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## ANNUAL REPORT CITY AUDITOR 1917-1918.

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Office of the City Auditor,

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 15th 1918.

To His Worship the Mayor,  
the Board of Control,  
and members of the City Council.

*Gentlemen:—*

In presenting this, my eighteenth annual report, I feel that in many ways affairs with us are in such a state on account of the explosion of December 6th last, that until the Relief Commission state more fully their policy and intention, and supplement these by action, Halifax has troubles of its own that will only be healed by time and energetic application to present necessities.

A responsive world contributed millions for our relief. Legislation has been obtained, appointing a Commission with unlimited powers to act in such a way as, if possible, to wipe out our financial losses and still leave a generous amount to be placed where its earning power will assist the blind and maimed to live in comparative comfort.

In regard to the statement of Assets and Liabilities, I wish to state that values same as before the explosion are maintained, as we feel reasonably sure that any losses will be adjusted by the Relief Commission and all City property eventually placed in as good repair or better than before the explosion.

It is generally understood that the Relief Commission purpose rebuilding portions of the devastated section, and this, together with the fact that at the present time a steel ship building plant is under construction here, helps to make us feel very optimistic over the near future.