

EXPLOSION CITY BUILDINGS REPAIRS.

Read reports Committee on Works and City Engineer recommending settlement in full of account D.G.Stewart for explosion repairs to City property.

Office of Clerk of Works,
December 3rd, 1919

His Worship the Mayor.
Sir:-

At a meeting of the Works Department held this day the account of D.G.Stewart amounting to \$825.18 in full settlement of his contract with the City for repairs to City property, caused by the Explosion, was approved and recommended to Council for payment.

A.F.Messervey,
Clerk of Works.

City Engineer's Office,
Dec. 2, 1919

His Worship the Mayor,
Sir:-

I beg to report on the final account of D.G. Stewart who had the contract for repairing damage

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done by the explosion to the City buildings, that most of the items in question have been certified. There is one item, \$39.93 for advertising for men, which I had certified but which the Auditor declined to pass. I certified this because I considered it was in the interest of the City that it should be certified, as, if the contractor failed to get as many good men as he could use, the cost of the work would be increased, the time covered would be greater and all such charges as superintendence, time keeper and similar items, would be larger, and the City would lose. I think this item should be paid.

There is an item of \$11.88 for lumber at the Market Building which I have struck from the account. Mr. Fegan informs me that this charge is for lumber which he condemned as not suitable and which he told the superintendent, Mr. Bennett, to return. It was not returned but lay around the Market Building for a time and Mr. Stewart claims that it disappeared. Under the circumstances I consider that the City is not responsible.

The principal items on which Mr. Stewart and myself differ were \$765 for superintendent and \$328 for time keeper. The contract provides that the City shall pay for a superintendent and time keeper. The contractor was able to dispense with the services of a time keeper and superintendent and now asks that he be paid himself for performing this service. We were entitled to Mr. Stewart's full services under the contract without any additional charge except that covered in his percentage. The claim that he could have kept the time keeper and superintendent on, is not material except for one reason, namely that if he had kept them on, the City would not only have had to pay them but would have had to pay Mr. Stewart his percentage on the amount paid them. Under the circumstances I think it would be fair to allow Mr. Stewart the percentage on these amounts, but not the original.

F.W.W. Doane,
City Engineer.

Moved by Alderman Finlay seconded by Alderman Douglas that the report be adopted and the account paid. Motion passed.

EXPLOSION -LOAN \$565,000.00 from RELIEF COMMISSION

Read report Finance Committee recommending
the issuing of new certificates for \$565,000.00
to replace certifactes due January 1st, 1920 for
loans made ~~by~~ ^{to} the City for claims and others purposes
by the Relief Commission.

Committee Room City Hall,
December 3rd, 1919

His Worship the Mayor
and City Council.
Gentlemen:-

At a meeting of the Finance Committee held
this day the attached letter of His Worship the Mayor
covering letter of T.S.Rogers, Chairman Halifax Relief
Commission addressed to His Worship the with reference
to the \$565,000.00 certificates of the City of Hali-
fax given by the City to the Relief Commission as
collateral for loans to the City was read, as said
certificates are due and payable on the 1st day of
January 1920, your Committee recommend the adoption
of the attached resolution authorizing the issue
of new certificates to redeem those falling due.

Alfred Whitman,
CHAIRMAN.

Halifax Relief Commission,
Halifax, N.S. November the 26th/19

Mayor J. S.Parker,
City Hall.
Dear Mr. Mayor:-

Confirming the interview I had with you
and City Treasurer Hopewell a few days since, I beg

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to say that this Commission is willing to accept in lieu of its present holdings in the City consolidated fund substitute certificates for the same amount payable January 1st, 1921, thus extending the credit for one year. The Commission will not now ask for payment of the accrued interest. During the coming year the Commission's work will be substantially completed and all outstanding adjustments between the City and the Commission may remain in abeyance in the meantime; and when a final settlement is made interest will be payable only on the balance which may then be found payable.

T.S.Rogers,
Chairman.

Mayor's Office, Halifax, mN.S.,
December 2nd, 1919

Alderman Whitman,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dear Sir:-

There are \$565,000. due January 1st., 1920, on Stock Certificates of the City of Halifax, issued as collateral dollar for dollar to the Halifax Relief Commission for advances made in the repairs to schools and various city properties damaged by the Explosion.

The attached letter from Chairman Rogers to me is self explanatory and is submitted for the consideration of your Committee, to be embodied in a report to Council.

J.S.Parker,
MAYOR,
per. Jas. J. Hopewell,
City Treasurer.

Halifax Relief Commission.

<u>Certificate No.</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date</u>
0588	: 250	: \$25000	: Sept. 1, 1918
0589	: 160000	: 160000	: " " "
0590	: 350	: 35000	: Oct. 11, "
0592	: 640	: 64000	: " 18, "
0595	: 500	: 50000	: Nov. 30. "
0598	: 327	: 32700	: Dec. 12, " X
0599	: 1000	: 100000	: " " "
0613	: 333	: 33300	: Feb. 3, 1919
0620	: 400	: 40000	: May 12, "
0624	: 250	: 25000	: July 7, "
	<u>5650</u>	<u>\$ 565000</u>	

X0598 Infectious Hospital)
Small Pox ") \$327.00
Market Bldg. Repair)

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Payments.

<u>Date</u>	:	<u>Schools</u>	:
1918			
Jan. 25	:	25000	:
Apr. 26	:	5000	:
May. 7	:	5000	:
" 31	:	15000	:
Aug. 6	:	50000	:
Sep. 17	:	30000	:
Oct. 12	:	20000	:
Oct. 19	:	50000	:
Nov. 30	:	50000	:
Dec. 13	:	50000	:
1919	:		:
Feb. 3	:	25000	:
May 12	:	40000	:
July 7	:	17000	:
Mar.	:	671158	:
	:	<u>\$38871158</u>	:
Retained	:	171158	:
Net Sch	:		:
ools	:		:
	:	\$387000.00	:

<u>Date</u>	:	<u>City Property</u>	:
1918			
Jan. 25	:		:
May. 7	:	10000.00	:
" 20	:	10000.00	:
July 13	:	15000.00	:
Aug. 31	:	5000.00	:
Sep. 11	:	15000.00	:
Oct. 12	:	15000.00	:
Oct. 19	:	14000.00	:
Dec. 13	:	50000.00	:
1919	:		:
Feb. 3	:	8300.00	:
July 7	:	8000.00	:
	:	<u>\$150300.00</u>	:
Mar. a/o	:		:
Schools	:	6711.58	:
Net City	:	143588.42	:
Property	:		:

Internal Health

\$4000.00 unsettled.

A correct statement,

City Auditor. W.W.Foster.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman

Bissett that the report be adopted. Motion passed,

Alderman Power dissenting.

The following resolution is submitted :-

WHEREAS a letter under date Nov. 26th 1919 from Chairman Rogers of the Halifax Relief Commission sets forth that said Commission is willing to accept in lieu of its present holdings in the City Consolidated Fund, substitute certificates for the same amount, payable January 1st, 1921 thus extending the credit for one year ; that the Commission will not now ask for payment of the accrued interest; that, during the coming year, the work of the Commission will be substantially completed and all adjustments outstanding between the City and Commission may remain in abeyance in the meantime; and that when a final settlement is made, interest will be payable only on the balance which may then be found payable.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the offer of the Halifax Relief Commission be accepted and that the Mayor, City Treasurer and City Clerk be and they are hereby authorized to issue on behalf of the City, substitute certificates of the City of Halifax to cover those due January 1st, 1920 for the same amount \$565,000.00 to be dated January 1st., 1920 to bear the same rate of interest, six per cent.

Moved by Alderman Whitman seconded by Alderman Bissett and passed Alderman Power dissenting.