

EXPLOSION--COMPLAINTS BY OCCUPANTS EXHIBITION
QUARTERS

Read petition occupants of temporary Relief quarters on Exhibition Grounds of conditions existing there.

Halifax, N.S. June 1, 1921.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Alderman of the City of Halifax, N.S.
Gentlemen:-

We, the undersigned, people of the Great Explosion of December sixth, 1917, beg to call your attention to the following:

(1) We ask for more police protection by night on account of the disgraceful conditions we are living under in the Halifax Relief Commission's Relief Houses on the Exhibition Grounds.

(2) The Halifax Relief Commission has allowed and we have reason to believe are the investigation of having windows taken out of the Relief Buildings where we are trying to live, or perhaps a better word would be where we are dying.

(3) And we believe the Halifax Relief Commission are therefore endangering the lives of men, women and children by fire and sickness by having windows taken out and tearing down the Relief Buildings, in which people are still living.

(4) The Halifax Relief Commission has given notice to the Explosion sufferers to vacate the premises they occupy on the Exhibition Grounds regardless of the people who are still homeless regarding a permanent home.

(5) We ask you to take this matter up with the Halifax Relief Commission or the Dominion Government, if need be, and have us placed in permanent houses with rent within our means.

(6) We ask you as citizens of our dear old Halifax are you going to sit idle and allow this disgraceful condition to continue from bad to worse.

(7) We ask your Honorable Office to see that we, the people of this City, if we are forced to quit these temporary dwellings, are put into permanent homes at a rent which we can afford to pay,

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as we feel we have suffered enough through the Explosion, and we pray that we will not be forced again on the street as on that terrible day of December sixth.

(8) We would be pleased to have the press of Halifax publish this letter and ask other papers all over the world to please copy.

(9) We ask you to come to the Exhibition Grounds and go from house to house and investigate the treatment we have received from the Halifax Relief Commission.

Hoping to see a full investigation started in this matter we are, gentlemen,

Citizens of Halifax, N.S.

The petition is referred to the Relief Advisory

Committee.