

EVENING SESSION

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COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

November 8th, 1917.

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PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

The following named papers are submitted:-

Reports (31) Board of Control, namely:-

Cash Statements City Treasurer for October.
North Street Water Extension.
Grades and Street Lines.
City Home Monthly Report.
Accounts.
Temporary Officials in Place of Officials on War Service.
Schools - Richmond School.
Schools - Alexander McKay (Russell Street) School.
Lights Out.
Citadel Hill Footpaths.
Barrington Street Sidewalk.
Barrington Street Encroachment.
B. J. Mulcahy, Superintendent City Home.
City Home Tenders for Supplies.
Car Works Indebtedness to City.
R. Power, S.A., Honorary Member Am. Assn. of Park Superintendents.
Death of City Storekeeper John Quigley.
Police Department Uniform Overcoats.
Chebucto Road Widening - McFarridge Property Expropriation.
Fodder Tenders.
Spruce Hill Lake - Residence for Gate House Keeper.
Shop in Residential District, North West Arm.
Street Traffic.
Spring Garden Road One Way Street - Ordinance.
Home for Neglected Colored Children.
Liquor Inspector Tracey as Provincial Constable.
British Red Cross - City Contribution \$2,000.00.
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Watt Street Sewer and Water Extension.
Abattoir.
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Other Headlines.

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CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

CASH STATEMENTS CITY TREASURER FOR OCTOBER.

Read report Board of Control covering cash statements City Treasurer for the month of October. Filed.

NORTH STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer re water extension North Street.

Engineer ✓

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

GRADES AND STREET LINES.

Read report Board of Control recommending that in future all grades and street lines issued from the City Engineer's Department be in writing, and a copy kept on file,

Engineer ✓

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

CITY HOME REPORT FOR OCTOBER.

Read report Board of Control, covering report City Home for the month of October.

Gas Bryan ✓

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy that the same be approved. Motion passed.

ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control recommending for payment accounts chargeable to various services.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy that thereport be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

TEMPORARY OFFICIALS IN PLACE OF OFFICIALS ON WAR

SERVICE.

Read report Board of Control re officials temporarily filling the place of officials on war service.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

*Engineer ✓
Gov. City Prison ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓
Chief of Police ✓
Chairman City Health Board ✓*

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SCHOOLS - RICHMOND SCHOOL.

Read report Board of Control recommending loan from the Trustees of the Sinking Fund of \$18,817.89 for addition and alterations to Richmond School.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy that the same be approved. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS THE Trustees of the Sinking Funds have agreed to loan the City of Halifax an amount to produce the sum of \$18,817.89 required for additions and alterations to Richmond School in the City of Halifax;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds a stock certificate of the Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905 for Two Hundred and Three (203) shares thereof. The rate of interest to be 5% and the date October 1st, 1917. The period thirty four (34) years from that date and the price of the said loan to be .93.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy and passed.

SCHOOLS - ALEXANDER MCKAY (RUSSELL STREET) SCHOOL.

Read report Board of Control covering order in Council directing the City to issue debentures to raise the sum of \$1,394.40 required for additional lavatory accommodation at Alexander McKay (Russell Street) School, and also offer from the Trustees of the Sinking Fund to loan said sum to the City.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy that the same be approved and adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS THE Trustees of the Sinking Funds have agreed to loan the city of Halifax an amount to produce the sum of One Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-four 40/100 (\$1,394.40) Dollars, required for additional lavatory accommodation in the Alexander McKay (Russell Street) School;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds a stock certificate of the Halifax Consolidated Fund 1905, for fifteen (15) shares thereof. The rate of interest to be five per cent, and the date October 1st, 1917. The period thirty-four (34) years from that date, and the price of said loan to be .93.

*Treasurer ✓
Auditor ✓
School Board ✓*

*Treasurer ✓
Auditor ✓
School Board ✓*

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Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy and passed.

LIGHTS OUT.

Read report Board of Control covering military orders as to the obscuring of lights in the City of Halifax, Town of Dartmouth and vicinity. Filed.

CITADEL HILL FOOTPATHS.

Read report Board of Control covering correspondence re Citadel Hill footpaths. Filed.

BARRINGTON STREET SIDEWALK.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer re concrete sidewalk, Barrington Street, from North Street north. Filed.

BARRINGTON STREET ENCROACHMENT.

Read report Board of Control re rental of encroachment (one door-step) at #1020 Barrington Street.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy that the same be approved. Motion passed.

B. J. MULCAHY, SUPERINTENDENT CITY HOME.

Read report Board of Control re return to duty of B. J. Mulcahy, Superintendent of the City Home, after leave of absence on account of illness.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be approved. Motion passed.

CITY HOME TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for supplies for the City Home.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Read report Board of Control re indebtedness of the Nova Scotia Car Works to the City. Filed.

*Engineer ✓
Chief of Police ✓*

Engineer ✓

*Engineer ✓
Chief of Works ✓*

B. J. Mulcahy ✓

Jos W. Boyer ✓

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R. POWER, SR., HONORARY MEMBER AM. ASSN. OF PARK
SUPERINTENDENTS.

Read report Board of Control covering correspondence re the election of R. Power, Sr., Ex-Superintendent of the Halifax Public Gardens, as an Honorary Member of the American Association of Park Superintendents. Filed.

R Power ✓

DEATH OF CITY STOREKEEPER JOHN QUIGLEY.

Read report Board of Control covering reports Acting City Engineer and Trustees of the Officials' Superannuation Fund re the death of City Storekeeper John Quigley.

*Treasurer ✓
auditor ✓*

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy that the same be approved. Motion passed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UNIFORM OVERCOATS.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for Police Department uniform overcoats.

Chief of Police ✓

Moved by Controller Taylor, seconded by Controller Hines that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

EXHIBITION COMMISSIONER - SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

The Council proceeds to the appointment of one Exhibition Commissioner in place of retiring Commissioner Alderman Parker, and of two Commissioners of Public Schools in place of retiring Commissioners Ex-Aldermen William N. Brown and William I. Hubley.

Exhibition Commissioner.

Moved by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman H. S. Colwell that Alderman Parker be reappointed a member of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission. Motion passed.

*Let's
ask Parker ✓
re McF Hall ✓*

School Commissioners.

Moved by Alderman H. S. Colwell, seconded by Controller Taylor that Alderman Guildford be appointed a member of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that Alderman Furness be appointed a member of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax.

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Controller Hines nominates Alderman Hart as a member of the Board of School Commissioners.

Alderman Hart asks to be excused, and his name is withdrawn from nomination.

The Several motions for the appointment of Aldermen Guildford and Furness are put and passed.

His Worship the Mayor declares Alderman Guildford and Alderman Furness duly appointed Commissioners of Public Schools for the City of Halifax.

CHEBUCTO ROAD WIDENING - McFATRIDGE PROPERTY EXPROPRIATION.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer on the matter of expropriation of property from William McFatridge for the widening of Chebucto Road.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the same be and are hereby approved by this Council. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:-

WHEREAS the City of Halifax requires the land and premises hereinafter described for the purpose of widening and straightening Chebucto Road, and the City Engineer has duly prepared a plan of the said land and premises, together with a description of the same, and submitted the said report, description and plan to the City Council for its approval, and the said report, description and plan were duly approved by the City Council on the 4th day of October 1917, and a copy of the same has been filed in the office of the City Engineer, as required by law;

AND WHEREAS on the 18th day of October, 1917, a notice containing a description of the land and premises so required was duly served on William McFatridge, claiming to be the owner of the said land and premises, together with a notice of the intention of the City to expropriate the said land from the said owner after the expiration of the time required by law from the date of the service of such notice;

AND WHEREAS A NOTICE containing a description of the said land so required and a notice of the intention of the City Council to expropriate the said land and premises after the expiration of the time required by law from the date of such expropriation was duly published by the City Engineer in the Acadian Recorder, Evening Mail and Daily Echo, three newspapers in the City of Halifax, for two weeks by two insertions each week, namely, on the 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th days of October, A. D., 1917;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the said land and premises be and the same are hereby expropriated, which said land

*all Guildford
and Furness
School Board*

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and premises are described as follows:-

Beginning at a point on the official south line of Chebucto Road, the said point being 243 feet more or less westerly from the west line of Chebucto Lane; thence westerly by the said official south line of Chebucto Road 180 feet more or less or to the western boundary of property belonging to the said William McFatriidge; thence northerly by the said western boundary until it meets the existing south line of Chebucto Road; thence easterly by the said existing south line of Chebucto Road 180 feet more or less or to the eastern boundary of the said McFatriidge property; thence southerly by the said existing eastern boundary of the said McFatriidge property to the place of beginning.

*Engineer ✓
City Works ✓
Prothonotary ✓
Auditor ✓*

The above described lot being all that property shown enclosed by red lines on a plan entitled "Plan of McFatriidge property on Chebucto Road", signed by H. W. Johnston, Acting City Engineer, and dated the fourth day of October, A. D., 1917, and filed in the City Engineer's Office at Halifax as Plan #3988.

to pay into the Supreme Court at Halifax, for the said land and premises, the sum of \$125.00, the said sum being in the judgment of the city council a reasonable value for the said property, and that the City Engineer notify the said William McFatriidge of the said expropriation and of the said payment into Court.

BE IT WHEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and is hereby authorized and instructed by and on behalf of the City of Halifax, to pay into the Supreme Court at Halifax, for the said land and premises, the sum of \$125.00, the said sum being in the judgment of the city council a reasonable value for the said property, and that the City Engineer notify the said William McFatriidge of the said expropriation and of the said payment into Court.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines and passed unanimously.

FODDER TENDERS.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for supply of fodder for the various civic departments.

City Works ✓

Moved by Controller Taylor, seconded by Controller Hines that the same be adopted. Motion passed, Alderman Codwin dissenting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - OILCLOTH - ENGINE "CHEBUCTO" -

HORTON AERIAL LADDER - GERRISH STREET ENGINE

HOUSE - MONTHLY REPORTS.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for oilcloth for central engine house, re sale of old fire engine "Chebucto", the Norton (McDonald) aerial ladder and the Gerrish Street engine house, and monthly reports of the Chief of the Fire Department for September and October.

*Chief Fire ✓
Subt ✓
Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓
Auditor ✓*

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report of the Board of Control be adopted. Motion passed.

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SPRUCE HILL LAKE - RESIDENCE FOR GATE HOUSE KEEPER.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer re tenders for construction of a residence for the gate house keeper at Spruce Hill Lake.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

SHOP IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, NORTH WEST ARM - G. T. MURRAY.

Read report Board of Control recommending that permission be granted to George T. Murray to construct a verandah on his shop and dwelling near the North West Arm Bridge, in the residential district, upon Mr. Murray agreeing that if at any time the City desires to acquire the property, the cost of the verandah is not to be considered.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted. Motion passed, Aldermen R. B. Colwell dissenting.

STREET TRAFFIC - STREET CARS STOPPING AT NEAR CROSSINGS - SPRING GARDEN ROAD ONE-WAY STREETS.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer on the stopping of tramway cars on the near side of streets, and on the suggestion that Spring Garden Road between Grafton and Barrington Streets be made a one-way street for vehicular traffic. Filed.

SPRING GARDEN ROAD ONE-WAY TRAFFIC ORDINANCE.

Read report Board of Control covering ordinance providing that Spring Garden Road shall be a one-way street for vehicular traffic between Grafton and Barrington Streets, no vehicle to proceed in a westerly direction.

Moved by Controller Taylor, seconded by Controller Hines that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The said ordinance entitled "An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 4 'Of Streets'" - traffic Ordinance Spring

Engineer

*Engineer
Solicitor*

Engineer

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Garden Road, is now read a first time.

Moved by Controller Finlay; seconded by Controller Hines that the said Ordinance having been read a first time in Council, be now read a second time. Motion passed.

Read a second time an Ordinance entitled "Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 4 'Of Streets'".

HOME FOR NEGLECTED COLORED CHILDREN - CITY GRANT \$500.00.

Read report Board of Control recommending a grant from the City of \$500.00 towards a home for neglected colored children, and the procuring of legislation empowering the City to make such grant.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

LIQUOR INSPECTOR TRACEY AS PROVINCIAL CONSTABLE.

Read report Board of Control recommending the appointment of Liquor Inspector Edwin S. Tracey as a Provincial Constable.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the report be adopted. Motion passed, Controller Murphy dissenting.

BRITISH RED CROSS - CITY CONTRIBUTION \$2000.00.

Read report Board of Control recommending a contribution from the City of \$2,000.00 towards the British Red Cross Society Funds.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

YOUNG STREET SCHOOL SITE BUILDING LOT.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer recommending sale of lot #4 of the Young Street School site building lots to Harry Falkner for \$325.00.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines, that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

CONTROLLER MURPHY.

Controller Murphy, with permission of the chair,

First deferred Business

*Auditor ✓
Solicitor ✓
Pol C ✓*

*Chief of Police ✓
Hon. Geo. H. Murray ✓
E. S. Tracey ✓
J. J. Mathers
(Dec. 1st, 1917.)*

*Auditor ✓
Treasurer ✓*

*Engineer ✓
Solicitor ✓*

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retires from the meeting.

WATT STREET SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION.

Read report Board of Control re Watt Street sewer and water extension.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

ABATTOIR.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for roofing pitch and cork insulation for public abattoir.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

Moved by Controller Taylor, seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 8.55 o'clock.

P. F. Martin
MAYOR.

L. J. Monaghan
CITY CLERK.

EXPLOSION DECEMBER 6th, 1917.

M o r n i n g M e e t i n g .

City Collector's Office,
City Hall, Halifax, N. S.,
December 6th, 1917.

As a result of a collision off Richmond this morning between the Belgian Relief Ship "Imo", and the French Tramp Ship "Mont Blanc", the latter loaded with a large quantity of high explosives, an explosion occurred which totally wrecked all the district bounded by the South by a line drawn through the Admiralty House Property, on the West by G o t t i n g e n Street , and on the North and East by the waters of the Harbour, and similarly destroyed all buildings in the North End of Dartmouth. It also extensively damaged all buildings in other parts of Halifax and Dartmouth and nearby districts in the Municipality of Halifax County.

Following the Explosion in Halifax the buildings at once took fire, which fires are raging at this time, and it is reported that there are a large numbers of people killed and many injured persons in the ruins.

The following members of the City Council who were in the City Hall at the time assembled at the above place at 11.30 o'clock, a. m., it being the only room in the building not so badly wrecked by the Explosion as to be unfit for the purpose:-

Deputy Mayor H. S. Colwell, Controller John Murphy, Controller George A. Taylor, Alderman Robert B. Colwell, Alderman Frank A. Gillis, Alderman John E. Furness.

The Deputy Mayor stated that in the absence from the City of His Worship the Mayor he had instructed the City Clerk to summon an Emergency Meeting of the City Council

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for three o'clock this afternoon, it being absolutely impossible to notify the members of Council earlier owing to existing conditions, but that he felt the present attendance of so many members of Council afforded an opportunity for the immediate, though of course informal, consideration of the situation and any steps which should be taken at once.

He further stated that he realized it was necessary that an Executive Committee and various Sub-Committees should be organized forthwith to carry on the work of rescue and relief, and that, therefore, he proposed that this meeting should be turned into a joint meeting of those Members of the City Council who are in attendance and of such citizens as are present - being all he could speedily convene.

The following citizens among others were present:-

His Honor Lieutenant Governor McCallum Grant, Mr. Justice Harris, Mr. G. S. Campbell, Mr. A. E. Jones, Mr. J. Norwood Duffus, Mr. W. A. Black, Mr. J. L. Hetherington, Mr. R. H. Metzler, Mr. Geo. Henderson, Mr. I. C. Stewart, Mr. R. T. MacIlreith, K. C., Mr. A. S. Mahon.

The Deputy Mayor thereupon moved that the Meeting be constituted as a joint meeting of the Members of the City Council present and Citizens in attendance, and that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor be appointed Chairman of the Meeting.

This motion being seconded by Controller Taylor was carried unanimously.

^{motion}
On/the Deputy Mayor was appointed Secretary of the Meeting.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Military Assistance.
Medical Assistance.
Fire Apparatus.
Organization.
Committees - Appointment of.

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MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

The Deputy Mayor reported that accompanied by the City Clerk and Chief of Police he had shortly after the Explosion waited on the Military Authorities with a request for men to aid in the rescue of the injured and assist in their removal to Hospital, to recover the bodies of the dead, and to help in the work of extinguishing fires.

He further stated that he had also asked the Military Authorities for Mattresses, Blankets, Tents, etc., and that the Military Authorities readily acceded to all his requests and that Col. W. E. Thompson, A. A. ^EG. had issued immediate instructions to have the aid asked for speedily supplied.

Col W E Thompson

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

The Deputy Mayor further reported that he had caused messages to be sent to Towns of the Province and elsewhere calling for Doctors and Nurses.

FIRE APPARATUS.

The Deputy Mayor further reported that he had sent out calls to nearby towns for fire apparatus.

ORGANIZATION.

A short discussion then took place as to the matter of the organization of Committees, after which it was unanimously decided that such Committees should be formed at once under the name of the HALIFAX RELIEF COMMITTEE, and the following were thereupon appointed:-

COMMITTEES - APPOINTMENT OF.

Executive Committee.

Mr. R. T. MacIlreith.
Hon. R. G. Beazley.
Alderman R. B. Colwell.
Mr. J. L. Hetherington.
Controller Murphy
Mr. W. S. Davidson.
His Worship the Mayor - ex officio.

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Transportation Committee.

Alderman F. A. Gillis.
Controller Finlay.
Mr. J. Norwood Duffus.
Mr. W. A. Black.

Food Committee.

Mr. J. L. Hetherington.
Mr. H. G. Bauld, M. P. P.
Mr. Clifford P. Wood.

Shelter Committee.

Controller Murphy.
Mr. W. S. Davidson.
Alderman J. E. Furness.

Finance Co mmittee.

Mr. Justice Harris.
Mr. G. S. Campbell.
Mr. R. H. Metzler.
Mr. George Henderson.

Mortuary Committee.

Alderman R. B. Colwell.
Controller Taylor.

It was o n motion resolved that the Committees above named should have power to add to their numbers.

It was further decided that Citizens should be invited to attend the Emergency Meeting of the City Council called for three o'clock this afternoon.

Meeting adjourned at 12. 15 p. m.

W. S. Curmill

ACTING SECRETARY.

*Recd
L. E. Curmill
Secretary*

E X P L O S I O N D E C E M B E R 6 t h , 1 9 1 7 .

A f t e r n o o n M e e t i n g .

City Collector's Office,

City Hall, December 6th, 1917.

An Emergency Meeting of the City Council was called for three o'clock this afternoon .

At the above named hour there were present the following named members of Council:-

Deputy Mayor Colwell, Controller Murphy, Controller Hines, Controller Taylor, Alderman J. E. Furness, and Alderman F. A. Gillis.

There being no quorum of Council present the Deputy Mayor suggested that the members of Council and Citizens present should resolve themselves into a joint meeting, and on motion of the Deputy Mayor this course was unanimously decided upon.

The following named Citizens amongst others were present:-

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Hon. G. E. Faulkner, Mr. Justice Harris, Hon R. G. Beazley, Mr. G. S. Campbell, Mr. R. T. MacIlreith, K. C., Mr. J. Norwood Duffus, Mr. A. S. Mahon, Mr. W. A. Black, Mr. I. C. Stewart, Mr. W. S. Davidson, Mr. Ralph Inor, Mr. J. L. Hetherington, Mr. R. H. Metzler, Mr. Geo. Henderson, Mr. H. C. Flood, Mr. Willis Hebb, Mr. W. F. Mahon, Mr. W. I. McDougall, Mr. A. T. O'Leary, Mr. W. R. Powell, Mr. John McKeen, General Benson - Officer Commanding Military Forces Halifax, A. Representative of the naval authorities.

On motion of lieutenant Governor Grant was appointed Chairman of the Meeting and Mr. I. C. Stewart Secretary of the Meeting.

The Deputy Mayor reported as to the proceedings of the Meeting held this morning at 11.30 o'clock, and also read

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the list of Committees as appointed at that Meeting.

On motion duly moved and seconded the action taken at that meeting and the appointment of Committees as made at that time were ratified and confirmed.

FINANCE - OPENING OF CREDIT.

Mr. Justice Harris, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that a credit had been opened at the Bank of Nova Scotia and the Chairman of the various Committees are authorized to draw on that Fund to any reasonable amount in any cases where cash should be immediately required.

The Chairman of the various sub-committees present reported progress as to the work entrusted to them.

The meeting adjourned at 4.15 to 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Secretary

Secretary of the Meeting.

*read by
K. J. Harris*

E X P L O S I O N D E C E M B E R 6th, 1917.

Morning Meeting.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

Halifax, N. S., December 7th, 1917.

A joint Meeting of the City Council and the Citizens was held this forenoon at 11 o'clock at the above place, the Council Chamber being filled to over-flowing,

Deputy Mayor Colwell called the Meeting to order and thereupon moved that His Honor Lieutenant-Governor McCallum Grant be appointed Chairman. This motion being duly seconded, was unanimously carried.

Mr. Deputy-Mayor Colwell acted as Secretary of the Meeting.

The Chairman read letters of sympathy and offers of assistance from the following places:- Regina, British Columbia, Washington, D. C., Vancouver, Boston, Quebec, Saskatoon, Hamilton, St. John and practically every town in Nova Scotia.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Accomodation - Refugees.
Medical Assistance - Doctors and Nurses.
Sympathy,
Committees - Appointment of.
Finance.
Accomodation - Warehouse Western Union Cable Co.
Service.
Medical Assistance - St. John Ambulance Brigade.
School Board Assistance - Teachers.
Contributions - Moncton, N.B.
Reconstruction - Repairs.
Transportation - Special Train.
Distribution of Relief - Food.
Registration.
Accomodation - Knights of Columbus Hall, Shelter.
Contributions.
Transportation - Automobiles.
Election to be avoided.

ACCOMODATION - REFUGEES.

The Chairman also read an offer from the Town of Bridgewater to provide homes for from twenty-five to one hundred people, and stating that Doctors and Nurses were

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being sent to Halifax.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - DOCTORS AND NURSES.

His Honor further stated that several Towns in the Province had already sent Doctors and Nurses, who were now engaged in Hospital work.

SYMPATHY.

His Honor then read a telegram of sympathy from His Excellency the Governor General, together with a request for full particulars.

COMMITTEES - APPOINTMENT OF.

The following committees, which were appointed at yesterday's morning's meeting and confirmed at the afternoon meeting were read, and their appointment approved and again confirmed:-

Executive Committee.

Mr. R.T. MacIlreith.
Hon, R. G. Beazley.
Ald. R. B. Colwell.
Mr. J.L. Hetherington.
Controller Murphy
Mr. W. S. Davidson.
His Worship the Mayor - ex officio.

Transportation Committee.

Alderman Gillis.
Controller Finlay.
Mr. J. Norwood Duffus.
Mr. W. A. Black.

Food Committee.

Mr. J.L.Hetherington.
Mr. H.G.Bauld.
Mr. Clifford P. Wood.

Shelter Committee.

Controller Murphy,
Mr. W. S. Davidson.
Alderman J. E. Furness.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Justice Harris.
Mr.G. S. Campbell.
Mr. R. H. Metzler.
Mr. George Henderson.

Mortuary Committee.

Alderman R. B. Colwell.
Contrcller Taylor.

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It was on motion resolved that the Committees above named should have power to add to their numbers.

The following additional Committee was appointed to be known as a Clothing Committee:-

W. Stetson Rogers.
Mrs. Wm. Dennis.
Councillor E. Gaboury.
Mr. W. E. Hebb.
Mr. W. J. Clayton.
Mr. J. W. Power.

and a number of others.

FINANCE.

Mr. Justice Harris, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Bank of Nova Scotia will supply all money needed at present and that later a fund will be opened to which all contributions will be credited.

ACCOMODATION - WAREHOUSE WESTERN UNION CABLE SERVICE.

Accomodation for shelters was offered by Capt. DeCarteret, of the Western Union Cable Service, namely, two large storerooms on the Cable Wharf.

The offer of Capt. DeCarteret was accepted with thanks.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Mrs. McIntosh, Superintendent of the Halifax Branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, announced that every V. A. D. in the City (150) are on duty in the Military Hospitals. She stated their work is needed in the Hospitals and it was decided to organize voluntary women workers to visit from door to door and look after people.

It was suggested that as many firemen as could be spared, and also as many men as could be obtained should accompany the ladies on their duties to do any labor work, which the ladies could not perform.

Controller Hines stated that the assistance of as many firemen as possible would be given.

SCHOOL BOARD ASSISTANCE - TEACHERS.

Mr. John P. Quinn, Chairman of the Board of School

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Commissioners announced that a Meeting of the Public School Teachers would be held this afternoon to organize for the purpose of assisting in relief work.

CONTRIBUTIONS, MONCTON, N. B.

A citizen of Moncton advised that three car loads of supplies have already arrived from Moncton.

RECONSTRUCTION - REPAIRS.

Dr. Forrest suggested that all citizens whose houses are habitable should not ask for the service of carpenters, glaziers, etc., in order that such mechanics should be left free for more necessary work.

TRANSPORTATION - SPECIAL TRAIN.

Alderman Russell of Dartmouth suggested that a special train should be run from Yarmouth and also one from Sydney to pick up all supplies along the line and rush the same to Halifax.

DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF - FOOD.

"Chebucto Chapter" of the Daughters of the Empire offered to feed all persons who could be accommodated at the Union Jack Club, provided the Food Committee supplied them with the necessary food.

This offer was gratefully accepted.

Mrs. Dennis announced that the other Chapters of the Daughters of the Empire, the Women's Council and the Red Cross Society are available for the making of dressings, distribution of clothing and making of clothing, and would gladly cooperate with Mrs. McIntosh in the Home Relief Work.

REGISTRATION.

Mrs. Charles Archibald suggested that a Committee be formed of ladies to visit all families, taking the names of all persons and registering them at the City Hall.

ACCOMODATION - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, SHELTER.

The Knights of Columbus offered their rooms which would accommodate one hundred and fifty persons as an

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emergency shelter.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

It was reported that the ladies between Halifax and Kentville have already forwarded quantities of Red Cross supplies.

TRANSPORTATION - AUTOMOBILES.

It was decided that all automobiles in the City should be commandeered for the removal of dead and injured.

ELECTION TO BE AVOIDED.

The Chairman called attention to the necessity of sinking all political differences and advisability of the Candidates nominated for the House of Commons from this Constituency getting together for the purpose of avoiding an election at this time.

It was decided on motion of Mr. Minstull, seconded by Mr. Charles Archibald, that the four Candidates should be requested to get together for the purpose of settling this question.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned.

H. S. Carmel
Acting Secretary.

*W. S. Minstull
Lieutenant Governor*

A F T E R N O O N S E S S I O N .

3.00 o'clock.

CITY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,
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December 12th, 1918.

An emergency meeting of the City Council was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock; at the above named hour there were present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Finlay, Hines, Murphy, Taylor and Aldermen, H. S., Colwell, R. B. Colwell, Macnab, Gillis, Furness, Kelly, Hart. Day. Guildford. Godwin, Parker and Foley.

The meeting was called for the purpose of dealing with the matters arising as a result of the catastrophe which occurred on the 6th inst.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

Reports (7) Board of Control are submitted, as follows:-

Acquiring and Rebuilding Devastated area of City.
Appointment of Chief Mortuary Officer.
Cemetery Lots.
Fire Department - Appointment of Chief and District Chief.
Motor Fire Engine "Patricia".
Appointment of Guards for the City.
Burial of the Dead.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

By unanimous consent the order of business is suspended to permit the following resolution to be read:-

WHEREAS the terrible catastrophe which has overtaken our City has resulted in an appalling loss of life among our most useful and respected citizens and their families;

AND WHEREAS many of our citizens whose lives have been mercifully spared, are now mourning the loss of loved ones;

AND WHEREAS there are now many of our citizens, men, women and children, maimed and suffering in our midst;

THEREFORE RESOLVED that the City Council hereby expresses its profound sympathy with the surviving members of the families so suddenly stricken and assures them that all measures tending to mitigate their sufferings will have the whole-hearted support of the civic co-operation.

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Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines and passed unanimously.

The following resolution is submitted and ordered to be printed in all the daily newspapers:-

RESOLVED that this Council takes this, the earliest opportunity of expressing its profoundest thanks and deepest gratitude for the magnificent manner in which assistance has been rendered to her in this time of her great calamity and trusts that the publication of this resolution through the Press will be accepted as an acknowledgment of its gratitude until such time as opportunity is afforded for more ample expression.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Alderman Gillis and passed unanimously.

CHIEF MORTUARY OFFICER.

Read report Board of Control re the appointment of a Chief Mortuary Officer for the City of Halifax.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

Read report Board of Control re agreement with Snow & Co., Ltd., the Nova Scotia Undertaking Co., and Joseph Spencer for the burial of the dead.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the report be approved. Motion passed.

CEMETERY LOTS.

Read report Board of Control re the acquiring of cemetery lots.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the report be approved. Motion passed.

GUARDS FOR THE CITY.

Read report Board of Control re the appointment of guards for the City. Filed.

FIRE DEPT. - APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF AND DISTRICT CHIEF.

Read report Board of Control re the appointment of a Chief and District Chief for the Fire Department.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Finlay that said report be adopted.

*John W. Churchill
James E. Kerber*

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Moved in amendment by Alderman R. B. Colwell, seconded by Alderman Foley that the report be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration.

The amendment being put is lost, the vote being as follows:-

<u>For the amendment.</u>	<u>Against.</u>
Controllers Finlay, Hines Taylor, Murphy	Aldermen R.B.Colwell Foley - 2.
Aldermen H. S. Colwell Gillis, Furness Kelly, Hart Day, Guildford Godwin, Parker - 13.	

The original motion is put and passed.

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE "PATRICIA".

Read report Board of Control re motor fire engine "Patricia". Filed.

ACQUIRING AND REBUILDING OF DEVESTATED AREA.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer re the acquiring and rebuilding of the Devestated Area.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION FOR PERSONS TO AND FROM CITY.

Alderman Gillis addressed the Council, stating that the Railway Authorities had requested the Transportation Department to obtain from the City a guarantee for the issuing of transportation of refugees from the City and for those coming into the City for the purpose of assisting in relief or construction work.

The matter is referred to the Board of Control with the power to act.

Moved by Alderman Gillis, seconded by Alderman Foley that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 3.30 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION

8.10 o'clock.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

December 20th, 1917.

A meeting of the City Council was held this evening at the above named hour; present His Worship the Mayor, Controllers Fihlay, Hines, Murphy and Taylor, and Aldermen Macnab, H. S. Colwell, R. B. Colwell, Gillis, Kelly, Foley, Hart, Day, Guildford, Godwin and Parker.

The Council was summoned to proceed with business standing over and the transaction of other business.

PRESENTATION OF PAPERS.

His Worship the Mayor submits the following named papers:-

Reports (28) Board of Control, namely -

British Red Cross - City Grant \$2,000. (2 Reports).
Acadian School Property, C. W. Outhit Building.
Hatchway 259 Brunswick Street.
Account for plumbing 105-107 Roome Street.
Services of Intercession All Saints Cathedral.
City Home Tenders for Potatoes.
Nova Scotia Car Works Indebtedness to City (2 Reports).
Rehabilitation.
Motor Fire Engine "Cornwallis".
V. G. Hospital Patients Accounts.
City Market - M. E. Keefe Construction Co. Contract.
Fire Department - Pay of Callmen Overseas.
Fire Department - Disposal of Horton Aerial Ladder.
Town Planning.
Gratuities to Families of Firemen.
Memorial Service New Year's Day.
Cash Statement City Treasurer for November.
City Home Report for November.
Discount on Water Bills.
Water Bill John Connolly, 21-23 Cunard Street.
Water Bill A.H. Shepherd, 89-91 Bilby Street.
Liverpool Street Water Extension.
North West Arm Trunk Sewer - Arbitrator Kenny Estate.
Highfield Division (Merkelsfield).
Cement Contract.
Accounts.

CONSIDERATION OF PAPERS SUBMITTED.

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE "CORNWALLIS".

Read report Board of Control covering report Phillip

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A. Freeman, M. C. S. of C. E., and reports (2) Chief of the Fire Department re motor fire engine "Cornwallis", constructed and delivered to the City by the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company.

*Auditor ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report of the Board of Control be adopted. Motion passed.

ACADIAN SCHOOL PROPERTY - C. W. OUTHIT BUILDING.

Read report Board of Control covering reports Acting City Engineer stating that he had notified Charles W. Outhit to quit and deliver up possession of the Acadian School property on Barrington Street, occupied by him, on or before the 1st day of May, 1918.

*Engineer ✓
C W Outhit ✓*

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be approved. Motion passed.

BRUNSWICK STREET #259 ENCROACHMENT.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer re encroachment at #259 Brunswick Street at property of the Halifax Meal Mills, Limited.

Engineer ✓

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

PLUMBING IN DWELLING HOUSES, 105-107 ROOME STREET.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer recommending payment to George H. Kinsman of \$683.00 for plumbing work in premises 105-107 Roome Street, under City Health Board Rules.

*Auditor ✓
Clark & Woods ✓
Engineer ✓*

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Finlay that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

SERVICES OF INTERCESSION ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL.

Read report Board of Control covering invitation His Grace the Archbishop of Nova Scotia and Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral of All Saints, to the Mayor and members of the City Council, to attend a special service of intercession in connection with the war in All Saints Cathedral on Sunday, January 6th,

Rev Dean Shaw ✓

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1918, at 11 o'clock.

On motion of Controller Taylor, seconded by Controller Hines, the invitation is unanimously accepted.

CITY HOME - TENDERS FOR POTATOES.

Read report Board of Control re tenders for potatoes for the City Home.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Read report Board of Control that the Canada Corporations, Limited had paid another instalment of \$10,000.00 on the indebtedness of the Nova Scotia Car Works to the City. Filed.

CAR WORKS INDEBTEDNESS TO CITY.

Read report Board of Control informing the Council that the indebtedness of the Nova Scotia Car Works to the City has been paid up except to the extent of \$1,178.10, as per accompanying report of Controller Finlay, letter from the Canada Corporations, Limited, report from the City Solicitor and statement from the City Treasurer.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the same be approved. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:-

RESOLVED that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign, under the direction of the City Solicitor, the necessary papers required for a full discharge of the mortgage of the City against the said Canada Car Corporations, Limited, upon the payment of the above amount of \$1,178.10.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines, and passed.

ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control recommending for payment accounts chargeable to various departments.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the report be adopted and the accounts paid. Motion passed.

Jan W. Bryant

Treasurer

*Solicitor
Treasurer*

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REHABILITATION.

Read report Board of Control informing the Council that they had requested Hon, George H. Murray, Premier of Nova Scotia, to call a meeting of representatives of the Dominion Government, the Provincial Government, the City Council, the Relief Committee and such other bodies as he may deem fit, for the purpose of discussing the present situation, including, if deemed wise, the matter of the appointment of a suitable authoratative body to deal with the rehabilitation of the City.

*Hon G H Murray ✓
Provincial Secretary*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay that the report be approved. Motion passed.

V. G. HOSPITAL PATIENTS ACCOUNTS.

Read report Board of Control re V. G. Hospital accounts for care of patients.

Auditor ✓

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

CITY MARKET - KEEFE CONSTRUCTION CO. CONTRACT.

Read report Board of Control recommending payment of \$1,000.00 to the M. E. Keefe Construction Co. in settlement of contract for the construction of the Market Building.

*Auditor ✓
Chief Works ✓
Engineer ✓
Subdirector ✓*

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the report of the Board of Control be adopted. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - PAY OF CALLMEN OVERSEAS.

Read reports Board of Control and Controller Hines and Chief of the Fire Department re pay of Fire Department callmen overseas.

*Chief Fire Dept ✓
auditor ✓*

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Murphy that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT - DISPOSAL OF HORTON AERIAL LADDER.

Read report Board of Control re the disposal of the Horton aerial ladder by storing the same in the City Yard,

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*Engineer ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

Bell Road.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

TOWN PLANNING.

Engineer ✓

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer recommending that the Canadian Commission of Conservation be requested to permit their Town Planning Advisor, Mr. Thomas Adams, to co-operate with the City Engineer in re-planning the part of the City affected by the explosion of December 6th.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Finlay that the reports be adopted. Motion passed.

GRATUITIES TO FAMILIES OF FIREMEN.

*Auditor ✓
Solicitor ✓
Chief Fire Dept ✓*

Read report Board of Control recommending that the City secure legislation authorizing the City to pay the sum of \$1,000.00 each to the families of seven members of the Fire Department who lost their lives in the explosion, December 6th, namely.- Edward Condon, Chief Fire Department; William Brunt, Assistant Chief; William Broderick, Captain No. 1 Engine; Michael Maltus, Hoseman on motor engine; Frank Killeen, Hoseman on Motor Engine; Walter Hennessey, Hoseman No. 5 Engine; John Duggan, Hoseman No. 2 Hose.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Finlay that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

MEMORIAL SERVICE NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Archbishop Worrell

Read report Board of Control covering letter from His Grace Archbishop Worrell, asking that Tuesday, January 1st., 1918, be proclaimed as a day of memorial for those who perished in the recent catastrophe.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be approved and the request be granted. Motion passed.

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CASH STATEMENT CITY TREASURER.

Read report Board of Control covering cash statement City Treasurer for the month of November. Filed.

BRITISH RED CROSS - CITY GRANT \$2,000.00.

Read reports (2) Board of Control and report Controller Finlay re City's grant of \$2,000.00 to the British Red Cross Society Funds.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:-

RESOLVED that the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to pledge the credit of the City of Halifax to the Royal Bank of Canada in consideration of a loan of \$2000 (when required) advanced on account of the subscription of the City towards the British Red Cross Society Funds, under authority of Chapter 6 of the Acts of 1915, as amended by Chapter 30 of the Acts of 1916, and Chapters 74 and 75 of the Acts of 1917.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines, and passed.

CITY HOME.

Read report Board of Control covering report City Home for the month of November. Approved.

DISCOUNT ON WATER BILLS.

Read report Board of Control recommending that the time for the present year for allowing a discount for prompt payment of water bills be extended to the 20th day of January instead of the 20th day of December as customary hitherto.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

WATER BILL JOHN CONNOLLY, 21-23 CUNARD STREET.

Read report Board of Control recommending a reduction in a water bill against John Connolly, premises 21-23 Cunard Street, from \$30.88 to \$15.00.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

*Auditor ✓
Treasurer ✓*

*Jos W. Brown ✓
Secretary ✓*

*Club works ✓
Auditor ✓
City Collector ✓
Engineer ✓*

*Club works ✓
Engineer ✓
Collector ✓
John Connolly ✓*

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WATER BILL A. H. SHEPHERD, 89-91 BILBY STREET.

Read report Board of Control recommending reduction in a water bill charged A. H. Shepherd, 89-91 Bilby Street.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

LIVERPOOL STREET WATER EXTENSION.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer re water extension Liverpool Street, east of Oxford Street.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

NORTH WEST ARM SEWER - ARBITRATOR KENNY ESTATE.

Read report Board of Control re the appointment by the Kenny Estate of D. Macgillivray as arbitrator in their behalf in connection with right-of-way for North West Arm trunk sewer, instead of H. R. Silver.

Filed.

HIGHFIELD DIVISION (MERKELSFIELD).

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer re division of Highfield, a property lying between Merkel Street, Gottingen Street, West Young Street and Robie Street.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Taylor that the reports be referred back to the Board of Control for further consideration. Motion passed.

CEMENT CONTRACT.

Read reports Board of Control and Acting City Engineer re contract for cement.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Controller Hines that the same be adopted. Motion passed.

SAFETY TO SHIPPING.

Alderman Hart asked if better precautions are being taken in the matter of safety to shipping coming in and going out of the Harbor.

On motion of Controller Murphy, seconded by

Engineer!
Arch & works!
Collector!
A.H. Shepherd!

Engineer

Engineer!
Solicitor!

B/C

Engineer

B/C

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Finlay, the subject is referred to the Board of Control for consideration.

CITY MEDICAL HEALTH OFFICER.

Solicitor
Alderman Kelly asked that legislation be prepared and sought for the appointment of and the payment of sufficient salary to a competent medical health officer holding the degree of Diplomate of Public Health.

Referred to the City Solicitor for attention.

BUILDING LAWS.

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Alderman Kelly asked that the revision of the building laws which has been underway for a considerable time be expedited.

Referred to the Board of Control.

Moved by Controller Murphy, seconded by Alderman R. B. Colwell that the Council do now adjourn. Motion passed.

Council adjourns 9.30 o'clock.

MAYOR.

L. J. Monaghan
CITY CLERK.