I regret much to state that the Town has been the victim of the explosion of Dec. 6th which has cost us the loss of the lives of a great many of our citizens, also a great lot of misery and suffering to a great number of those who are left. Much damage was done to buildings and other property all over the Town.

The Dominion Government has appointed a Commission to take up the whole matter of rehabilitating and restitution to all those who have suffered and I sincerely hope that the work of same will be advanced with all possible haste.

I again have to thank the Citizens for doing me the

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