





P. F. Martin  
Mayor

Mayor's Office,  
Halifax, N. S.

January 5th, 1918.

His Worship the Mayor,  
Town of

Dear Sir:-

The tragedy which occurred in the City of Halifax on the 6th of December, 1917, was the result of conditions over which the Municipal Authorities had no supervision or jurisdiction. The regulations respecting the Harbor and the shipping therein and all war activities on the water and on the land are solely within the purview of the British Admiralty and the Government of Canada. We feel called upon to press this point upon the Municipal Authorities of every City and Town in Nova Scotia in order to solicit their sympathy with us in an appeal to the Dominion Government to make full reparation for the material loss we have sustained through no fault or omission, neglect or lack of foresight on our part. We beg to ask that at the first available opportunity you may be pleased to have your Council pass a resolution in support of our appeal and take the liberty of submitting a draft form of resolution, as follows:-

"RESOLVED That the Town Council of the Town of Halifax Heartily and unanimously endorse the appeal of the City of Halifax to the Dominion Government for full reparation for the material loss suffered by the City and its citizens from the explosion on board the ammunition ship Mont Blanc on December 6th, 1917;

FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded forthwith to the Honorable the Prime Minister of Canada and to the City Council of the City of Halifax."

We believe it to be unnecessary to do more than state the facts as given above in order to obtain your unanimous support in behalf of our appeal to the authorities responsible for the disaster.

Yours truly,

MAYOR.