

RELIEF EXPENDITURE \$16,347.98.

Extracted from 102-1A, City of Halifax Council Minutes,
1918-03-07, p.174, Halifax Municipal Archives

Read report Board of Control covering schedule of accounts , recommending that the Relief Commission be requested to loan the City \$16,347.98 for Relief work following the explosion.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

GRATUITY TO DAUGHTER OF JOHN SPRUIN.

Read report Board of Control recommending the payment of a gratuity to Florence, the daughter of John Spruin, a veteran fireman, killed in the explosion of December 6th.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the report be adopted. Motion passed, Alderman R. B. Colwell dissenting.

LOAN \$20,000.00 FROM RELIEF COMMISSION FOR FIRE
DEPARTMENT.

Read report Board of Control recommending the seeking of a temporary loan of \$20,000.00 from the Relief Commission for the purpose of replacing Fire Department property destroyed by the explosion.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

The following resolution is submitted:-

Whereas the Fire Department suffered a heavy loss through the late disaster to its equipment for fighting fires, and for the protection of the property of the

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citizens it is necessary to replace this as soon as possible;

And Whereas the value of the damage done was considerably over twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000);

Therefore Resolved that the Halifax Relief Commission be asked to loan the City an amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for purposes of replacing equipment damaged and destroyed by the late explosion.

Moved by Controller Hines, seconded by Controller Murphy and passed.

CITY ENGINEER DOANE - RECALL OF.

Read report Board of Control recommending that the City Council request the Military Authorities to permit Major F. W. W. Doane, City Engineer, to return to his civic duties.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Hines that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Read report Board of Control covering letter from the Halifax Relief Commission re Isolation Hospital.

Moved by Controller Finlay, seconded by Controller Murphy that the report be adopted. Motion passed.

TRACEY LIQUOR ENQUIRY.

Read report His Worship the Mayor on investigation asked for by the Council upon the charges of drunkenness on the part of members of the Council and Officials and of theft of liquor from Liquor Inspector Tracey's Office, made by the Halifax Herald.

Read report Board of Control covering letters (2) from the Social Service Council on the foregoing subject.

Alderman Macnab submits the following resolution:-

Whereas at the time of the calamity which overtook the Citizens of Halifax through the explosion which occurred in our Harbour on December 6th, 1917, when our citizens were all more or less afflicted and could not attend to the pressing needs of the moment and sought advice and relief at our City Hall, and of our City Officials;

And Whereas the City Officials and elected representatives from the Mayor down to the humblest official

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without solicitation, but with wholehearted sympathy, grasped the situation and have been working day and night with almost no cessation since the disaster in helping the distressed,

And Whereas a cruel unwarranted attack was made in the columns of the Evening Mail and Halifax Herald in the issues of January 9 and 10, on the Civic Officials and elected representatives of theft of liquor and other ungentlemanly conduct and the same have gone broadcast over the whole Continent to be published in other newspapers and

Whereas the Mayor of Halifax City at an investigation held at the City Hall on with witnesses under oath has reported that the investigation has proven that the accusations were groundless and such a state of affairs as the Evening Mail pictured did not exist and that the charges are a slander on the good name of the City and its officials and elected representatives,

Therefore Resolved that we as a City Council hereby protest against the unfair statement made by the Evening Mail and call on the management of the Herald Co., Ltd., to publish a complete denial of the charges made and that the same be given the same publicity as the aforesaid charge, within 48 hours of the receipt of this resolution, failing to do so will render them liable to a charge in the Courts for slander.

Moved by Alderman Macnab, seconded by Alderman Kelly.

The resolution is put and lost 4 voting for the same and 11 against it, as follows:-

For the Motion.

Against it.

Aldermen Macnab
Kelly
Hart
Day - 4.

Controllers Finlay
Hines
Taylor
Murphy
Aldermen H. S. Colwell
Gillis
R. B. Colwell
Foley
Guildford
Godwin
Parker - 11