

July 4, 1958.

Honourable R. L. Stanfield
Premier of Nova Scotia
Province House
Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Premier:

You will recall that on May 7th a meeting was held at the Lord Nelson Hotel to discuss representation to be made by the City of Halifax to the Federal Government with respect to surplus funds of the Halifax Relief Commission. The meeting was attended by yourself, the Honourable Attorney General, Mr. Edmund Morris, M.P. for Halifax, members of the Finance Committee of the City of Halifax, Mr. DeBard and Mr. Romkey of the City's staff.

At that time it was agreed that the City would make representations to the Province and request that the Province approach the Federal Government and ask for the return of the Halifax Relief Commission to Provincial jurisdiction.

We have not followed this matter too closely because of other more pressing problems. However, I have been informed by sources at Ottawa that the Chairman of the Halifax Relief Commission, Mr. Allan Butler, has sought and has been granted time for an interview with the Minister of Finance relative to this matter.

I would, therefore, formally request at this time on behalf of the City of Halifax that you take the steps necessary to bring about the return of the Halifax Relief Commission to Provincial jurisdiction, so that the surplus funds may be applied to capital purposes, as agreed upon at our luncheon meeting.

The suggestion made at that meeting, that the funds would be held by the Province and would only be available to the City after a formal request had been made

by the Council for some definite project, preferably in the area devastated in the Explosion of December 6, 1917, is acceptable to myself and to the members of the Finance Committee who were present at the meeting.

We would, therefore, request that you now place this matter before the Federal authorities in order that the request may be in the hands of the Minister of Finance before the Commissioners visit Ottawa and place before him their views on the matter.

Yours very truly,

CHARLES A. VAUGHAN
M A Y O R

CAV:EHJ



House of Commons
Canada

Ottawa, Ontario,
June 12th, 1958.

PRIVATE

Dear Charley:

For my own personal use, not as an official activity, I have had three photostat copies of the Halifax Relief Commission's latest report, dated May 1, 1958, made up. One, which is attached, I send to you; an identical copy I am sending to the Premier, together with a note telling him that I am sending a copy to you, and the third copy I will retain in my personal file. This way, everyone will be using the latest, and identical, material.

You will note that the appendices alter some of the figures, but not the burden, of Lee Romkey's summation. I thought to revise my copy of his brief from the original of this 1958 Report but then decided you would probably prefer to have it done yourself from the photostat copy.

I hope this will be of use. Please do not bother to acknowledge it.

Yours sincerely,

Member for Halifax
City and County.

Mayor Charles Vaughan,
City Hall,
HALIFAX, Nova Scotia.

February 3, 1958.

Mr. Robert J. McCleave, M.P.
House of Commons
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Bob:

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As I suggested, upon your return to Halifax I will make arrangements to meet with the Premier and the Attorney General to discuss further this matter and prepare possible approaches to the Minister of Finance.

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Alderman J. G. DeWolf

Mayor Charles A. Vaughan

January 28, 1958.

Re: Halifax Relief Commission.

Dear Alderman:

I am enclosing herewith for your perusal a copy of Mr. Romkey's report on the above matter following his trip to Ottawa.

I would suggest that this matter be kept confidential until you and I have had an opportunity to go over the matter and discuss the same.

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Honourable R. A. Donahoe
Attorney General of Nova Scotia
Provincial Administration Bldg.
Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir: Re: Halifax Relief Commission

Enclosed is the report on the above
matter about which I spoke to you at lunch today.

When you have looked it over I would
be pleased to hear from you.

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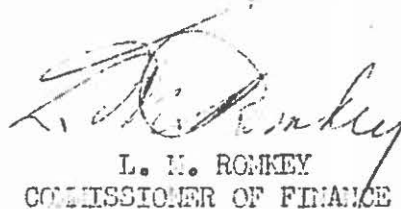
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AGE GROUPS

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REAL ESTATE

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Building Lands-----	\$ 8,350.00	\$ 3,655.00
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Other Improved Real Estate-----	41,600.00	13,300.00
	<u>\$801,250.00</u>	<u>\$162,157.35</u>

INVESTMENTS

	1948	1957
Bonds and Debentures-----	\$ 608,141.14	\$ 924,500.00
Mortgages and Agreements of Sale-----	73,493.57	327,972.19
	<u>\$ 681,634.71</u>	<u>\$ 1,252,472.19</u>

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in 1953-----	8,475.50		
in 1954-----	7,507.27		
in 1955-----	7,282.99		774.65
in 1956-----	7,427.55		140.00
in 1957-----	9,637.93		2,019.90
	<u>\$545,542.04</u>	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,494.14</u>

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1957

ASSETS

Properties (book value).....	\$162,157.35
Investments:	
Bonds and debentures	
(book value).....	\$924,500.00
Mortgages receivable	
and agreements of	
sale.....	\$327,972.19
Less:	
Allowance for	
discount on	
sale of houses	
sold.....	\$23,374.51
Furniture, Fixtures,	
and Equip-	
ment.....	7,732.52
Less:	
Accumulated	
allowance for	
depreciation...	7,727.52
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash on hand and	
in bank.....	15,720.27
Interest accrued	
on bonds and de-	
bentures.....	8,099.21
Accounts	
receivable.....	96.16
Less:	
Allowance	
for uncoll-	
ectible	
rents.....	16.40
DEFERRED CHARGES:	
Persions paid	
in advance.....	6,168.75
Insurance premiums	
unexpired.....	228.82
Supplies and	
Materials on	
hand.....	104.22

\$ 1,445,335.57

LIABILITIES

Pension Fund Account.....	\$1,041,713.84
General Reserve	\$82,941.35
Surplus arising	
from sale of	
properties...	
	\$294,656.27
Less:	
Expended	
to date in	
connection	
with develop-	
ment of Mem-	
orial Park.	
	\$163,734.00
	\$130,791.47
	\$213,736.32
	\$1,255,450.16
Reserve for	
investments.....	3,199.80
Reserve for loss by fire	
on uninsured	
properties.....	50,000.00
Contributions to staff super-	
annuation fund less pay-	
ments to retired staff...	129,910.28
Accounts payable.....	6,775.33

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HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
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<u>GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Federal Government Grants...\$18,000,000.00 Imperial Govern- ment Grants...4,815,000.00 Insurance Contribu- tions.....\$ 348,792.78 Other Contri- butions...\$4,006,240.38	Emergency Relief...\$3,970,808.76 Claims and reconstruc- tion.....\$20,231,727.45 \$ 24,202,536.21 Pensions and Medical Services as at Dec. 31, 1957.....\$ 4,837,951.24 Leaving available for the payment of pensions and medical services, etc.....\$ 1,124,658.69
\$27,170,033.16	
Net Revenue as at December 31, 1957.....\$ 2,995,112.98	
\$30,165,146.14	\$ 30,165,146.14

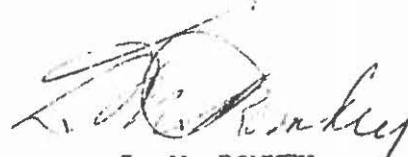
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ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Properties (book value).....	\$162,157.35	Pension Fund Account.....	\$1,041,713.84
Investments:		General Reserve	\$82,944.35
Bonds and debentures		Surplus arising	
(book value)....	\$924,500.00	from sale of	
Mortgages receivable		properties...	
and agreements of		
sale...	\$351,346.70		\$294,656.27
Less:		Less:	
Allowance for		Expended	
discount on		to date in	
sale of houses		connection	
sold...	\$23,374.51	with develop-	
	\$327,972.19	ment of Mem-	
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ment.....	7,732.52		\$163,841.80
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Accumulated			\$213,736.32
allowance for			\$1,255,450.16
depreciation...	7,727.52	Reserve for	
		investments.....	3,199.60
	5.00	Reserve for loss by fire	
		on uninsured	
CURRENT ASSETS:		properties.....	50,000.00
Cash on hand and		Contributions to staff super-	
in bank.....	15,720.27	annuation fund less pay-	
Interest accrued		ments to retired staff...	129,910.28
on bonds and de-		Accounts payable.....	6,775.33
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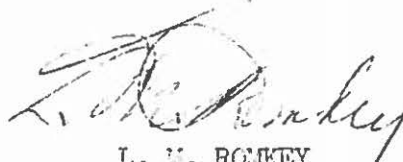
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in 1953-----	8,475.50		
in 1954-----	7,507.27		
in 1955-----	7,282.99		774.65
in 1956-----	7,427.55		140.00
in 1957-----	9,637.93		2,019.90
	<u>\$548,542.04</u>	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 12,494.14</u>

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1957

ASSETS

Properties (book value).....	\$162,157.35
Investments:	
Bonds and debentures	
(book value)....	\$924,500.00
Mortgages receivable	
and agreements of	
sale.....	\$351,346.70
Less:	
Allowance for	
discount on	
sale of houses	
sold.....	\$23,374.51
	<u>\$327,972.19</u>
	\$1,252,472.19
Furniture, Pictures,	
and Equip-	
ment.....	7,732.52
Less:	
Accumulated	
allowance for	
depreciation...	7,727.52
	<u>5.00</u>
CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash on hand and	
in bank.....	15,720.27
Interest accrued	
on bonds and de-	
bentures.....	8,099.21
Accounts	
receivable.....	\$896.16
Less:	
Allowance	
for uncoll-	
ectible	
rents.....	516.40
	<u>379.76</u>
	24,199.24
DEFERRED CHARGES:	
Pensions paid	
in advance.....	6,168.75
Insurance premiums	
unexpired.....	228.82
Supplies and	
Materials on	
hand.....	104.22
	<u>6,501.79</u>

\$ 1,445,335.57

LIABILITIES

Pension Fund Account.....	\$1,041,713.84
General Reserve	\$82,944.35
Surplus arising	
from sale of	
properties...	
	<u>\$294,656.27</u>
Less:	
Expended	
to date in	
connection	
with develop-	
ment of Mem-	
orial Park.	
	<u>\$163,864.80</u>
	\$130,791.47
	\$213,736.32
	<u>\$1,255,450.16</u>
Reserve for	
investments.....	3,199.80
Reserve for loss by fire	
on uninsured	
properties.....	50,000.00
Contributions to staff super-	
annuation fund less pay-	
ments to retired staff...	129,910.28
Accounts payable.....	6,775.33

\$1,445,335.57

HALIFAX RELIEF COMMISSION
CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1957

<u>GRANTS, CONTRIBUTIONS AND REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
Federal Government Grants....\$18,000,000.00 Imperial Govern- ment Grants \$4,815,000.00 Insurance Contribu- tions.....\$ 343,792.78 Other Contri- butions... \$4,006,240.38	Emergency Relief....\$3,970,808.76 Claims and reconstruc- tion....\$20,231,727.45 \$ 24,202,536.21 Pensions and Medical Services as at Dec. 31, 1957.....\$ 4,837,951.24 Leaving available for the payment of pensions and medical services, etc.....\$ 1,124,658.69
Net Revenue as at December 31, 1957.....\$ 2,995,112.98	
\$30,165,146.14	\$ 30,165,146.14