

INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.

City Hall, March 4th, 1918.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Control beg to report that the Halifax Relief Commission has under consideration a proposal to assist the situation with respect to the immediate necessity for providing accommodation for cases of Infectious Diseases. The Commission is prepared to expend up to \$10,000.00 for this purpose and this Board recommends that application be made to them to utilize that sum in improving and enlarging the present Infectious Diseases Hospital at Rockhead, which was damaged by the explosion.

The City has a claim of about \$8,000.00 for damage done to the building, which when adjusted and added to the \$10,000.00 which the Commission is prepared to expend would make a fund of \$18,000.00. If this money were expended on the present building and an enlargement of it, necessitated by the anticipations of the Commission because of the extraordinary conditions existing through lack of housing accommodation and the large number of non-residents now temporarily within the City it would stand as a more permanent work than the originally proposed erection of a temporary structure on the City Home property and the sum of \$10,000.00 would be applied to a permanently useful purpose instead of being practically wasted.

L. Fred Monaghan
Secretary Board of Control