

His Worship, C. A. Vaughan (continued)

In his reply, the Minister stated that he did not think it appropriate that he should lay down a definite policy on such a matter and that "although this department has some responsibility and supervision over the operations of the Commission, the responsibility and power of the Commission are to acquire, hold, and dispose of real and personal property of every kind and description, and to deal with the same in any way that the Commission may think fit." The amendments made by the Province did not affect the tax-exempt status of the Commission itself, though they did remove the special-tax-privileges of the Commission's employees.

The City of Halifax, represented by Alderman J. G. DeWolf, began to press for an arrangement whereby the Commission would be required to pay Municipal taxes. It was suggested that the City assume the Commission's obligations and take over and dispose of its property. In other words—that the Commission be wound up.

Discussion on this matter was brought to a head when Alderman DeWolf reported to City Council his belief that the Minister of Finance was prepared to recommend that a substantial sum per annum be allowed the City in respect of its claims on the Commission. The Minister then affirmed that neither the Minister of Finance nor the Governor-in-Council had power to direct the Commission with respect to the payment of monies in lieu of taxes. In the same context, the Solicitor to the Treasury expressed the view that "the sense of the statute is that the Legislature intended to create an independent Corporation having the objects and powers stated in the Statute, not subject to the direction and control of the Governor-in-Council."

The present Commissioners, who are appointed without any definite term, consist of the Chairman and two members with a total stipend of \$5,000.00; \$2,000.00 for the Chairman and \$1,500.00 for each of the other two members. Appointments are made on the recommendation of the Minister of Finance.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The total assets and liabilities of the Commission on December 31, 1955 amounted to \$1,572,268.00 The main items in each category were as follows:

PROPERTIES	\$168,963.00 ?	PENSION FUND	\$1,136,652.00
BONDS	750,345.00	STAFF SUPERANNUATION FUND	109,474.00
CASH	61,967.00	GENERAL RESERVE	116,316.00

OPERATING STATEMENT

The revenue and expenditure of the Commission for 1955 were as follows:

REVENUE	RENTAL	\$28,369.00
	INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS	35,063.00
	INTEREST ON AGREEMENTS	
	OF SALE	25,960.00
	PROFIT ON SALE OF LOTS	5,247.00
	OTHER	1,289.00
	TOTAL	<u>\$95,928.00</u>

578.50

His Worship, C. A. Vaughan (continued)

EXPENDITURE

UPKEEP OF PROPERTIES-----	\$ 29,172.00
SALARIES-----	13,720.00
STAFF SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTION---	9,566.00
OTHER-----	11,136.00
TOTAL-----	<u>\$ 63,594.00</u>

Excess revenue over expenditure---\$32,334.00 (of which \$31,941.00 transferred to pension fund, and \$393.00 depreciation reserve).

MISCELLANEOUS

In addition to the three Commissioners, there is a staff of four, whose salaries total about \$10,000.00

<u>PENSION FUND LIABILITY</u>				
<u>Year</u>	<u>Book Figures</u>	<u>Department of Insurance valuation</u>		<u>Pensions paid per year</u>
		<u>2% basis</u>	<u>3% basis</u>	
1948	\$1,456,343.66	\$1,394,813.00	\$1,283,769.00	\$ 95,438.95
1949	1,421,446.41	1,291,262.00	1,190,554.00	106,285.53
1950	1,357,863.25	1,323,743.00	1,205,696.00	103,039.47
1951	1,299,891.56	1,279,916.00	1,164,274.00	101,659.18
1952	1,240,762.68	1,166,023.00	1,062,804.00	95,124.70
1953	1,178,385.14	1,112,796.00	1,018,998.00	92,802.81
1954	1,136,652.47	1,082,359.00	996,313.00	89,203.42
1955 (Nov.30)	1,095,276.80			80,214.60

PERSONS RECEIVING ALLOWANCES

	<u>NUMBER</u>		<u>BASIC MONTHLY PENSION</u>	<u>CURRENT BONUS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	<u>1920</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1920</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1955</u>
WIDOWS-----	198	50	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$75.00
ORPHANS-----	481		\$8.00 to \$30.00		
DEPENDENTS---	62		Average \$10.00		
GENERAL DIS- ABILITY---	88	24	\$8-\$50	\$7-\$44.00	\$15.00 to \$94.00
EYE DISABILITY					
TOTALLY BLIND	31	14	\$30-\$50	\$26.25-\$44.00	\$56.25 to \$94.00
PARTIAL SIGHT	168	88	\$50.00 annually	\$100.00	\$150.00 annually
	<u>1,028</u>	<u>176</u>			

AGE GROUPS

<u>30 - 40</u>	<u>41 - 50</u>	<u>51 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 70</u>	<u>71 - 80</u>	<u>80 AND OVER</u>
7	30	38	34	45	22

His Worship, C. A. Vaughan (continued)

It seems reasonable to believe that these grants and gifts were made to the City of Halifax, but the money was passed over to the Commission so that the spending would be done by a body free of political influence, and not likely to be subject to such influence as might be brought to bear on any civic committee. It seems reasonable that when pensions, allowances or grants have been assured, that any monies remaining should be given to the City of Halifax.


In 1927-28 the Commission started paying taxes on a fixed assessment, and it continued to do so up to and including 1948. From 1949 to date, the Commission has been paying a grant in lieu of taxes on the full amount of its assessment. Had it paid the full assessment for the period 1922 to 1957 inclusive, the total amount would have been \$1,275,020.93. It actually paid \$544,281.38 making a difference in tax revenue, of \$730,739.55. In settlement of our claim dated January 13, 1927, 1/3 of the City of Halifax claim was not allowed (\$170,256.84). Therefore, if the City of Halifax should claim full tax revenue for the period 1922 to 1957 inclusive, it would be \$730,739.55 plus \$170,256.84 (portion not allowed at the time settlement was agreed upon, due mostly to the claim that they had not sufficient funds to pay all claims in full, which were before the Commission), making a total of \$900,996.39. In the same agreement of re-adjustment of outstanding matters between the City of Halifax and the Halifax Relief Commission, Section 10, Sub-section C says that the "Commission also stipulates that there shall be no further claim of any kind whatever hereafter presented by the City to the Commission. We think the time has arrived when all outstanding matters must be finalized."

It would reasonably be expected that there is nothing in the Statute or its amendments which authorizes the Governor-in-Council or any department of the Government of Canada to exercise control over the Commission, except as set out in Section 9D, Chapter 61 of the Acts of Nova Scotia 1918.

In conclusion, and in summing up the above remarks, I would say that there seems to be some doubt as to the legal status of the Commission, It would appear that winding up the Commission's activities would require the consent of the Provincial Legislature, the Federal Government and the Commission. This could probably be arranged between representatives of the Province, Federal Government and the Commission. Since the City of Halifax would be interested in any final settlement, they should be consulted as well.

I would suggest, if I may, that His Worship the Mayor write to the Minister of Finance suggesting winding up proceedings. He would then probably receive a reply which would indicate his feelings on the matter. I would think then that the next step would be, that His Worship the Mayor interview the Premier of Nova Scotia, on the subject matter. There seems to be a lot of complicated legal proceedings in connection with this Commission, but from the impression which I have received from the Federal authorities, it would seem to me that if the proper approach is made, something may be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,


L. M. ROMKEY
COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

LMR/M

June 21st, 1948.

Gordon B. Isnor, M. P.
Parliament Building,
Ottawa.

Re: Halifax Relief Commission.

Dear Mr. Isnor:-

With reference to the above, you will recall that the writer previously wrote you on two occasions and the information you were able to secure was of inestimable value in enabling the writer to pursue the matter further.

On November 27th, last, the writer brought the matter formally before the City Council, (Copy of data is enclosed) and a committee was formed including Alderman Kitz, City Assessor and myself, with authority to consult with the Commission.

A meeting was held in the office of the Eastern Trust Company during January. There were present in addition to the aforementioned, members of City Council, Hon. R. G. Beazley, Chairman A. M. Butler, Major Tibbs and His Worship, The Mayor.

The City representatives were advised that the annual report was not completed and that the Commission intended submitting a report covering the History of same.

We were further advised that, until completion of these reports, no discussion as to any type of settlement could be held.

We now have the "Historical Report" but not the official yearly statement. However, the Mayor advises that Major Tibbs has intimated that the Commission does not intend to do anything further in the matter.

G. B. Isnor, M. P.

June 21st, 1948.

With this in mind, the writer has compiled a short brief, which I should like to discuss with the proper authority in Ottawa, perhaps Dr. Clark, you however know best, in that respect.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of a tentative brief I have written, which may be revised slightly, as I have not had same reviewed by our Committee.

Would it be convenient for you to arrange an appointment for me during the next week, or ten days with the property authority, so that I may verbally explain any matter that may not be clear in my submission, and that we may determine once and for all time, our position in this matter.

Appreciating your prompt attention and courtesy in the past and trusting that you may have the time to arrange suggested meeting, I am

Yours very truly,

J. G. DeWolf.

JGD/p.

P. S. If such a meeting can be arranged at an early date perhaps you would be kind enough to wire me collect, so that I can get railway and hotel bookings.

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CITY COUNCIL

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL

Halifax, N. S., June 28, 1948. 19

*Extracts from Minutes of a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax
held on the 17th day of June 1948.*

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION

Alderman Kitz stated that he and Alderman DeWolf had attended a meeting in connection with the operations of the Halifax Relief Commission with a view to forseeing in the future when they would stop operating with a further view of having several hundred houses sold or put on the tax rolls. "The report that was offered was that as far as they are concerned they shall continue for another 30 or 40 years. We have now come to the time when it behooves us to take some action. Alderman DeWolf is the proper party to conduct the inquiry and if need be go to Ottawa to see what can be done".

Alderman DeWolf read certain extracts from the Halifax Relief Commission report and referred to the last paragraph of same which suggested a form of memorial to the citizens of Halifax. The Alderman felt that it would be better if the Commission would pay the taxes in full.

It was moved by Alderman Kitz, seconded by Alderman Doyle that Alderman DeWolf be authorized to explore this matter further and if necessary proceed to Ottawa in this connection. Motion passed.

A true extract,

W. P. Publicover
W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Halifax, N. S.,
November 27, 1947.

His Worship the Mayor & Members of
the City Council,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen:

As some of the aldermen are aware, I have devoted some time and effort to exploring the possibility of recovering monies which the City has been, more or less forcibly, required to donate to the Halifax Relief Commission, assumedly, for security of pensioners.

As the time is rapidly approaching when estimates must be considered for the year 1948, I would respectfully suggest a serious and determined effort be made to follow up this matter with the hope that success, in this endeavour, might help to reduce our tax rate for this coming year, or years.

A report in this matter was submitted to the Finance Committee in November, but I should like to amend this somewhat and am taking the liberty of attaching a new report.

Yours very truly,

(ALDERMAN) J. G. DEWOLF.

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REPORT BY J. G. DEWOLF REGARDING
THE INTEREST OF THE CITY OF HALIFAX IN THE
HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION.

There are two phases to be considered in this matter, one is to entreat that our donations by way of reduced taxes be repaid, with interest, or secondly, make an application to the Federal Government to place control of the Commission in the hands of the City of Halifax, after pensions have been purchased or secured for those now receiving same and also security for the administration members responsible for the success of the Commission.

In respect to the first phase, I would point out the following.

Present assessed value of properties owned by the Halifax Relief Commission is \$1,108,000.00. It has been higher in the past.

The amount on which the Commission has arbitrarily agreed to pay taxes is \$450,000.00, leaving, therefore, a sum of \$658,000.00 on which no taxes have been paid for about thirty (30) years.

This amount of \$658,000.00 over a period of thirty (30) years at a rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent would have produced \$690,900.00 in taxes. If we should add interest for the period at say 5 per cent it would produce a further amount of approximately \$518,000.00.

If these calculations are accepted the amount due the City is the large sum of \$1,208,900.00.

We should now deal with the financial ability to pay, which, I suggest as follows, based on the official statement of the Commission, amended to present day values, as far as possible.

Properties. Assessed value	\$1,108,000.00	
Add 20 per cent for conservative market value.		
(Commission valuation \$494,939.00)		\$1,329,600.00
Government & Municipal Bonds. Market Value.		
(Commission Valuation \$833,941.00)		953,000.00
Mortgages (Commission valuation \$51,000.00)		82,000.00
Current Assets, Bank etc.		45,000.00
Furniture & Fixtures		<u>2,400.00</u>
		\$2,412,000.00
Deduct amount suggested above (Unpaid taxes & interest)		<u>1,208,900.00</u>
Leaving balance for Pensions		\$1,203,100.00

In respect to purchase of pensions it is suggested on the official statement the amount required for this purpose is \$846,000.00, as estimated by Department of Insurance on two per cent basis, but no estimate has been given or mentioned by the Department of Pensions, who work, I believe, on a four per cent basis.

The data is not given as to when this estimate was made. It is possible, therefore, that the amount required today would be less, and the difference between two per cent interest rate and four per cent interest rate would reduce the amount required by a further considerable sum.

I am going to stipulate a guess that the sum of \$900,000.00 would provide pensions for all those now receiving same, and for administrative staff and directors of some years service.

This would leave as a surplus for contingencies the difference between \$1,203,000.00 and \$900,000.00 or an amount of \$303,000.00.

In the second phase, or taking over the Commission would leave all properties intact, a cash surplus of \$303,000.00. This sum would be greater if the Commission carried on under present management, saving immediate cash outlay for their pensions.

It should be noted that this Commission should be commended for the success that has attended their efforts, and no criticism whatever is offered or suggested in this respect.

The power accorded in respect to Town Planning was, no doubt necessary, at the time of incorporation, but such power should be released to the City, due to the fact that we now have our own Town Planning Engineer and there may be confliction of ideas.

Whatever may be the wishes of the Council certain thoughts should be given in their deliberations, such as:

How and why this Commission was set up? What powers given the Commission and who should be responsible for the time of winding up affairs?

Who supplied the funds? Did not these funds come from many sources and many countries?

Were the Corporation of Halifax and the Citizens of Halifax amply paid for tangible and intangible loss, or suffering?

Was not this Commission formed during the First Great War, when perhaps a certain hysteria from effects of the war and explosion were such that the City Council of that time did not give all factors proper consideration?

THE HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION
BALANCE SHEET **DECEMBER 31, 1946.**

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ASSETS

Properties carried at the valuation of \$735,050.00 placed thereon by the Commission at June 30th, 1928, less subsequent deductions	\$568,850.00	
<u>Less: Reserve for depreciation</u>	<u>73,910.87</u>	\$494,939.13
<u>INVESTMENTS:</u>		
Government and Municipal Bonds at book value (Quoted market value at December 31, 1946 \$953,000.00)	833,941.14	
Mortgages, etc. receivable	82,460.29	
	<u>\$916,401.43</u>	
<u>Less: Reserve</u>	<u>31,238.87</u>	885,162.56
Furniture & Equipment	8,107.03	
<u>Less: Reserve for depreciation</u>	<u>5,407.62</u>	2,699.41
Current Assets:		
Cash on hand in banks	36,221.66	
Interest accrued on Government and other bonds	6,339.03	
Accounts receivable after providing for doubtful accounts	<u>2,471.07</u>	45,031.76
Deferred Charges:		
Pension for January 1947 paid in advance	\$5,577.00	
Insurance premiums prepaid	1,072.71	
Supplies and materials on hand	<u>1,350.23</u>	7,999.94
		<u><u>\$1,435,832.80</u></u>

LIABILITIES

Pension Fund Account	\$1,285,739.09
Note: Department of Insurance, Ottawa has estimated the requirements of the Fund on a 2% basis at an amount of \$846,478.00	
Reserve for Loss by Fire on Uninsured Properties	76,324.11
General Reserve	13,269.87
Reserve for Medical and Other Services	10,525.08
Reserve for Staff Superannuation	8,363.46
Compensation for 1945 Explosion Damage, less cost of repairs to date	40,110.50
Accounts payable and accrued Liabilities	<u>1,500.69</u>
	<u><u>\$1,435,832.80</u></u>

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THE HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1946.

<u>Revenue</u>	Year ending December 31, 1946.
Rentals for properties	\$126,608.26
Interest on investments in bonds	34,829.31
Interest from Mortgages	3,360.04
Discount on taxes, exchange, etc.	1,436.92
Sundry revenue from tenants	74.71
	<u>\$166,309.24</u>
 <u>Expenditures</u>	
Upkeep of properties	68,284.07
Salaries	20,230.18
Printing, stationery & Advertising	183.60
Lighting & heating	597.40
Insurance	145.75
Telephone	205.21
Postages	117.50
Legal expenses	376.55
Audit fee and expenses	1,080.40
Office and general expenses	1,753.31
Interest and exchange	12.66
Upkeep of graves of unidentified dead	149.28
Commission portion of reserve for staff superannuation	4,884.29
Reserve for medical & other services	7,500.00
	<u>\$105,520.20</u>
 Balance of revenue	<u>\$ 60,789.04</u>
 Provision for depreciation- Furniture and fixtures	341.83
Properties	6,186.00
	<u>\$6,527.83</u>
 Excess of Revenue over Expenditure carried to Pension Fund	<u><u>\$54,261.21</u></u>

J. G. DEWOLF
REAL ESTATE
ESTABLISHED 1918
MEMBERS CANADIAN REAL ESTATE BOARD

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PROPERTIES

MANAGED
BOUGHT
SOLD
EXCHANGED
APPRAISED

CANADA PERMANENT BUILDING
436 BARRINGTON STREET,
HALIFAX, N. S.

September 6th, 1947.

His Worship,
Mayor J. E. Ahern,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir:-

As you know, for some time I have been endeavouring to secure a statement of affairs of the Halifax Relief Commission and with splendid co-operation of Mr. Gordon B. Isnor M.P., I am now in possession of a statement.

While the facts are not complete, it is something to work with, until more details are made available.

I have written Mr. Isnor and am enclosing you copy of letter, together with copy of statement of the Relief Commission and copy of statement as amended by myself.

From my statement, if my guess for liabilities is fair, you will note there would be over \$1,000,000 available for distribution to some quarter, and I cannot think of any body, except the City of Halifax, having full right to same.

I have sent this data to you, in the hope that you and Mr. Isnor, might, if you agree with my observations, combine your efforts to securing the above million for Halifax.

Yours very truly,


J. G. DeWolf.

JGD/p.

September 6th, 1947.

Gordon B. Isnor Esq., M. P.,
69 Gottingen Street,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Mr. Isnor:-

Your favour of the 5th, inst. to hand,
and I wish to express my thanks to you for your kind
co-operation.

I have had copies made of the statement
and am enclosing same herewith.

You will note, when you get an opportunity
to look over the statement, that it does not show what
amount has been paid to pensioners.

While I appreciate having memo in connection
with number of pensioners, without knowing average age, or
average allowance made, it is impossible to make anything
but a guess as to amount required to buy Government Annuities,
but I assume that estimate on the statement by Department of
Insurance of \$846.478 is a fair guide.

However, as Department of Pensions bases
their pensions on 4%, I assume this amount might be halved.

I am enclosing a statement, compiled by
myself, after a hurried survey of Commission statement of
the picture as I see it, should the Commission be "wound up,"
and all annuitants paid off, including pension for administ-
rative staff, Assets realized upon and liabilities disbursed,

I have adopted 1928 valuation of properties,
which is conservative for to-day, and included other assets
at market value.

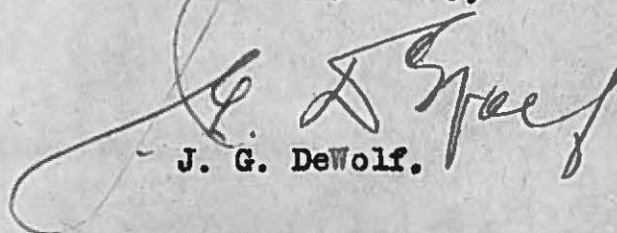
Have left out different reserves as they are only applicable during continued operations.

Should my guess for liabilities be sufficient, you will see there would be a surplus of \$1,093.842 and I feel there is only one quarter where this money belongs, that is The City of Halifax.

As you know contributions were made from all over the world to City of Halifax for relief purposes. The City as an organization suffered damages for which they never collected, nor could they be fully assessed. They suffered from an explosion about 30 years later and still have a menace facing them, through extension to Magazine.

Any way I look at it, I feel morally and legally the City of Halifax is entitled to have this commission turned over to it's care, after safeguarding pensioners.

Yours very truly,



J. G. DeWolf.

JGD/p.
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AMENDED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
IN EVENT OF WINDING UP.

Properties 1928 Valuation	\$735,050.00
Investments	953,000.00
Mortgages	82,000.00
Furniture & Equipment	2,000.00
Current Assets	45,031.00
	<u>\$1,817,081.00</u>

LIABILITIES.

\$846.478 Estimated requirements
on 2% basis by Dept. of Insurance,
if however pensions were purchased
from Government Annuities Branch,
which I understand operates on 4%
basis, the capital required would
be 50%, I assume, or

\$423,239.00

Allow for staff and
administrative pensions etc.

300,000.00

723,239.00

Surplus

\$1,093,842.00

THE HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1946

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Balance of revenue

60,789.04

Provision for depreciation -

Furniture and fixtures	341.83
Properties	6,186.00

\$ 6,527.83

Excess of Revenue over Expenditure
carried to Pension Fund

\$ 54,261.21

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THE HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION
BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31 1946.

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CITY COUNCIL

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL

Halifax, N. S., December 16, 1957. 19.....

Extracts from Minutes of a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax

held on the 14th day of November 19...46....

ASSESSMENT HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee as follows:

November 12, 1946.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date a letter from the City Assessor recommending that the offer of the Halifax Relief Commission to pay for the year 1947 the regular taxes on an assessment of \$450,000.00 and in addition an ex gratia payment of the sum of \$2,500.00, be accepted, was considered.

Your Committee concurs in this recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Moved by Alderman Hosterman, seconded by Alderman Coffin that the report be approved. Motion passed.

A true extract,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.



CITY COUNCIL

OFFICE OF CITY CLERK
CITY HALL

Halifax, N. S.,.....December....16,.....19.57..

Extracts from Minutes of a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax

held on the.....15th.....day of.....March.....19...45....

PAYMENT TO THE CITY BY RELIEF COMMISSION

Halifax, N.S.
March 9/1945.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached letter from the City Assessor submitting a letter from the Halifax Relief Commission advising that the Commission is prepared to pay to the City of Halifax, for the year 1945, the sum of \$5,000.00 as an ex gratia payment in addition to the regular taxes paid by the Commission was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the letter be suitably acknowledged and filed.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

March 6, 1945.

J.F. McManus, Esq.,
City Assessor,
City Hall,
City.

Dear Sir:

1/ In October 1943 a Committee of the City Council consisting of the Mayor, yourself and Mr. Sherman met with the Commission to discuss the Assessment of our properties for the year 1944/45 and requested us to raise our Assessment and in November 1944 you and Mr. Sherman met with this Commission to discuss the Assessment for the civic year 1945-46. On both occasions the Commission advised your Committee that we regretted we were unable to accede to your request to raise our Assessment, and the Assessment on our properties was accordingly accepted as \$500,000.00 plus \$30,000.00 for certain properties that are not included in the Blanket Assessment.

At the time of your visit to us in November 1944 the Commission had not completed their financial year and consequently were not in a position to accept a liability that perhaps might not have been justified by the final figures of our Balance sheet.

As you are aware the first responsibility of this Commission is to ensure that the fullest and most ample provision is made for the protection of those persons who were injured, or who, for some other reason, are receiving allowances from this Commission. Notwithstanding the fact that the City has accepted our voluntary Assessment of \$530,000. for the year 1945/46, upon which taxes will be paid at the current rate and under the same conditions as other taxpayers, the Commission has decided that an additional amount of \$5,000.00 shall be paid to the City as an ex gratia payment in addition to the regular taxes. This payment is made at this time for the reason that the Commission is financially able to do so and is most sympathetic with the situation in which the City now finds itself in regard to the high cost of civic services due to the largely increased population of Halifax, brought about by war conditions.



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In making this ex-gratia payment the Commission would not wish to have it considered that this establishes any precedent or that we are consenting to raise our Assessment to a higher figure than that at which it now stands.

This letter confirms the interview that the Chairman of the Commission, Mr. B.M. Blackadar, had with yourself and the Mayor relative to this matter.

Yours very truly,

Halifax Relief Commission,

Sgd. W.E. Tibbs,
COMPTROLLER.

Moved by Alderman Batson, seconded by Alderman Coffin that the report be approved. Motion passed.

A true extract,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.



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ASSESSMENT HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION

November 16, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.

Gentlemen: Re: Halifax Relief Commission Assessment 1945

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held this date a report of the City Assessor, to which were attached letters from W. E. Tibbs, was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the blanket assessment on the properties of the Commission be fixed at \$500,000.00 for the year 1945 and of this amount \$495,000.00 be at the business rate of taxation and \$5,000.00 at the residential rate.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover, City Clerk.

November 14, 1944.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the Finance & Executive Committee
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sirs: Re: Halifax Relief Commission Assessment

Acting on instructions as given at the last meeting of your Committee, the Commissioner of Finance and myself interviewed the Halifax Relief Commission on Monday, the 13th. instant.

The Commission was of the opinion that the assessment for 1945 should remain the same as it was for 1944 namely a blanket assessment of \$500,000.00 on the Hydrostone area and \$30,000.00 on other properties outside.

I attach a letter which I received from Major Tibbs confirming the Commission's decision in the matter.

Yours very truly,

J. F. McManus, City Assessor.

November 13, 1944.

J. F. McManus, Esq.,
City Assessor,
City Hall,
City.

Dear Mr. McManus:

This will confirm the decision arrived at this morning at the meeting with yourself and Mr. N. L. Sherman to the effect that our assessments should continue for the year 1945-46 on the same basis as for the year 1944-45, that is to say that the blanket assessment of \$500,000.00 on the Commission's general properties would continue at this figure and that the additional properties assessed at \$30,000.00 should also be continued at that figure making a total assessment of \$530,000.00.

We are enclosing detailed list of the assessments for 1945-46.



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Yours very truly,

Halifax Relief Commission,
W. E. Tibbs, Comptroller.

Moved by Alderman Coffin, seconded by Alderman Adams that the report be
approved. Motion passed.

A true extract,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.



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ASSESSMENT HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION

November 9, 1943.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date the attached letter from the Halifax Relief Commission regarding voluntary assessment on their properties was considered.

Your Committee recommends that the proposal as outlined in the letter be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

October 25, 1943.

His Worship Mayor J. E. Lloyd,
City of Halifax,
City Hall,
Halifax, N. S.

Your Worship:

Following our conference with your Committee this morning regarding the voluntary assessment of the properties of the Halifax Relief Commission, we beg to confirm to you the following decisions that were arrived at:

Notwithstanding the statutory exemption of the properties of the Halifax Relief Commission, from any assessment by the City of Halifax in respect to such properties, the Halifax Relief Commission has agreed to accept the voluntary assessment for the tax year 1944-45 of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00)

Taxes will be paid on this voluntary assessment at the general rate decided upon by the City Council, in the usual manner and the discount provided for ordinary tax payers will also apply to taxes paid by this Commission. This voluntary assessment is accepted on the same basis and the same terms as is set forth in Sections 10 and 11 of the adjustment made by the Commissioners in the City of Halifax Claim dated December 30, 1926, as well as the specific conditions accepted as a result of later discussions and referred to in our letter of November 25, 1936 and accepted at a meeting of the City Council of January 14, 1937 as advised us in letter dated January 19, 1937, from the City Clerk.

The Commission agrees that our voluntary assessments shall continue to be reviewed annually for the duration of the war.

We would like to take this opportunity of assuring you that we are most anxious to co-operate with the Government of the City of Halifax in every way possible for the furthering of the interests of the City.

Yours very truly,

Halifax Relief Commission,
W. E. Tibbs, Comptroller.



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Moved by Alderman DeWolf, seconded by Alderman Ahern that the report be approved. Motion passed.

A true extract,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.



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ASSESSMENT - HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION

Read report of the Finance and Executive Committee re assessment, Halifax Relief Commission.

Halifax, N.S.,
November 10, 1942.

His Worship the Mayor
and Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance and Executive Committee held on the above date, the attached report from the Works Committee recommending that the offer of the Halifax Relief Commission to pay taxes on an assessment of \$500,000.00 during the civic year 1943-44 be accepted was considered and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

Oct. 26th, 1942.

His Worship Mayor W.E. Donovan,
City of Halifax,
City Hall
CITY

Your Worship:-

Following our conference with your Committee this morning regarding Voluntary Assessment on the properties of the Halifax Relief Commission, we beg to confirm to you the following decisions then arrived at.

Notwithstanding the statutory exemption of the properties of the Halifax Relief Commission from any assessment by the City of Halifax in respect to such properties, the Halifax Relief Commission has agreed to accept the voluntary assessment for the tax year 1943-44 of Five Hundred/Dollars (\$500,000.00).
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Taxes will be paid on this voluntary assessment at the general rate decided upon by the City Council, in the usual manner and the discount provided for ordinary taxpayers will also apply to taxes paid by this Commission. This voluntary assessment is accepted on the same basis and the same terms as is set forth in Sections 10 and 11 of the adjustment ~~made~~ made by the Commissioners in the City of Halifax Claim dated December 30th, 1926 as well as the specific conditions referred to in our letter of November 25th, 1936, and accepted at a meeting of the City Council of January 14th, 1937, as advised us in letter dated January 19th, 1937, from the City Clerk, namely:

1. The City accepts full responsibility for ownership of the lanes in the Hydrostone Area regarding which there was some discussion in February, March and April of 1936 as these lanes became City property under Section 18 of Chapter 61 of the Acts of 1918.

2. That adequate police protection be given to Richmond Heights District.

3. That the Districts shall receive the same degree of attention in regard to civic service, streets, lights, sewer, water, etc. as is given other parts of the City.

The Commission agrees that our voluntary assessment shall be reviewed annually, at any rate for the duration of the war.



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We wish to thank you for your courtesies in the past and to assure you that this Commission is anxious to co-operate with the Government of the City of Halifax in every way possible.

Yours very truly,

Halifax Relief Commission.

W.E. Tibbs,
COMPTROLLER.

Moved by Alderman Mackay, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the report of the Finance and Executive Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

A true extract,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.



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HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION - ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY

Read report of the Finance Committee covering letter of the Halifax Relief Commission offering to reaccept a voluntary assessment of \$500,000.00 for a period of five years on Relief Commission Properties.

Halifax, N. S.,
October 23, 1931.

Col. H. J. Stech,
Chairman of the Finance Committee,
of the City Council,
City Hall,
Halifax,
N. S.

Dear Sir:-

Referring to the conferences held at the offices of the Halifax Relief Commission, Thursday, October 8th., at 3 P. M. in connection with the assessment of the properties owned by the Halifax Relief Commission which assessment was voluntarily accepted by the Commission under the City of Halifax claim award dated December 30th., 1926, for a period of five years.

The Commission has given full consideration to the case submitted by yourself, Mr. Butler, City Auditor and Mr. McIlanus, Chief Assessor and have decided to reaccept the voluntary assessment of \$500,000.00 in place of the net assessment of \$478,457.50 upon which ex-gratia payment has been made for the year 1931-32. The Commission, however, requires to be included in this amount of \$500,000.00 the assessment of the property 1000-1020 Robie Street known as the Heber Hartlen property, assessed to the Royal Trust Company, but owned by the Commission. The reason for this being that this property came into possession of the Commission through a mortgage loan that was made, not as a financial investment, but as a relief measure.

The other properties 1006 Barrington St., 22 Upper Water St., 152/54 Granville St and 163/69 Windsor Street, will not be included in the above assessment as they came into our possession through mortgage loans on financial basis.

It is therefore agreed that notwithstanding the provisions of its Act of Incorporation and without prejudice thereto, the Commission voluntarily accepts the assessment of all its properties for a period of five years from May 1st, 1932 upon a valuation not exceeding the sum of \$500,000.00 subject to deduction from this amount from year to year of one half of the purchase money received by the Commission for any property sold during the preceding year. At the expiration of the five year period suggested the statutory exemption shall then automatically revive, pending reconsideration of the situation as at that date.

The Commission also wishes to continue the further condition upon which the original assessment of \$500,000.00 was voluntarily accepted on December 30th., 1926 viz: that the Richmond Heights District shall receive at the hands of the City the same degree of attention to its streets and general civic requirements as is accorded other sections of the City.

We shall be glad to receive a letter from you accepting this offer to the Commission.

Yours very truly,

Halifax Relief Commission,
W. E. Tibbs, Comptroller.



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Committee Room,
City Hall,
November 2nd., 1931.

To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the attached letter of the Halifax Relief Committee addressed to the Chairman with reference to the assessment of Relief Commission properties and informing the Committee that the Commission will accept a voluntary assessment of \$500,000.00 in place of the net amount of \$487,457.50 upon which ex-gratia payment has been paid for the year 1931-32, this agreement to be for five years from 1st. May 1932.

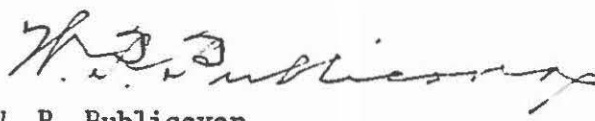
Your Committee recommend that the offer of the Relief Commission be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Daley that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

A true extract,


W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.



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TAX ARREARS -- HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION

Read report of the Special Committee on collection of Tax Arrears recommending the writing off of the sum of \$113,376.56 assessed and outstanding against the Halifax Relief Commission:

Committee Room,
City Hall,
November 14, 1927.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Gentlemen:-

Your special committee on the collections have had under consideration the matter of uncollectible taxes, and would recommend for your approval, the writing off of an amount of \$113,376.56 which is assessed and outstanding against the Halifax Relief Commission.

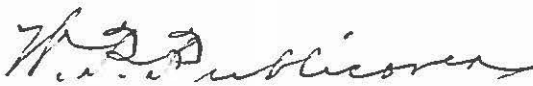
On the 11th. April, 1927, the Commission paid the City \$87,305.79. This amount was in full of all Real Estate taxes to May 1st., 1927.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Redden,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

A true extract,


W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

His Worship the Mayor



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HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION ASSESSMENT

Read report of the Finance Committee in reference to the agreement with the Halifax Relief Commission in regard to the fixed assessment of \$500,000.00 on Commission property:

Committee Room, City Hall,
September 17th., 1931.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the Chairman submitted a letter from the City Assessor calling attention of the Committee to the fact that the agreement with the Halifax Relief Commission with regard to a fixed assessment of \$500,000.00 on Commission properties will expire on January 2nd. 1932.

Your Committee recommend that the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the City Auditor and City Assessor be appointed a special Committee to take this matter up with the Halifax Relief Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Daley that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

A true extract,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

His Worship the Mayor



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HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION CLAIM

His Worship the Mayor

Feb. 10th, 1927

Amendment put and passed after voting
for the same and three against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Shannon
Sanford
G. Strongway
McLuff
McCarthy
Hubloy
Bain
O'Toole
Power- 9

AGAINST IT

Alderman Robinson
Moltzer
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RECEIVED DEPARTMENT "THE PLATOON SYSTEM"

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded
by Alderman New that the report of the Committee of
Firewards read at the first session of this meeting
in reference to the two platoon system be referred back
to the Committee of Firewards for further consideration.
Motion passed.

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION CLAIM

His Worship the Mayor called upon
the Deputy Mayor to take the Chair while he addressed
the Council on the subject of financing the claim of
the Halifax Relief Commission against the City.

The following Resolutions are
submitted by His Worship the Mayor.

Feb. 24th, 1927

RESOLVED that the sum of \$687,200.00 required to defray the liability of the City to the Halifax Relief Commission in connection with the explosion of December 6th, 1917, be borrowed and that Legislation be obtained to authorize such borrowing.

Moved by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman McCarthy and passed unanimously, the following named Aldermen being present and voting for the same:

Aldermen Shannon, Sanford, Gastonguay, MacDuff, McCarthy, Hubley, Rains, O'Toole, Power, Robinson, Smoltzer and Daw.

FURTHER RESOLVED that in the opinion of the Council the borrowing of the sum of \$687,200.00 should be on Long Term Bonds and not Short Term Installment Bonds or any part thereof and that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the necessary Act and submit same to the Legislature for enactment.

Moved by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman McCarthy and passed unanimously, the following named Aldermen being present and voting for the same:

Aldermen Shannon, Sanford, Gastonguay, MacDuff, McCarthy, Hubley, Rains, O'Toole, Power, Robinson, Smoltzer and Daw.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE
CITY OF HALIFAX TO THE HALIFAX RELIEF
COMMISSION

WHEREAS the City of Halifax was authorized by Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1914 to borrow a sum not exceeding \$500,000 to defray losses or expenditures occasioned to City property by the Explosion of the 6th

Feb. 24th, 1927

AND WHEREAS the City, pending an adjustment of its loans and replacements so occasioned, has from time to time borrowed from the said Commission sums aggregating in the whole \$564,965.90 and has given as security therefor its stock certificates issued under the authority of the above recited Acts and pledged with the Commission under the authority of section 35 of the Acts of 1916 to the amount of \$565,000 which certificate is now held by the said Commission as security for the said loans.

AND WHEREAS the amounts to be allowed to the said City by the said Commission and the indebtedness of the City to the Commission have been now finally adjusted and determined at the sum of \$687,305.79 due to the said commission, and the City is desirous of discharging such indebtedness.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Governor, Council, and Assembly as follows:

The City may borrow the sum of \$687,300.00 and apply the same in discharge of the said indebtedness. The said amount shall be in addition to the amounts authorized to be borrowed by the Halifax City Consolidated Fund Act 1905, and amendments thereto and shall form part of that fund, and shall be secured by stock or debentures issued in conformity with that Act at a rate of interest not exceeding six per cent per annum, and the dates on which the same shall be made payable shall be determined by the Council and a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity shall be provided in conformity with the provisions of Section 21 of Chapter 54 of the Acts of 1922.

The said stock certificates or debentures when issued may be sold for the best price available and the moneys derived therefrom paid to the said Commission in discharge of the said indebtedness or, with the consent of the said Commission, may be given to the Commission, in exchange for the stock certificates now held by it, and upon such payment or exchange the said certificates at present held by the Commission shall be delivered up by the Commission to the City and shall at once be cancelled.

If the City receives a contribution from the federal Government in respect to its losses in connection with the aforesaid Explosion of 6th December 1917, the same shall not be paid into the General Sinking Fund but shall be paid to the Trustees of the Sinking Funds, and utilized in forming a sinking fund for the redemption of the stock or debentures issued under the authority of this Act, and the annual contribution to the sinking fund for the redemption of the same shall be adjusted accordingly, or such contribution may be utilized in purchasing such stock or debentures at Market price, any stock or debentures so purchased to be thereupon cancelled.



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the City of Halifax in every way possible.

Yours very truly,

Halifax Relief Commission.

W.E. Tibbs,
COMPTROLLER.

Moved by Alderman Mackay, seconded by Alderman Hosterman that the
report of the Finance and Executive Committee be adopted. Motion passed.

A true extract,

W.P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.



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HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION - ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY

Read report of the Finance Committee covering letter of the Halifax Relief Commission offering to reaccept a voluntary assessment of \$500,000.00 for a period of five years on Relief Commission Properties.

Halifax, N. S.,
October 23, 1931.

Col. H. J. Stech,
Chairman of the Finance Committee,
of the City Council,
City Hall,
Halifax,
N. S.

Dear Sir:-

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Halifax Relief Commission,
W. E. Tibbs, Comptroller.



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City Hall,
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To His Worship the Mayor and
Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen:

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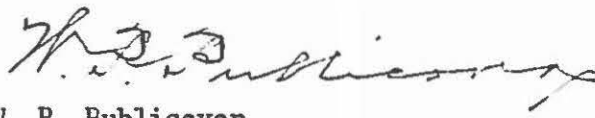
Your Committee recommend that the offer of the Relief Commission be accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Daley that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

A true extract,


W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.



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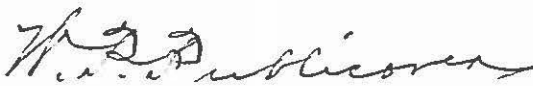
On the 11th. April, 1927, the Commission paid the City \$87,305.79. This amount was in full of all Real Estate taxes to May 1st., 1927.

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. Redden,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Redden, seconded by Alderman McCarthy that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

A true extract,


W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

His Worship the Mayor



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Committee Room, City Hall,
September 17th., 1931.

His Worship the Mayor and
Members of City Council.

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held this day the Chairman submitted a letter from the City Assessor calling attention of the Committee to the fact that the agreement with the Halifax Relief Commission with regard to a fixed assessment of \$500,000.00 on Commission properties will expire on January 2nd. 1932.

Your Committee recommend that the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the City Auditor and City Assessor be appointed a special Committee to take this matter up with the Halifax Relief Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. Stech,
CHAIRMAN.

Moved by Alderman Stech, seconded by Alderman Daley that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

A true extract,

W. P. Publicover,
CITY CLERK.

His Worship the Mayor



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HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION CLAIM

His Worship the Mayor

Feb. 10th, 1927

Amendment put and passed after voting
for the same and three against it as follows:

FOR THE AMENDMENT

Alderman Shannon
Sanford
G. Storgway
McLuff
McCarthy
Hubloy
Bain
O'Toole
Power- 9

AGAINST IT

Alderman Robinson
Moltzer
Two

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RECEIVED DEPARTMENT "THE PLATOON SYSTEM"

Moved by Alderman Shannon, seconded
by Alderman New that the report of the Committee of
Firewards read at the first session of this meeting
in reference to the two platoon system be referred back
to the Committee of Firewards for further consideration.
Motion passed.

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION CLAIM

His Worship the Mayor called upon
the Deputy Mayor to take the Chair while he addressed
the Council on the subject of financing the claim of
the Halifax Relief Commission against the City.

The following Resolutions were
submitted by His Worship the Mayor.

Feb. 24th, 1927

RESOLVED that the sum of \$687,200.00 required to defray the liability of the City to the Halifax Relief Commission in connection with the explosion of December 6th, 1917, be borrowed and that Legislation be obtained to authorize such borrowing.

Moved by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman McCarthy and passed unanimously, the following named Aldermen being present and voting for the same:

Aldermen Shannon, Sanford, Gastonguay, MacDuff, McCarthy, Hubley, Rains, O'Toole, Power, Robinson, Smoltzer and Daw.

FURTHER RESOLVED that in the opinion of the Council the borrowing of the sum of \$687,200.00 should be on Long Term Bonds and not Short Term Installment Bonds or any part thereof and that the City Solicitor be instructed to draft the necessary Act and submit same to the Legislature for enactment.

Moved by His Worship the Mayor, seconded by Alderman McCarthy and passed unanimously, the following named Aldermen being present and voting for the same:

Aldermen Shannon, Sanford, Gastonguay, MacDuff, McCarthy, Hubley, Rains, O'Toole, Power, Robinson, Smoltzer and Daw.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE
CITY OF HALIFAX TO THE HALIFAX RELIEF
COMMISSION

WHEREAS the City of Halifax was authorized by Chapter 63 of the Acts of 1914 to borrow a sum not exceeding \$500,000 to defray losses or expenditures occasioned to City property by the Explosion of the 6th