

MOTOR FIRE ENGINE.

City Hall, January 31st, 1918.

The City Council;
Gentlemen:—

Immediately after the explosion of December 6th, in which the Fire Department lost the motor fire engine "Patricia", the Board of Control took up the matter of its repairs and, or, the purchase of another motor engine.

The wreckage of the "Patricia" was shipped to the American LaFrance Fire Engine Co. factory at Toronto and knocked down, when it was discovered that the manufacturers, though they could repair it, would not undertake to restore it to a condition suitable to stand up to the Fire Underwriters' tests.

In response to a general demand from various influential organizations in the City, the Board took steps to restore the Fire Department to its normal standard. Tenders were invited for a new 750 gallon triple combination motor engine and three bids were received, as follows:—

General The Dominion/Equipment Co., E.E. Bishop, Manager, for a White car,	\$11,350.00
American LaFrance Fire Engine Co. Toronto,	13,100.00
do	13,900.00
Seagrave Columbus Co., Austen Bros., Agents,	13,185.00

After a careful comparison of the tenders and specifications, the Board has unanimously decided to recommend the immediate acceptance of the tender of the American LaFrance Fire Engine Co. for a \$13,900.00 car, a duplicate of the "Cornwallis", it being in the opinion of the Board the best tender in the interests of the City.

A report from the Chief of the Fire Department recommending the acceptance of the American LaFrance Fire Engine Company's tender is accompanied herewith.

It is recommended that the Relief Commission be requested to recompense the City for the cost of this engine.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Fred Monaghan

Secretary Board of Control.