been operating for only four days.

Mrs. McCormick said that the figures she had quoted were figures resulting from 4 days' operation in February and that she did not have the figures for March.

In reply to a statement made by Councillor Snair, Mrs. McCormick said that the library hoped to extend its service to the County by establishing routes for a second bookmobile, and that this bookmobile would start operation by the end of March.

In reply to a question by Councillor Williams, Mrs. McCormick said that Barbara Kincaid was available at request, to explain or give a talk, to any organization in the County, on Library Service.

Councillor MacKenzie said that it was very gratifying to see people in his district so enthused with bookmobile service, and said the only complaint was that there was an insufficient number of books.

In reply to a question by Councillor Blackburn, Mrs. McCormick said that there are many requests for reference books and that the number of requests filled were 214. She said that 179 requests had to be filled by inter-library loans. She added that these statistics proved that the library is of educational benefit.

In reply to a question by Councillor Grant, Mrs. McCormick said that at the first opportunity she would discuss the bookmobile schedule with Miss McQuarrie and make necessary revisions.

Councillor Williams asked what the percentage of adults borrowing books from the library was.

Mrs. McCormick said that of the 13,147 borrowing books from the library, 6,428 were adults and 6,719 were juveniles.

In reply to a question by Councillor Snair, Mrs. McCormick said that the station wagon purchased for the library, is being used by Miss Kincaid, who plans to visit the various districts before the bookmobile call and introduce to students the pleasure of books through book talks.

In reply to a question by Councillor Stubbs, Mrs. McCormick said that there were 10 non-residents paying library fees.

The Warden then said he would be prepared to make a motion that Municipal employees, who do not live in Halifax County, interested in research material for the Municipality, be exempt from library fees.

Councillor McGrath said that he would like to see this come before the Regional Library Board and since the Provincial Government shares in 50% of the cost of the library, he did not feel, that Council had the authority to vote on this motion.

The Warden in retracting his former motion moved, seconded by Councillor McGrath:-

"THAT the matter of Municipal employees working on research for the Municipality, being allowed the use of necessary books without payment of fee, be referred to the Regional Library Board." Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and Daye moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10:00 a.m.
tomorrow morning." Motion carried.

SIXTH DAY MORNING

March 16th., 1961.

Council met at 10:35 a.m. with Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair. Roll called.

The Municipal Clerk stated that there were no letters or communications on the day's agenda.

Councillors Spears and Deputy Warden Burris moved:-

"THAT the reading of the minutes of the Fifth Day's Session be deferred." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk said that item number 4 on the day's agenda included completion of the agenda of March 14th. He suggested that sections A,B, and C of item 4, which pertained to the Report of the Board of Management of the Halifax County Hospital, be deferred until the superintendent, Mr. Davies was present.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Report of the Welfare Committee re the Ocean View Municipal Home.

Councillors Snair and Stubbs moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Welfare Committee be adopted."

The Municipal Clerk suggested, that before Council discuss the Report, that he review the 1961 estimates for the Municipal Home, to give Councillors a clear picture of the financial situation at the Home.

In reviewing the estimates the Municipal Clerk stated that all but four patients at the Ocean View Home were on some form of medication. He also said that if the patient population were to increase that the only increase in expense would be food, adding that the "fixed expenses", such as staff, maintenance, etc. would remain the same.

The Warden then asked if in future it would not be advisable for the Welfare Committee to set up a Ledger account system for the Ocean View Home, so that they would have a fair idea of what

expenses they would incur before the year's end.

The Municipal Clerk said that a similar procedure had been followed by the Committee for the year ending 1960.

Councillor Snair said that since the Home had been in operation for only one year, that it was difficult for the Committee to set up such a system for 1960, but after a year's operation they would have some idea of the expenses incurred and would in future be able to control expenditures.

Councillor Hanrahan said he was not being critical of the Committee's report, but he asked if the present staff, geared for 60 patients, would be reduced proportionately if the patient population dropped to thirty, or would they maintain the same staff.

The Warden said that Councillor Hanrahan's question was of a hypothetical nature, and that he could not foresee the patient population being reduced to thirty.

Councillor Snair concurred with the Warden's statement and said that he could not foresee the number of patients being reduced to thirty. However, he said, if the patient population were reduced that the staff expense would reduce in proportion. He added that the present staff was not cumbersome as it is constituted mainly of attendants.

Councillor Blackburn in directing a question to the Chairman of the Committee asked how many patients the revenue for 1961 was based on. He also asked if it would not be advisable to take inventory every six months rather than at the end of each year.

Councillor Snair said that the estimated revenue was based on 51 patients. He reiterated his former statement and said that since the Home had only been in operation for one year, and since the Provincial Government shared to a large extent in the Home's cost, it was difficult to take periodic inventories. He said, however,

that now with accounts coming in every month it would be a good idea to take semi-annual inventories in the future.

Councillor Williams in directing a question to the Chairman of the Committee, asked why \$4,106.32 more had been spent on meat than fish. He wondered why more fish was not purchased for the Home. He said that since the fishing industry in Nova Scotia is one of the biggest, it might be advisable if the Home were to patronize the industry more.

Councillor Snair said that meat as listed in the supply expense, meant meats of all kinds. He said that meats such as ham, fowl, beef, etc., could be used twice a day in some form or other, whereas fish could only be used once a day.

The Municipal Clerk agreed with the Chairman and added that most patients don't like fish as a stable diet, but prefer variety in their meals, and meat or meat dishes provide this variety.

Councillor Blackburn said that the price of both commodities were not in the same line.

In reply to a question by Councillor Stubbs, the Municipal Clerk said that the rates in 1960 were \$3.50, but as of April 1st. the rates were increased to \$5.00.

Councillor Stubbs said that originally she advocated that the new rates be retroactive to March 1st., but the Committee turned down her recommendation. She said that as a result of making the new rates effective from April 1st., the Committee would be unable to recoup the additional increase in rates for January, February and March of 1960. She said that this would make a difference of approximately \$1,700.

In reply to a question by Councillor Stubbs, the Municipal Clerk said that at the old rates, \$5.00 was charged for outside patients per diem.

The Municipal Clerk stated that the difference would be \$1,700. and that this was as a result of patients charged at old rates for 90 days.

In reply to a question by Councillor Blackburn, the Municipal Clerk said that patients were charged \$3.50 per diem in 1960 up to April 1st.

In reply to questions by Councillor Henley, the Municipal Clerk said that the Provincial Government shares in \$5.04 of the per diem rate for patients and that the Halifax Visiting Dispensary does not share in the cost of providing drugs to the Home. However, he said, that the County gives a yearly grant to the Dispensary to cover cost of drugs for the County.

Councillor Blackburn asked if the Provincial Government shares in the cost of maintenance to the Home, and if so did the Committee consider \$1,500. a fair figure for general maintenance.

In reply to Councillor Blackburn's question, the Municipal Clerk said that the Provincial Government does share in the cost of maintenance and that the actual figure for maintenance to the Home in 1960 was \$2,700. He said the cost covered general maintenance and there was little plumbing or electrical maintenance during 1960. He said generally speaking that there would be little maintenance required in 1961, but that some painting to the exterior of the building would be carried out during the year.

In reply to questions by Councillor Archibald, the Municipal Clerk said that as yet staff members at the Ocean View Home are not covered by Workmen's Compensation. He said that the Board of Management of the County Hospital was at the present time calling for tenders for malpractice coverage and undoubtedly the Welfare Committee will do the same in connection with the Municipal Home. He said that the County Hospital was covered by Public Liability and that eventually tenders would be called by the Welfare Committee for Public

Liability coverage of the Home.

In reply to a question by Councillor Curren, the Municipal Clerk said that the Provincial Government would not share in the Municipal Home's deficit but would share in 66 2/3 per cent of the per diem rate for patients set by the Auditor General of Nova Scotia.

Councillor Archibald said that the public should be informed of the wonderful job being done by both the Halifax County Hospital and the Ocean View Municipal Home.

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

Councillors Settle and Spears moved:-

"THAT the Financial Statements of the Ocean View Home including the Revenue and Expenditure Statement and the Revenue Fund Balance Sheets together with the estimates for the year 1961, be approved." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Report of the Halifax County Hospital Management Board.

Councillors Snair and Moser moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Halifax County Hospital Management Board be adopted."

Councillor Curren asked if the bus was going to be provided by the County and if charge for conveyance was to be made to the employees using it. He asked if the cost of conveyance would cover the entire cost of the bus operation, to which the Municipal Clerk said no.

Councillor Curren also questioned the fact that the County should provide transportation for employees at less than cost, adding that a person with his own car does not get an allowance. In conclusion, he said the bus should be run on a paying basis.

The Municipal Clerk said that Bell Bus Company at one time had service to the hospital, but that the cost of a public conveyance systems went up and the Hospital Board felt that this means of con-

veyance was far too great a cost. Since then employees have been paying the hospital a small amount for conveyance, the amount being \$5 a month, per employee.

Councillor Stubbs said that she discovered in checking with Mr. Davies that the monthly fees were covering Mr. Davenport's expenses and the bus is carrying itself.

In reply to a question by Councillor Baker, the Municipal Clerk said that Mr. Davenport's salary of \$3,600. as bus driver would be the total salary paid to Mr. Davenport.

Councillor Settle said that he did not think Mr. Davenport's salary unreasonable as he works seven days a week from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m., and is doing the work of two men.

Councillor Stubbs said that with the bus service, the Hospital now has more rooms available for patients, because staff members who before lived in wards in the hospital, now live out.

Councillor Williams asked if it would not be cheaper for the taxpayers, if the Driver were to supply a new bus, and he asked if the Committee had contacted Mr. Davenport.

In reply to a question by Councillor Blackburn, the Municipal Clerk said that employees were picked up at the bus terminal in Dartmouth.

Councillor Snair said that to date, Mr. Davenport has bought two buses. He said the last bus he bought was a condemned school bus, and at the time of purchase he did not contact the Committee. He said the only satisfactory solution would be if the Committee were to buy a vehicle and pay a man to run it. He said that this way the bus would be operated by the hospital and should prove satisfactory. He added that he could not see why staff members should live in the Hospital and take up needed space, when they could live out and have transportation provided for them.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Financial Statements of the Halifax County Hospital.

Councillors Curren and Moser moved:-

"THAT the Financial Statements of the Halifax County Hospital including the Revenue and Expenditure Statement, the Revenue Fund Balance Sheet, and the various exhibits attached to the Statements, be approved." Motion carried.

Councillor Curren asked why many of the items, such as general farm expense included in the statements, were up this year. He asked if the farm were bigger or if the stock had increased.

In reply to Councillor Curren's question, the Municipal Clerk said that the increase was due greatly to salaries, but that the farm had also increased its stock, for example he said that the farm had raised more hogs and chickens.

Councillor Snair said that produce at the farm, such as swill, hay, etc., was not shown in the report as an expense, but that what was shown was the expense of hay and other produce purchased from outside.

Councillor Hanrahan said that he felt swill and hay were not an expense, but rather an asset.

The Warden asked the Superintendent, Mr. Davies, if the farm were not staffed and equipped, what would the board have to spend, for example, on snow removal, ground maintenance, garbage collection, etc.

In reply to the Warden's question, Mr. Davies said that the Board would probably have to spend a few thousand dollars. He said that last year, during the big storm it cost the Board \$250. to have snow removed.

Councillor Hanrahan felt this was a good question as it would make the financial statements look better.

In reply to a question by the Warden, Mr. Davies said that the park on the hospital grounds was built by patients with the help of the staff.

In reply to a question by Councillor Flawn, the Municipal Clerk said that all produce is valued at an average price, for that month, as prepared by the Nova Scotia Market Reports put out by the Department of Agriculture.

In reply to questions by Councillor Flawn, Mr. Davies said that the matter of pricing farm produce should be looked into for 1961, and that perhaps the farm could get full credit for what it produced.

In reply to a question by Councillor Williams, Councillor Snair said that hay was purchased for the farm, because there was not enough land on the farm to produce the required amount of hay.

In reply to a question by Councillor Blackburn, Mr. Davies said that there is a great deal of therapeutic value in a hospital farm. He said that he felt that the County Hospital farm was being run as economically as possible.

Councillors Moser and Baker moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn, until 2 p.m."
Motion carried.

SIXTH DAY AFTERNOON

Session reconvened at 2:30 p.m. with Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair. Roll called.

Councillors Flawn and Archibald moved:-

"THAT Section 1 of the Municipal Council By-Law be amended by adding immediately after subsection (1) thereof the following subsection:

"(1A) The March regular meeting shall be the annual meeting as designated in the Municipal Act." Motion carried.

Councillors Snair and Daye moved:-

"THAT Clause (1) of Section 2 of The Jails and Lockups By-Law be amended by striking out the words "nine o'clock in the morning and twelve o'clock noon and between the hours of". Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and Baker moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the Fourth Day morning and afternoon be approved." Motion carried.

The Report of the Jury Lists Committee was read by Mr. Hattie.

Councillor Turner asked if the qualifying assessment for jury members could be raised to effect a decrease in the number of names appearing on the lists.

Mr. Hattie said the level of assessment had not been changed for many years although assessments themselves have been revised. Assessments are now higher than they used to be, he said, and the limiting effect was not the same now as before.

In replying to a question by Councillor Baker, Mr. Hattie said he was of the opinion that an assessment of \$500 or over qualified a person's name to be included on the list for petit jury and \$800 for grand jury.

Warden Leverman and Councillor Flawn suggested this matter might be referred to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities when it meets this Spring. Councillor Turner agreed with the suggestion.

Councillors Stubbs and Turner moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Jury Lists Committee be accepted." Motion carried.

Councillors Turner and Settle moved:-

"THAT this Council recommend to the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities that the Union request the Attorney General's Department to review the present legislation with respect to juries and to give some consideration in so doing to raising the assessment qualifications for those liable to serve on Grand and Petit Juries." Motion carried.

The Preliminary Report of the Finance and Executive Committee, including estimates for 1961, was read by Mr. Hattie.

Councillor Moser asked what jurisdiction the County has over coin-operated machines. He suggested the County should have a standard fee for such machines, and offered the figure of \$50. He said the present fine for violation was not having the desired results in getting the machines licenced.

Mr. Hattie said there is a tin licence issued, but that the licence is issued to the owner of the machine who is usually someone other than the store owner in which the machine is operated, although action can be taken against the operator.

Councillor Moser asked what check is made to make sure these licences are paid.

Councillor Henley said the whole question of coin-operated machines was under consideration by the special committee on taxation appointed by Council. He said they have information which he thought was accurate that while there are only 41 licenced machines in the Municipality there are probably 1,500 which are not. He said he felt there should be a metal licence attached to each machine, as operators are known to use all sorts of evasive measures. He said the committee was giving thought to seeking permission to have the penalty increased to \$50 (it is now up to \$20). He said he believed there is a potential revenue here of about \$10,000. The committee, he added, will present to Council some very definite recommendations in the very near future.

Councillor Blackburn asked what was included under the term "coin-operated" machines, and specifically if it included cigarette vending machines.

County Solicitor Rogers said that vending machines are not taxable, and qualified a vending machine as a machine that vends or dispenses merchandise.

In replying to a question by Councillor Blackburn, Mr. Rogers said the County has authority to licence automatic machines, and that he would check to see what types of machines are included under the term "vending" machines.

Councillor Henley said it was the feeling of the special committee on taxation that all automatic machines should be taxable.

Councillor Williams said he agreed that the fine should be \$50 for not registering a machine. Regarding peddlars' licences, he said some are paying it and other are not, and he estimated the number who are not paying at 75 per cent.

Councillor Henley said local constables have the authority to check on licenced machines.

Mr. Hattie confirmed that local constables do have the power to check on these machines, adding that they get \$3 if they provide information leading to the collection of a licence fee. In addition, he said, any councillor has the authority to stop and ask any person where his licence is, and if necessary, he can then ask the local constable to take action.

Councillor Hanrahan observed that certain persons, peddling products of the forest, farm or sea, are exempt from paying a licence fee.

Councillor Daye said he thought he was the only vendor in District # 19 licenced to sell door to door. He said he felt it was unfair that he should pay a \$10 licence when others do not. He felt it was unfair as well to place the responsibility on councillors

to have to check on who have licences.

Mr. Hattie reiterated that local constables have the necessary authority to check on licences.

Councillor Curren said constables are not paid for this function other than receiving a \$3 fee for information leading to the issuing of a licences. He felt constables were not going to stick their necks out anymore than councillors.

Councillor Daye asked how many councillors would stop and ask a man if he has a licence. Mr. Hattie replied that he was suggesting that councillors could leave the names of offenders in the Municipal Office and that they would be checked on from there.

Councillor Snair asked if there was legislation allowing the County to tax TV tube checking machines. Mr. Hattie replied there is no licence fee for TV tube machines. He said the owners of these machines are assessed, and that until recently there were very few in the County.

In reply to a question by Councillor Blackburn, Mr. Rogers read the by-law authorizing the licencing of a peddler. It excludes auctioneers or peddlars selling farm, forest or sea products produced by themselves.

Councillor Moser reiterated that coin-machine licences should be displayed on or near each machine.

Warden Leverman suggested the debate should move along to other items covered in the report.

Councillor Stubbs, referring to account 4086, asked whether most dog licences are bought in the office. Mr. Hattie replied that constables get their commissions whether the licences are sold in the office or not.

Councillor Curren said he agreed that when a constable collects money for dog tax, he should get 50 per cent, but he questioned if this percentage should apply to licences sold in the office.

Councillor Stubbs agreed.

Councillor Snair said if a constable makes two or three calls and a person then pays the licence fee in the Municipal Office. He felt the constable should still be entitled to his commission.

Councillor Blackburn agreed with Councillor Snair. In District # 27, he said, he had fewer complaint last year than every before. He felt it was one of the best things Council ever did when it raised the dog licence fee. He felt in a couple of years the County's control of dogs would be equal to the control by the cities of Halifax and Dartmouth.

Councillor Baker congratulated the constables for the good job they are doing. Councillor Archibald observed that constables do other work as well, some of which they do not receive compensation for, and he considered it fair that constables receive 50 per cent on all dog taxes whether paid in the office or not.

Councillor Henley moved that there be no increase in teachers' salaries. Councillor Daye said the County was ready to restrict the teachers' pay, but they were not willing during last day's session to consider a saving on bookmobiles.

Mr. Rogers said that Mr. Henley's motion should be made after the adoption of the report.

Speaking on the request of the Nova Scotia Fish and Game Association to abolish the bounty on bears, Councillor Daye said bears were quite plentiful in Halifax County and he thought the bounty should remain.

Councillor Williams said he did not believe the County should be required to pay any bounties. He asked, if the Association's request were granted, if this meant bears could be hunted only during a stated season, the same as for deer? Mr. Hattie said he believed so.

Councillor Turner said he agreed with Councillor Williams, and that he was against complying with the request of the N.S. Fish and

Game Association.

Councillor Moser said he thought bounties should be the responsibility of the Provincial Government. He said the Provincial Government collects all the fines; why should the County have to pay for bounties?

Councillor Turner said the Department of Lands and Forests pays half the bounty.

Councillor Daye said he felt the bounty on bears should remain.

Councillor Grant observed that one bear can kill a flock of sheep and he asked who pays under these circumstances.

Councillor Moser said there is a by-law providing financial protection for persons who lose livestock. But, he said, Halifax County is paying bounties to people from other counties who bring snouts here for collection.

Councillor Snair asked the Warden if members of the Hospital Board could be excused to have time to inspect the bus which was being considered for purchase. The bus, he said, was waiting in the parking lot. Warden Leverman said he would like all councillors to remain until debate on the report was concluded.

Councillor Williams said he did not want the bounty removed, but that he wanted the Provincial Government to pay it.

Councillor Turner said if a farmer loses sheep killed by bears he was not covered. The by-law, he said, covered loss by dogs only.

Councillor Stubbs asked where temporary borrowing appeared in the budget. Councillor Flawn said it came under account 4788.

Mr. Hattie confirmed Councillor Curren's observation that if the report were adopted, the Capital School expenditures portion would be referred back to the School Board.

In replying to a question by Councillor Stubbs, Mr. Hattie said there was no predetermined amount for overdraft interest. He said the amount of the bank overdraft varies from time to time and that \$30,000 was taken to be projected interest charge over the year.

Councillor Flawn, speaking on the overdraft interest amount, said the actual overdraft will vary as capital expenditures are funded once or several times a year, depending on the amount of capital construction undertaken. The actual amount outstanding, he said, is never constant. When funded, he added, interest is at the rate of 5 3/4 per cent plus one twentieth of the principal amount. This year's payment, he said, is \$920,000. principal and interest.

At 4:13 p.m. Council adjourned to inspect the bus being considered for the County Hospital.

Council reconvened at 4:43 p.m., when the Warden suggested the amendment on the bear bounty be put first, and then consideration be given to adopting the report. Agreed.

At the request of Councillor Daye, a recorded vote was taken in the amendment, moved by Councillors Turner and Daye:

"THAT the paragraph with respect to doing away with the bear bounty be deleted from the report of the Finance Committee."

Before voting, Mr. Hattie said \$240 was paid out in bear bounties last year.

FOR: Councillors for Districts 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 10, 12. (Hanrahan). Total (9).

AGAINST: Councillors for Districts 14, 14, 16, 23, 24, 27, 28, 7, 8, 8, 9, 11, 13. Total (13).

Councillors Archibald and Snair moved:-

"THAT the Preliminary Report of the Finance and Executive Committee, be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Henley and Baker moved:-

"THAT this Council go on record as not being in favor of any increase in teachers' salaries."

It was agreed to hold over this motion until next day.

Councillors Snair and Baker moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow morning." Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

SEVENTH DAY MORNING

March 17th., 1961.

Council convened at 10:25 a.m. with Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

Roll called.

Mr. Hattie reported no letters and communications had been received.

Mr. Hattie read two changes to the fifth day's minutes as follows:-

Addition bottom of page 25, "Councillors Spears and Balcome moved:- "That the Report of the Municipal Collector be received and filed." Motion carried.

Amendment, page 69, following the motion by Councillors Archibald and Spears "THAT Council adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning", substitute "Motion Lost" for "Motion Carried".

Councillors Turner and Baker moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the Fifth Day's Session be adopted as amended." Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and Snair moved:-

"THAT the reading of the minutes of the Sixth Day be deferred." Motion carried.

Speaking on the motion by Councillors Henley and Baker, held over from yesterday's meeting, Councillor Settle said while all councillors agree that every economy move is necessary, it may turn out to be false economy to refuse the increase in teachers' pay as recommended by the majority report of the Conciliation Board. He said the County has over 700 teachers working under the shadow of two cities where salaries are higher than the County is paying. He said over the past six or seven years the School Board had a great many negotiations over salaries and often demands had been higher than Council considered reasonable.

Councillor Settle said the School Board's approval of the present request for salary increases was not far removed from the

recommendation of the Conciliation Board. In effect, he said, the Conciliation Board backed the Municipal School Board's position. He felt the Council should look at the problem objectively. He suggested that Council might find itself in a worse position if the motion on the floor was adopted.

Councillor Baker asked what procedure teachers took in becoming members of the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union. He asked if they apply or if they became members automatically.

Mr. Hattie replied that all teachers automatically become members of the Union unless they send notification to the effect that they do not want to be members.

Mr. Marriott added that between 80 and 90 per cent of the teachers in Halifax County are members of the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union. In reply to a question by Warden Leverman, Mr. Marriott said he felt there was no discrimination shown against the remaining 10 to 20 per cent who are not Union members and that whether teachers are Union members or not, they all receive the same benefits.

Councillor Baker said he questioned several Halifax County teachers what they would do in case the proposed raise did not go through. One teacher, he said for example, replied she would not favor a strike. If the raise were granted, she said, some of the raise would have to be absorbed in her tax rate, and that she felt most teachers did not favor strike-action. This request, he continued, was only a beginning -- where will it end? If the teachers want to go on strike, let them, he concluded.

Mr. Marriott said a vote would be taken by the teachers whether or not they would accept or reject whatever is decided. If a "coincidental resignation" takes place, he said, it will take place by decision of a majority vote of all County teachers. He said the vote would be taken under the auspices of the Teachers' Union. There are five locals in the County, he added, and that each local will

hold its own meeting and that voting will be conducted in a "democratic" way.

Warden Leverman asked if the voting would take place under the "direction" of the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union, to which Mr. Marriott replied that the meetings will be held by the teachers involved and that Union Officials may be present.

Councillor Williams said the Municipal tax rate is high now and that he felt it would be most difficult to stand a higher rate. If Council votes against the increase, he asked what would happen? He observed that about 70 per cent of the teachers are married women whose husbands have jobs and who, in some cases anyway, are not anxious to see their wives working. If a strike action is taken, he said, these married teachers could hold up settlement for a long time because they do not depend entirely on their own incomes and meanwhile County children would be without teachers.

Councillor Flawn repeated a question he said he made when the majority report of the Conciliation Board was read in Council: Have the five locals concerned accepted the Conciliation Board's recommendations? He said Council did not know, when asked to vote today, that even if Council did accept the Board's recommendations, whether the teachers would agree or not.

Mr. Marriott said it would be presumptuous for him to state categorically, but that he had good reason to understand that the teachers would be prepared to accept the report.

Councillor Flawn said he saw no reason why an official public statement had been made that no teacher going on the Dartmouth staff from the County would suffer a loss in doing so.

If salary rates between Dartmouth and Halifax County are not that far apart, why was this assurance given these teachers they would not have to suffer a loss?

Councillor Daye said if married teachers are not interested in

more money, why were they asking for more? He said he felt Council agreed one hundred per cent on providing good education for the children. But, he asked, if our ratepayers can not pay the taxes, what will be the outcome?

Councillor Stubbs said the County's feeder schools are sending children into grade eleven, who have not received proper groundwork. She said she did not see how we could expect our teachers to provide proper training for our children if the teachers themselves are not properly trained. Regarding supervising principals, she said it was the assumption that they would help raise the status of the system. But, she said, we can not attract the best teachers at poor salaries. She said we would not be fair to our students in referring the proposed increase to the teachers, and that it would be a lot easier to explain an additional increase of four cents on the tax rate than the basic increase of 23 cents.

Regarding married women, Councillor Stubbs said she did not like the idea expressed that they are not doing their duty. Very often, she continued, married women are older teachers accustomed to teaching under the "good, old curriculum". She said teachers were underpaid too long, that there was some catching up to do, although when pay increases were going to stop she did not know. She felt, however, they must be approaching a ceiling. She drew a comparison to the salaries paid to the staff of Halifax County, which she felt were second to none. Yet, she said, when it comes to paying for education for our children we are paying less.

Councillor Stubbs said she felt the time had come when the people who hire teachers should know the teachers. She said it was not enough to place this responsibility in the hands of the trustees -- lay people -- that professional assistance was required. She felt a complete "check" on all teachers in Halifax County was necessary, and that those not worthy of their hire should be dismissed.

If we do not raise their salaries, she said, they will resign, as they did in West Hants. Council should think very carefully about its decision, she said. She felt it would be very poor to have to come back later and pay an increase and lose face in the process.

Warden Leverman said that although he was not an educationalist, the mere fact that a person is given an increase in salary does not necessarily increase his interest in his work or his productivity. He said, in his opinion, teachers in the Municipality of the County of Halifax should be hired and allocated by the Municipal School Board. A teacher's salary, he said, is determined by his academic degree and his years of teaching experience. A well qualified teacher, he said, could apply for a position in a one-room school to teach 35 to 40 children at a salary commensurate with his background. Meanwhile, he said, permissive teachers may be allowed to teach in our high schools. He felt teachers should be hired and allocated by the Municipal School Board so that well qualified teachers would be placed in their most effective roles.

Mr. Marriott said, basically, he agreed with the Warden's remarks. He felt the School Board should be in a position to place the best teachers elsewhere if necessary. In the past, he said, he had been highly criticized because he advised the School Board not to hire some supervisors recommended by the trustees, because the trustees thought that authority was being taken from their hands and being placed in the hands of pseudo-specialists. He said the Municipal School Board was only four years old, and as an organization it should be considered still immature, that it must grow into the situation. In actual hiring, he said, most trustees do contact the School Board. Regarding the Warden's remarks concerning a higher qualified teacher accepting a small school, he said, if this is the only teacher available, even though he is highly licenced, it would

be difficult to close the school rather than hire him.

Warden Leverman said it was human nature for small schools to take the highest qualified teachers they can, especially as it costs them no more.

Councillor Stubbs agreed that Bill 66, which brought the schools under the Municipalities in the same way as schools are operated by towns and cities, brought difficulty with it. Maybe we have to go gradually, she added. She thought it might be an improvement if the supervising principal and Mr. Marriott were required to sit in with the trustees when hiring teachers.

Warden Leverman said he was sure when a teacher applies for a position with the City of Halifax he does not say he will teach in Grade 8 in LeMarchant School or not anywhere. He felt applications should be made for all vacancies through the Municipal School Board. He said he would not object so much to the increase in teachers' salaries if teachers were not allowed to pick and choose. Councillor Stubbs agreed that normally, trustees are not qualified to select teachers.

Warden Leverman said he could remember some years ago when a teacher taught a primary grade at \$1,200 a year. She continued her education, he said, prepared herself, and now she is getting a top salary, but that she was still teaching the same grade as when she started.

Replying to a question by Warden Leverman, Mr. Marriott said Halifax County has more school sections than any other county in the province. Regarding the Warden's remark concerning the primary school teacher, he said it is probable that she's a better teacher now than when she started.

The Warden asked by what measurement she was better qualified, to which Mr. Marriott replied that teachers are under continual assessment by supervisors and inspectors. However, he said, both qualifications and personality must be taken into account in placing

teachers.

Warden Leverman asked Mr. Marriott if, for example, the Arndale Board of School Trustees, which employs 78 to 80 teachers, came to him and said, here's our list for the year, does the Municipal School Board ever say, "I'm sorry, we think the teacher you have here in Grade 3 should be in Grade 9?" Mr. Marriott replied the School Board has never suggested a change of classrooms, but that it may recommend against hiring.

Councillor Henley said, as mover of the motion under discussion, he could readily understand the attitude of the School Board. Last year, he said, he supported an increase in teachers' salaries. However, he felt the time had come to draw the line somewhere. Regarding married women, he said he supposed they were trying to improve their standard of living. If they were deprived of their teaching income, through strike-action, he felt they would hurt themselves as well as the Municipality.

If the increase were granted, he said, the school capital program would suffer, and that school facilities were seriously lacking. He said he did not feel the Teachers' Union reflected the true feelings of the teachers.

Councillor Henley said he looked upon the matter of salary increases for teachers as a vicious cycle. There was competition among the municipalities. Briefly, he reviewed the benefits teachers now receive over and above other salaries. He said if the recommendation had been for a three year agreement he might have found it acceptable.

Councillor Henley said maybe all applications should be submitted through the Municipality as suggested by the Warden. He agreed that population growth had exceeded the tax payers' capability to keep up with it. The effect of Bill 66, he said, mushroomed beyond what was anticipated, and as a result the County has had several increased

major expenditures, such as an architectural department.

Regarding the number of supervisors, Councillor Henley said this clearly indicates the capabilities of some of our teachers are not up to the standards they should be, and that grading results further emphasizes this. He said the time had come for this Council to take a firm stand -- a stand of leadership -- that other municipalities would follow.

Mr. Hattie said 11 school sections have area rates. Councillor Stubbs said that area rates were there to help keep teachers in the classrooms in competition with the urban centers.

Councillor Snair asked if the motion was meant to include regular automatic increases, and if not, he suggested the motion should be re-worded.

Councillor Curren suggested the motion should read "THAT Council is not in favor of recommending the Conciliation Report".

Movers of the motion, Councillors Henley and Baker agreed to rewording the motion as follows:

"THAT this Council go on record as not being in favor of any increase in teachers' salaries other than the ordinary, automatic increase."

Before taking a recorded vote, Councillor Stubbs commented that on a \$5,000 assessment this increase would account for an additional \$2.

FOR: Councillors Snair, Curren, McGrath, Moser, Baker, White, Sellars, Williams, Daye, MacKenzie, Henley, Turner, Archibald, Grant, Isenor, Flawn.

AGAINST: Councillors Spears, Hanrahan, Settle, Stubbs, Burris.

For: (16) AGAINST: (5) Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Burris replaced Warden Leverman in the Chair at 11:35 a.m.

Councillors Stubbs and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the Municipal School Board be requested to consider the advisability of adopting the policy of having the Supervisors, and Supervising Principals & Principals along with the Chief Administrative Officer of the Municipal School Board, play a greater part in the selection and placement of School Teachers rather than leave the selection of the Teacher pretty well the full responsibility of the Local Board of Trustees as has been the custom in the past."

A discussion on the motion was entered into by Councillor Henley and Snair in which they asserted that if teachers were required to teach in any part of Halifax County the School Board wants them to, many would resign, particularly the married teachers. They said this action would not assist in rectifying the teacher shortage. They agreed the County should guide teachers with high qualifications into grades they are qualified to teach.

Councillor Stubbs said the Municipal School Board has representatives from across the County, who would look after School section interests. Regarding married women, she said Council must place faith in the decisions of the School Board.

Deputy Warden Burris said the supply of teachers was not such that trustees could refuse applications.

Councillor Snair asked for the name of the School Board representative from Halifax West.

Councillor Daye said if Council went along with the motion there would be a lot of trouble from married school teachers.

Councillor Henley said this motion was only to refer the matter to the School Board for a report later on.

Councillor White said he knew his own board of trustees would appreciate added assistance from the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Snair said it was not right to say that members of the School Board are picked from all over the County.

Mr. Hattie said that Council's representation on the School Board had been one each from Halifax East, West and Center, plus another

member elected at large.

Council's present representation, he said, is:

Councillor Curren	-	Halifax West
Councillor Redmond	-	Member-at-large
Councillor Settle	-	Halifax East
Councillor Archibald	-	Halifax Center

Deputy Warden Burris said Council appoints four, and the province appoint three. It was Council's responsibility, he said, to ensure equal representation.

Councillor McGrath said the system of hiring teachers works well in Victoria County, and suggested the same could apply in Halifax.

Councillor Curren said the School Board now hires teachers on the recommendation of local boards of trustees.

Councillor Stubbs asked if the Municipal School Board now receives only one (recommended) application for each vacant position.

Councillor Curren said he was a trustee for nine years. The procedure, he said, was that applications would be received by the trustees, the secretary and the supervising principal. A great deal of work was done, he said, to satisfy themselves that the best applicant was chosen.

Then the best applicant is recommended to the School Board, which does the hiring. The groundwork, he said, is done by the local trustees. If this is removed from the local trustees, he said, this would create a great deal of additional work on the School Board.

Councillor Snair said he thought this was a privilege that should not be taken away from local trustees.

Councillor Flawn suggested an amendment to the motion, saying in effect that other applications received for a vacant position would be submitted with the designated first choice.

Councillor Curren observed this procedure was always followed in his district.

Warden Leverman said his main objection was that trustees always pick the best qualified teacher because it costs them no more money. He questioned if the remaining applications were forwarded to the School Board if this would have any effect.

Councillor Flawn and Henley moved:-

"THAT when Local Boards of Trustees, forward a list of Teachers to the Municipal School Board, that the Local Board be asked to send in all applications received for each teaching position, so that the Municipal School Board can review these applications."

Following discussion, the Solicitor ruled both resolutions should be treated as separate motions. (A request for a recorded vote in the original resolution moved and seconded by Councillors Snair and Daye was withdrawn).

The original motion by Councillors Stubbs and McGrath was put.
Resolution lost by a standing vote of (9) FOR; (11) AGAINST.

The second motion by Councillors Flawn and Henley was put.
Resolution carried (16) FOR; (3) AGAINST.

Councillors Snair and Williams moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2 p.m."
Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

SEVENTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council met at 2:30 p.m. with Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair. Roll called.

The Warden stated that during the deliberations of the Finance and Executive Committee that the matter of a \$7.500 grant for the Canadian Mental Health Association arose in the estimates, and the Committee discussed this matter thoroughly and could see a way clear to grant this amount to the Association.

In reply to a question by Councillor Snair, the Municipal Clerk said that the Canadian Mental Health Association was included in the United Appeal Campaign.

The Warden said that the general feeling among committee members was that if an organization or association, such as the Canadian Mental Health Association was assisted by the United Appeal, that it was not up to the Municipality to make such a substantial grant.

Councillor Flawn said that the Finance and Executive Committee in considering the grant were aware of two things: one, that a member of the association, a Mrs. White was on the staff of the Halifax County Hospital; and two, that supplies needed by patients at the hospital were a direct charge on expenses.

Councillors Snair and Stubbs moved:-

"THAT a grant of \$1,000.00 be given to the Canadian Mental Health Association for the year 1961."

Councillor Henley asked for a brief outline of the functions performed by the Canadian Mental Health Association.

In reply to Councillor Henley's question, Councillor Snair said that except for Mrs. White, who acts in an supervisory capacity, the Association sends volunteer workers to the Hospital three times a week to instruct the patients in leather craft, basketry, and woodworking. He said that he felt that the Association was doing a wonderful job at the Hospital, but added that the Finance and Executive Committee

were not in a position to recommend a grant of \$7,500 to the Association.

Councillor Curren asked if the \$1,000.00 grant would cover the cost of materials and services provided at the County Hospital or if the grant would be used by the Association for general disbursement.

In reply to Councillor Curren's question the Warden said that grants given to the Canadian Mental Health Association are used for general disbursement and not for any one institution. He also mentioned that the grants also covered mental Health projects provided by the Kiwanis Club.

The motion re the Canadian Mental Health Association Grant was put and carried by a vote of (9) FOR; (7) AGAINST.

Councillor Stubbs said that in years previous, County estimates were distributed to Councillors before the Finance and Executive Committee met, and she wondered why this year the estimates were circulated after the Committee met. She said that the only indication that Councillors got of the estimates for 1961 was through the press.

In reply to Councillor Stubbs' question, the Municipal Clerk said that the actual estimates were only known after the Finance and Executive first convened on Friday, February 24.

The Warden said that the figures now before Council were the result of "hard cutting and preparing" by the Finance and Executive Committee.

Councillor MacKenzie asked why, in the 1960 estimates and actuals, in many cases the actual figures exceeded the estimate figures. He noted that the legal expense actually was higher than the estimate.

In reply to Councillor MacKenzie's question, the Warden said that the reason that the Legal expense was higher, was that the County was obliged to incur additional fees for the Royal Commission.

In reply to Councillor MacKenzie's former question, the Municipal Clerk said that in many cases only a fair estimate could be given for

expenses that are actually accruals and not fixed. He said that in the case of the estimates for Welfare, that the actuals showed an increase because the Welfare department added another staff member. He said, that another example of the actuals exceeding the estimates was in the case of grants to Institution, where the patient population showed a decided increase.

In reply to a second question by Councillor MacKenzie, the Municipal Clerk said that any addition to the estimates is paid out of current revenue.

Councillor Settle said he believed that the principle of the budget was to give as accurately as possible the estimates for the ensuing year. He added that in the case of the County's budget there are only a few fixed expenses.

In reply to a question by Councillor Stubbs, the Municipal Clerk said that the County's surplus of \$2,000 was shown in the Revenue and Expenditure Statement.

Councillor Stubbs then asked why the Hayman Report stated that a true tax rate for the County in 1960 was \$2.39 rather than \$2.18.

In reply to Councillor Stubbs' question, the Municipal Clerk said that the main reason for the recommended tax rate of \$2.39 by the Hayman Report, was that the County had not budgeted in 1960 for the deficit of the previous year.

The Municipal Clerk said in reply to a question by Councillor MacKenzie, that the Library maintenance figure of \$4,000 covered several items, including rent for the Library and also the Bookmobile reserve.

The Municipal Clerk said that the grant of \$1,000 approved by Council, would be included in the estimates in the final report of the Finance and Executive Committee.

Councillor Snair and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee including Estimates for 1961 be approved." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then read the School Capital Program Committee Report.

Councillors Flawn and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT the Report of the School Capital Program Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Report of the Veterinary Assistance Board.

Councillor Archibald then asked if anyone in Council knew anything about the incidence of Hog Cholera, reported recently in the Province.

In reply to Councillor Archibald's question, some Councillors said that they had heard the disease of Hog Cholera existed in Nova Scotia, but that they did not know any details.

In reply to a question by the Warden, the Municipal Clerk said that the grant for Veterinary Assistance would be the same in 1961 as it had been in years previous.

Councillor Snair then asked if veterinary assistance is available to the whole of the County or just part of the County.

The Municipal Clerk in reply to Councillor Snair's question, said that veterinary assistance is available to the whole of Halifax County and that there are two centres for the assistance, one in the Musquodoboit Valley and the other in Halifax South East.

In reply to a question by Councillor Snair, Councillor Settle said that the purpose of the grant to the Veterinary Assistance, is to stabilize the costs of veterinaries throughout Halifax County.

Councillors Snair and Curren moved:-

"THAT the Reports of the Halifax Veterinary Assistance Boards for the Musquodoboit Valley and Halifax South East, be received and filed." Motion carried.

Deputy Warden Burris took the Chair at 3:20 p.m.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Financial Statements of the Municipality of the County of Halifax.

The Municipal Clerk said that last year, the Municipality

used a different accounting system, whereby there were two balance sheets, one showing the balance as of December 31, 1960 and the other showing the balance as of January 31, 1961, this was done in view of the fact that part of the County amalgamated with the Town of Dartmouth as of January 1st., 1961.

Councillor Archibald asked what the total acreage of lands owned by the Department of Lands and Forests in Halifax County was.

The Municipal Clerk in reply to Councillor Archibald's question, said that the figure for the total acreage of Halifax County lands owned by the Department of Lands and Forests could be procured from the Assessment Department.

In reply to a second question by Councillor Archibald, the Municipal Clerk said that 5% was paid by the Department for stumpage on Halifax County lands owned by the Department.

Councillor Archibald said that on two occasions the Finance and Executive Committee approached the Minister of Lands and Forests to up the percentage paid by the Department and that to date nothing had been done. He said that the Finance and Executive Committee, with the consent of Council, would approach the new Minister of Lands and Forests.

Council agreed that the Finance and Executive Committee approach the new Minister of Lands and Forests to up the percentage paid by the Department on stumpage.

Councillor Stubbs then asked to what extent the Municipality participated in the cost of sending students to the School for the Deaf and the School for the Blind.

In reply to the question, the Clerk said that last year the Municipality paid \$600 for each student of Halifax County attending the schools. He said that this was half of the cost and that the Provincial Government paid the same amount. He said that this year the cost went up to \$750 per student, and that the Municipality would

be committed to this amount per student for 1961.

In reply to a question by Councillor Flawn, the Chief Accountant said that the Special Survey for Marion Heights sewer had been charged to Water Utility.

The Municipal Clerk in reply to a question by Councillor MacKenzie said that rates struck for street lighting are worked out each year and presented to Council in a special report of the Finance Committee.

The Warden then enquired as to how much had been recovered in refunds of the 3% Hospital Tax.

The Municipal Clerk replied that approximately \$36,000 had been recovered as a rebate on sales tax as a result of Mr. Murray's work in this connection.

The Warden then asked how this was to be handled in 1961.

The Clerk replied that the contracts had been changed and now the contractor was required to submit an affidavit, with supporting documents, showing the full amount of sales tax to be paid.

Councillor Stubbs asked how much cash would be received from Dartmouth as a result of amalgamation. The Clerk replied that as a result of negotiations between the Town and the County, the Town had agreed to pay all outstanding taxes in the area, the principal and interests payments on all funded debt in the area, they had agreed to taking over all unfunded debt thus reducing the County's bank overdrafts, and the final adjustment of area rates, teacher salaries in the area, and certain other matters still had to be negotiated with the Town.

Councillor Stubbs said this did not answer her question. What the people wanted to know was did amalgamation cause taxes to go up in the County or not. The Clerk replied that amalgamation cost the County, the Town and the Province more money. He said that the only accurate measurement would be to compare the estimates for 1961 of the County as it is now with an estimate of what costs would have been if

amalgamation had not taken place. This he said could be worked out, but would take some time as school costs would have to be obtained from the Municipal School Board and each item of expenditure would have to be analysed carefully to see what total estimated costs would be if amalgamation had not taken place. He pointed out that the Hayman Commission had taken considerable time to produce estimates of what amalgamation would have cost the County last year had amalgamation taken effect from January 1st., 1960, the same procedure would have to be gone through in order to compare 1960 and 1961 accurately.

In reply to a question by Councillor Baker, the Clerk replied that the operation of the City prison was an object of "Joint Expenditure" along with the operation of the Court House, the County Jail, and other expenses in connection with the administration of justice. For the past few years "Joint Expenditures" have been showed on a basis of 59% payable by Halifax, 12% payable by Dartmouth and 29% payable by the County, but he pointed out, as a result of recent meetings of the Arbitration Committees of the three Municipal Corporations, it had been agreed to change the percentages, on the basis of the MacGlashen adjusted "cash value" assessment on the County and the Town to 21% for the County instead of 29% and 20% by the Town instead of 12%.

Councillor Baker asked if the administration of the City Prison and County Jail was a shared responsibility. The Clerk explained that when the City Prison had been brought under joint expenditures it had been agreed that the City's Safety Committee would administer the City Prison as they always had and the County's Welfare Committee would administer the County Jail as they always had. He pointed out that this matter had been discussed at the Arbitration Committee meetings and Alderman Butler had agreed to bring back a report to future meetings in this regard.

Warden Leverman stated that he still was not satisfied with the Clerk's comments with respect to the recovery of sales tax under existing agruments. He asked Councillor Flawn to explain further.

Councillor Flawn stated that he had just checked with the Architect's Office and was informed that after the "count down" started on the 45 day hold-back period, the contractor was told that he had to submit an affidavit supported by vouchers, showing the total amount of sales tax that was paid under the contract, and this had to be presented before the 45 day hold-back was paid. This was the first time that the contractor knew of this situation, he felt.

The Clerk replied that he was under the impression that this requirement was stated in the instructions to bidders and quoted from a contract document.

Councillor Flawn felt that the wording read was not contained in the most recent contracts, but had applied in prior contracts.

The Clerk stated that he would be glad to check the matter further and suggested perhaps the matter could be gone into in detail with the Solicitors at the next meeting of the School Capital Program Committee. Council agreed.

Councillors Snair and Turner moved:-

"THAT the Financial Statements of the Municipality of Halifax County for the year 1960, including the Revenue Fund Balance Sheet, the continuity of investments in Capital Assets and the continuity of Surplus, be approved." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Report of the County Planning Board.

Councillors Settle and Henley moved:-

"THAT the Report of the County Planning Board, be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Spears and Henley moved:-

"THAT this Council advertize in the usual manner its intention to amend the Zoning By-Law in the following manner:

- (1) Clause (1) of Section 2 of the Zoning By-Law is repealed.
- (2) Clause (m) of Section 2 of the Zoning By-Law is repealed.
- (3) Clause (c) of Section 32 of the Zoning By-Law is repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"(c) a spot, recreational or social facility;"

Motion carried.

Councillors White and Snair moved:-

"THAT the memorandum of Agreement between Her Majesty the Queen in the right of Canada and the Municipality of the County of Halifax be approved and that the Warden and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of the Municipality, providing that all monies paid under the agreement are paid by District 13 Funds." Motion carried.

The Warden stated that he wanted to go on record as deploring the fact that certain Councillors were not in attendance when important business was to be transacted. He said that it was of the utmost importance that Councillors be on hand during all Council Sessions, and not just a select few.

Councillors Spears and Snair moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 10 o'clock Monday morning." Motion carried.

Council adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

EIGHTH DAY MORNING

March 20th., 1961.

Council met at 10:30 a.m. with Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair. Roll called.

The Municipal Clerk stated that there were no letters or communications for the day.

Councillors MacKenzie and Daye moved:-

"THAT the minutes of the Sixth Day morning and afternoon be adopted, as read." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the reading of the minutes of the Seventh Day be deferred." Motion carried.

Councillor Stubbs then asked if Dr. Simms had been approached about appearing before the Annual Session of Council.

The Municipal Clerk said in reply to Councillor Stubbs' question, that he had contacted Dr. Simms, but that for the past week Dr. Simms had been tied up with Commission meetings, and was not able to attend. He said that Dr. Simms might be available some time during the day, but if not he would be contacted to see if he could attend the April Session.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Report of Finance and Executive Committee re Sinking Funds. He said that the Report listed Bonds held in Sinking Funds, to pay off the County Court House Loan of 1931.

Councillor Stubbs then asked if the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities had approached the Provincial Government concerning its taking over the responsibility of Court Houses in Nova Scotia.

The Warden stated that this was a perennial Resolution at meetings of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities, and that on three occasions the Provincial Government had been approached, but that nothing further had been done about it.

Councillors Flawn and Archibald moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re Sinking Funds, be received." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Detail of Municipal Investments and County Hospital Investments.

Councillors Flawn and Archibald moved:-

"THAT the Detail of Municipal Investments and County Hospital Investments, be received."
Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then read the breakdown of Expenditures for District Rates for the year 1960.

Councillor Stubbs stated as a result of amalgamation with Dartmouth, that in District 14 there were two bills outstanding; one for the closing out of the Dump, and the other from a Mr. Marsh, Sanitary Inspector for District 14. She said that the Municipality should be responsible for paying these outstanding bills, as soon as possible. She asked what had been done about paying these bills.

The Municipal Clerk said in reply to Councillor Stubbs' question, that as yet the Finance and Executive Committee had not dealt with the details arising from amalgamation; but that Mr. Moir had been approached about advancing the two outstanding bills to the Municipality, and as yet they have not been received. He said that now it was just a matter of agreement with the City of Dartmouth.

In reply to a question by the Warden, Councillor Snair said that the man on duty at the fire station in his district, was on 24 hour call every day of the week, and on duty 9 hours a day at the station. He said that although his fire station was comparatively larger than fire stations in other districts, the station is burning a lot less oil than others.

In reply to questions by Councillor Blackburn, Councillor Snair said that the man on duty at his station was not the fire chief, and that the \$2,600 in his district's budget included the man's salary and maintenance to the fire trucks.

Councillor Flawn said that there was a change to be made in his district's budget. He said that fire men's salaries amounted to \$2,850 and building inspector's \$100.

Councillors Curren and Snair moved:-

"THAT the Breakdown of Expenditure for District Rates for the year 1960, be approved." Motion carried.

Mr. Hattie read the Auditors' Report.

In reply to a question by Councillor Stubbs, Mr. Hattie said under the Social Assistance Act, property belonging to welfare patients can be assigned for maintenance purposes.

Mr. Cox added, in the case of mental patients, this is possible because the hospital superintendent is appointed legal guardian of the patient.

Councillor Archibald said a ~~close relative could be held responsible~~ for a patient's property and that in some instances a claim could be laid against the property towards assistance of the patient's hospital charges.

Mr. Hattie said it was the intention of the Municipal Welfare Department to investigate these cases.

Councillor Hanrahan said he understood the matter of financing mental patients was being referred to the Federal Government by the Provincial Premiers. He thought the Union of Municipalities should press to have the Federal Government assume the care of mental patients.

Warden Leverman cited a case where a man had saved \$42,000, which he put in his wife's name. She was later admitted to the Nova Scotia Hospital and according to medical advice, she is incurable. He said he understood the legal ruling in this instance was that she would retain one-third and the province would get two-thirds, with

the husband getting nothing.

Mr. Cox observed that a person who transfers his personal property to his wife runs this risk.

Councillor Blackburn questioned the increased amount for operating the incinerator.

Mr. Hattie replied that the Public Works Committee felt with the proposed repairs to the incinerator, that staff could be reduced. He said the figure included \$12,000 for repairs made last year, but not the amount voted during this Session of Council. He added that the incinerator will owe the money and that the new rate should produce a surplus, which would pay for the repairs over the next few years.

Councillors Snair and Settle moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Auditors be accepted."
Motion carried.

Following discussion on the approval of District Budgets and District Rates for 1960, it was moved by Councillors Stubbs and Settle:-

"THAT the \$.03 rate for district purposes for District 14 be levied only on that part of District 14 exclusive of that portion of School Section 109 from the City of Dartmouth Boundary to the District line, and also that portion of School Section 144 which is included in District 14." Motion carried.

Council agreed with Councillor Baker's request that the word "polio" be changed to "immunization" in the District Rates Budget for District 10, as the clinics supplied immunization against diseases in addition to polio.

Councillors Flawn and Snair moved:-

"THAT the District Rates, as shown on the Schedule for District Rates, be approved."
Motion carried.

Mr. Hattie introduced the next item on the agenda: Approval of Area Rates for School Purposes, recommended by the Municipal School Board.

Deputy Warden Burris took the Chair at 11:20 a.m.

Councillor Curren asked for the Bedford Service Commission rate, to which Mr. Bensted replied it is 28 cents.

Councillor Stubbs asked how much of the district budget is allotted to teachers' bonuses, and what is paid to trustees and secretaries.

Deputy Warden Burris observed that in the original report, which was circulated the amount paid out of district budgets was broken down.

Councillor Stubbs said she understood one secretary was being paid \$4,000 a year, which she questioned. Deputy Warden Burris observed that if a secretary is getting paid that amount, he's getting paid from district rates.

Councillor Stubbs asked what amount school trustees are paid. Deputy Warden Burris said the amount would depend on the number of classrooms involved; that it was \$20 a year for the first classroom and \$15 a year for each additional classroom.

Councillor White said when he served on his Board of School Trustees, he had three classrooms and that his salary for this was \$32 a year. Councillor Curren mentioned this was a matter for Councillor White's local Board of Trustees.

Councillor Snair referred to the Black Point area rate of \$.05. He said he understood the total amount required this year was \$600, and as there was an unexpended balance of \$503.02, he questioned the \$.05 rate.

Councillor MacKenzie observed that some districts pay music teachers from district funds.

Warden Leverman replaced Deputy Warden Burris in the Chair.

Mr. Hattie said the Black Point Trustees gave the amount required as \$600, in a letter to the Municipal School Board, but as this figure was under question that it be dealt with at a later time today.

Councillors Curren and McGrath moved:-

"THAT this Council approve the area rates for School purposes as recommended by the Municipal School Board and shown on the Schedule of Area Rates, with the exception of Black Point School Section." Motion carried.

The report of the Finance and Executive Committee re Special Area Rates was read by Mr. Hattie, with appropriate changes made in references to District 14 in line with Councillor Stubbs' motion.

Councillor Blackburn asked the Warden if he had authority to levy a rate for School Section 75 to provide street lighting. On approval, moved by Councillors Blackburn and Henley:-

"THAT a \$.05 rate be put on School Section 75 of District 27 for street lighting purposes." Motion carried.

In reply to an observation by Councillor Stubbs, Councillor Blackburn said the \$.18 rate for Waverley for fire fighting was running very close to the line and he suggested it remain. Mr. Hattie added that the rate had been worked out in co-operation with the local fire department.

Councillor Baker, referring to the \$.13 rate for Shad Bay and White's Lake, said that as the total assessment had gone up in that district, he felt the rate should go down. He asked to have this section of the Report held in abeyance until later on in the day.

Councillors Curren and McGrath moved:-

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re Special Area Rates be approved, with the exception of White's Lake Street Lighting Levy." Motion carried.

Councillor Snair said he had phoned the secretary of the school trustees at Black Point, and that the gross amount required for 1961 was \$600. He added that they had neglected to take the \$503.02 balance left over from last year into account.

Warden Leverman asked Council if the Municipal School Board asked for \$600, would it be in order to change the amount requested

without reference to Mr. Marriott.

Councillor Curren felt the revised request should be verified in writing, and Council agreed with a suggestion by Deputy Warden Burris that as Mr. Marriott was expected to be back in his office at noon, that he be contacted then and the matter dealt with during the afternoon meeting.

Councillors Baker and Moser moved:-

"THAT a rate of \$.10 be levied on the ratepayers of the White's Lake -- Shad Bay area, for street lighting." Motion carried.

Councillor Baker said the area referred to in his motion was School Section 122.

Councillors Snair and McGrath moved:-

"THAT Council adjourn until 2 p.m."

On a standing vote of (14) FOR and (6) AGAINST, the motion was carried.

Council adjourned at 12 noon.

EIGHTH DAY AFTERNOON

Council convened at 2:10 p.m. with Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair. Roll called.

The Municipal Clerk explained the agreement with the Department of Highways re Road Improvement. The old agreement, he said, was for a three year term and the new agreement was for a further three years.

Councillor McGrath asked if the lineal charge ran to more than the estimated \$7.70, would the County be responsible?

The Municipal Clerk replied, yes.

In reply to a question by Councillor McGrath, Warden Leverman said the County Planning Board would look into the erection of road signs where such had not been properly erected.

Councillors Settle and Williams moved:-

"THAT the proposed agreement with the Department of Highways with respect to the improvement of suburban streets or roads be approved, and the Warden and Clerk, be and they are hereby authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Municipality."
Motion carried.

Councillor Blackburn asked what hope there was to get roads under 30 feet wide paved, to which the Municipal Clerk replied that a special By-Law had been passed to look after these roads.

Councillor Flawn said that in paving done in former District 28, no provision was made to fill behind the curb. No provision for this was in the contract, he said. When the agreement says the road must be suitably drained, such drainage consists of an opening about 2 feet wide, he said. He considered these circumstances unsatisfactory.

In reply to a question by Councillor White, Councillor Settle said that roads can be added to the list from time to time by agreement with the Department of Highways.

The Municipal Clerk introduced the Occupancy Permit By-Law. Municipal Solicitor Rogers said that several changes were made in the

By-Law since it was originally drafted and he read the changes.

Councillor Settle said the intent of the changes in the By-Law was to provide for those people who built their own homes so that an occupancy permit could be issued before construction is finally completed.

In reply to a question by Councillor Stubbs, Solicitor Rogers said it was difficult to draft a by-law to cover sub-standard dwellings. He said it could be said that sub-standard dwellings are all those which do not comply with the National Building Code, but this may then include a very large number of dwellings in Halifax County. If the qualification is "unsanitary", he said, someone must then define what is being violated.

Councillors Hanrahan and White moved:-

"THAT the Occupancy Permit By-Law as received by Council this date, be approved as amended." Motion carried.

Councillor Settle observed that the matter could still be studied and possibly an amendment could be brought in at a later date.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Expropriation of a Fire Station Site in District 17.

Councillors Curren and McGrath moved:-

"WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that the hereinafter described land is required for the purpose of erecting a fire station building at Head Chezzetcook in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that no agreement can be made for the purchase thereof;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council expropriate the hereinafter described lands and that the compensation for the said lands be \$1.00.

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land on the north side of Highway No. 7 at Head of Chezzetcook, in the County of Halifax, being shown on a plan of subdivision of lands of Clement Romo prepared by K. W. Robb, P.L.S., dated December 2, 1960, outlined in red, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin and stones on the northern side line of Highway No. 7 distant 135.64 feet on a bearing S 66° - 55.8'E from the southeast corner of lands of Reginald J. Romo;

THENCE on a bearing N 10° - 54'E a distance of 140.5 feet to an iron pin and stones on the shore of Little Lake;

THENCE in an easterly direction following the shore line of Little Lake to an iron pin;

THENCE on a bearing S 10° - 54'W a distance of 24 feet more or less to an iron pin and stones;

THENCE on a bearing S 10° - 54'W a distance of 138.5 feet to an iron pin and stones on the northern side line of Highway No. 7;

THENCE along the northern side line of Highway No. 7 on a bearing S 66° - 55.8'E a distance of 75 feet or to the place of beginning.

Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Expropriation of a 10 foot easement through Milner lands, Kearney Lake.

Councillors Curren and McGrath moved:-

"WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that the hereinafter described land is required for the purpose of road drainage proposed for road improvement at River Road, Kearney Lake in the County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia;

AND WHEREAS the Council is of the opinion that no agreement can be made for the purchase thereof;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council expropriate the hereinafter described lands and that the compensation for the said lands be \$1.00.

ALL that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being at Kearney Lake in the County of Halifax and being Lot A as shown on a plan of "10-foot Easement to be Acquired at Kearney Lake" signed by Kenneth V. Reardon, P.L.S., on December 21, 1960 and dated December 28, 1960 and being a portion of lands occupied by A. Milner, said 10' easement being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a wooden stake where the southern boundary of River Road so-called is intersected by the Eastern boundary of a lot of land owned by Thomas P. Milner;

THENCE running S 32° - 40'E along said eastern boundary of land of Thomas P. Milner a distance of 59.47' more or less to a wooden stake set on the bank of a small stream;

THENCE N 22° - 37'E along said stream bank a distance of 12.16' more or less to a wooden stake;

THENCE N 32° - 40'W along lands occupied by A. Milner a distance of 53.18' more or less to the southern boundary of River Road aforesaid;

THENCE S 54° - 10'W along said southern boundary of River Road a distance of 10.02' more or less to the place of beginning. All bearings being Astronomic.

Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then spoke on the remuneration of sheep valuers.

Councillors Hanrahan and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT the remuneration of Sheep Valuers be fixed as follows:- \$1.25 per hour and mileage at the rate of \$.12 per mile."
Motion carried.

Councillors Moser and Grant moved:-

"THAT this Council request the Provincial Government to reimburse sheep owners, where sheep are destroyed by Bears, and at the same time consider the matter of paying all bounties on animals because of the fact that the Department of Lands and Forests derives revenue from the forest lands." Motion carried.

Councillor Williams observed that as the Provincial Government collects all licenses, it should also pay all bounties.

Council adjourned for a five minute recess and reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

Councillors Hanrahan and Balcome moved:-

"THAT a member of the Department concerned, be present at Council when items connected with that Department are being discussed by Council." Motion carried.

The Warden said that he could not see where the Municipal School Board could spend \$1,800 more on teachers' bonuses that they could not recover, and added that he could not see where this deficit was a legitimate charge against the Municipality.

After further discussion by the Warden, Councillors, and Mr. Langley of the School Board re teachers' bonuses in school section 109, District 14,

it was moved by Councillors Flawn and Stubbs:-

"THAT the Report of the Finance and Executive Committee re Area School rate, Port Wallis - Westphal School Section No. 109, for the year 1961." Motion carried.

The Municipal Solicitor then reviewed the resolution re Arbitration.

Councillors Henley and Settle moved:-

"THAT Council discuss an adjustment of assets and liabilities because of the change of status when certain areas of the Municipality of the County of Halifax were added to the Town of Dartmouth, now the City of Dartmouth.

And that notice that such adjustment is required be given to the City of Dartmouth, and the Clerk is hereby authorized to give such notice in conformity with the provision of the Town's Incorporation Act." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then read the Reports of the Local Boards of Health.

Councillors Henley and Turner moved:-

"THAT the Reports of the Local Boards of Health for District 9, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 10, 11, 15, 27, 28 be received and filed." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then reviewed the draft for legislation pertaining to Commissioners of the Courthouse.

Councillors McGrath and Baker moved:-

"THAT this Council approve the draft legislation with respect to the Commissioners of the Courthouse." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then reviewed the list of District Officers.

Councillor Snair requested that John Hurshman be included in the list of officers for District 7 as dog catcher.

Councillor White requested that Vincent Pettipas be included in the list of officers for District 13 as a constable.

Councillors Snair and Turner moved:-

"THAT the district officers for the ensuing year as recommended by individual Councillors be approved." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then read resolutions not listed on the agenda.

Councillors Curren and McGrath moved:--

"THAT this Council levy an area rate of \$0.23 per Hundred Dollars of Assessment on all property assessed in Hammonds Plains S.S. No. 50, for the purpose of Fire Fighting." Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Turner moved:--

"THAT the annual poll tax of thirty cents (\$0.30) for the support of the poor, as provided by Section 4, (3) of Chapter 100 of the Acts of Nova Scotia, 1938, be not levied for the year 1961." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and Daye moved:--

"THAT the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer and the Warden or the Chairman of the Finance and Executive Committee be authorized to sign the Royal Bank of Canada forms re Safety Deposit Box and that the Clerk and Treasurer and the Warden or the Chairman of the Finance and Executive Committee have access to the said Safety Deposit Box." Motion carried.

Councillors Henley and Turner moved:--

"THAT the Municipal Clerk and Treasurer, or a person whom he delegates, be authorized to take delivery of paid coupons and bonds charged to the account operated in the name of the Municipality of the County of Halifax, Bond Redemption Accounts (both Municipal and School) in the Royal Bank of Canada." Motion carried.

Councillors McGrath and Curren moved:--

"THAT Mr. Paul Redmond, Mr. Robert Quinn, and Mr. Roy Levy, be appointed assessors in the Municipality of the County of Halifax." Motion carried.

Councillor Henley speaking on his resolution, said he felt Council was placed on the defensive and there is competition among the Municipalities. This resolution, he said, would help to clarify the County's situation with school teachers.

Councillors Henley and Williams moved:--

"THAT this Council ask the Executive of the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities to commence immediately a study of school teachers' salaries position in the

province with particular attention paid to the establishment of a larger bargaining unit representing the School Boards in the Province, and that the Executive be asked to contact and co-operate with the Associations of Urban and Municipal School Boards in this regard." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk read an announcement from Mr. Kerr of the Nova Scotia Mobile Homeowners Association that they were scheduled to meet in the night, but that the meeting was postponed because the film did not arrive on time.

Councillor Moser asked the Municipal Clerk to read letters from school trustees. Municipal Solicitor Cox said that letters addressed to an individual Councillor should be read to Council only after Council's permission had been granted.

Councillor Snair suggested such letters should go to the committee.

Councillors Hanrahan and White moved:-

"THAT the letters from St. Andrew's S.S. No. 137 be referred to the School Capital Program Committee."

Councillors Moser and Flawn moved an amendment:-

"THAT the letters from St. Andrew's S.S. No. 137 be read to Council."

Municipal Solicitor Cox said that the motion on the floor, should be defeated before the amendment be put as a separate motion.

The original motion was put to a vote and lost. (8) FOR - (15) AGAINST.

Councillors Moser and Flawn moved:-

"THAT the letters from St. Andrew's S.S. No. 137 be read to Council. Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then read the letters from St. Andrew's S.S. No. 137 to Council.

Councillor Flawn said that many items mentioned are covered by the one year guarantee that the School Capital Program Committee will maintain the school for that period. Other items, he said, were being

looked after. He assured Councillor Moser that these taxpayers will not be stuck with a large amount of money.

The Municipal Architect and **School** Inspector were on the spot within 48 hours of the first letter being received.

Councillor Moser thanked Councillor Flawn for his reply.

Councillor Baker asked under what authority the Teachers' Union can use the Halifax West Municipal High School. Warden Leverman replied that this could be arranged through the Municipal School Board.

Councillor Stubbs said that next session she would like to bring up the matter of the flying clubs and the dangers they may bring with them. This matter was referred to the Municipal Solicitor Cox, who would bring in a report at the next session of Council.

The Municipal Solicitor Cox, then read an amendment to the Animals By-Law.

Councillors Snair and Hanrahan moved:-

"THAT the By-Law to amend the Protection to Animals By-Law be approved." Motion carried.

The Municipal Clerk then reviewed the Renewal of Temporary Borrowing Resolutions.

Councillors Flawn and Snair moved:-

"THAT Council approve the renewal of a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$645,000. for school purposes." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and Williams moved:-

"THAT Council approve the renewal of a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$590,000. for Fairview Sewers." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and White moved:-

"THAT Council approve the renewal of a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$45,000. for schools." Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Balcome moved:-

"THAT Council approve the renewal of a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$66,500. for the Fairview Underpass." Motion carried.

Councillors Hanrahan and Balcome moved:-

"THAT Council approve the renewal of a borrowing resolution in the amount of \$33,000. for the Fairview Sewer."
Motion carried.

Councillors Snair and Stubbs moved:-

"THAT the following list of appointments, be approved.

(a) VISITING COMMITTEE - HALIFAX COUNTY HOSPITAL

Rev. A. C. Snow (Chairman),	Port Wallis
Mrs. A. C. Pettipas,	Dartmouth
Mrs. H. B. Merrick,	Westphal
Very Rev. Msgr. Gerald Murphy,	St. Peter's Glebe, Dartmouth
Rev. George L. MacNeil	Bedford

(b) VISITING COMMITTEE - OCEAN VIEW MUNICIPAL HOME

Mrs. Frances Walker,	Eastern Passage
Rev. Father Heffler,	Bedford
Rev. Eric Fullerton,	Cole Harbour

(c) MUNICIPAL BUILDING BOARD

Ernest Barrett,	Sackville
Andrew Thomson,	Glen Margaret

(d) HALIFAX-MUSQUODOBOIT VETERINARY ASSISTANCE BOARD

Austin MacKay
Havelock Erskine

(e) HALIFAX-SOUTH EAST VETERINARY ASSISTANCE BOARD

Ross Kinney
Nelson Gaetz

(f) MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER - HALIFAX EAST

Dr. Duncan MacMillan,	Sheet Harbour
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(g) MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER - HALIFAX WEST

Dr. Kevin Smith,	Spryfield
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(h) JAIL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Kevin Smith,	Spryfield
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(i) BOARD OF APPEAL

R. F. Tolson,	Bedford
Roy Archibald,	Middle Musquodoboit
Earl Laybolt,	Tangier

(j) AUDITORS

Walter A. Stech, C.A.
H. R. Doane & Company

Motion carried.

Councillors Archibald and Blackburn moved:-

"THAT the Final Report of the Finance and Executive Committee be adopted." Motion carried.

Councillors Curren and Daye moved:-

"THAT the Minutes of the 7th Day Morning and Afternoon be approved." Motion carried.

Councillor Snair suggested that the sentence reading, " because he has a man on duty to sign the receipts on incoming oil", be deleted from the second last paragraph in the 8th Day Morning Minutes on page 110.

Councillor Archibald suggested in the 8th Day Morning Minutes that the word "close" be placed in front of the word relative on page 111 of the Annual Council Session Minutes for 1961.

Councillors Snair and Williams moved:-

"THAT the Minutes of the 8th Day Morning be approved." Motion carried.

Mr. Smith then read the 8th Day Afternoon Minutes.

Councillors Snair and MacKenzie moved:-

"THAT the Minutes of the 8th Day Afternoon, be approved." Motion carried.

Councillors Snair and Curren moved:-

"THAT this Annual Session of Council adjourn and that Council meet immediately in its March Session." Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH SESSION
OF THE THIRTY-THIRD COUNCIL
OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE
COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

Council met at 5:30 p.m., with Warden F. G. H. Leverman in the Chair.

The Municipal Clerk reported that there was no business for the March Session.

Councillors Snair and Moser moved:-

"THAT the March Session of Council adjourn." Motion carried.