

RIOT DAMAGES.

Read letters from persons whose property was damaged in the Riot of February 19th, 1919 as follows-

Halifax, Feb. 23, 1919

Mayor Hawkins,
Dear Sir,

Having one of our windows broken on Wednesday night in the riot, and as the Insurance people would not have anything to do in replacing it, I did it myself at a cost of \$45.00 to Mr. David Roche.

I would like to ask you, sir, if any of the other citizens who have lost plate glass will receive any recompense, will you please have my name put on the list, and if they have to lose I will be satisfied to lose also.

Mrs. Ella Wyatt,
Restaurant Keeper.

February 25th, 1919.

Halifax, N.S. 21st, February 1919

To A.C. Hawkins, Esq.,
Mayor of the City of Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

I am one of the persons who suffered by the riot on Wednesday night, the 19th inst. I am a merchant, my place of business being 25 Gottingen Street. My shop was wrecked and so far as I am able to appraise the loss at the present time it amounts to more than \$1600.

My claim is that as I pay taxes I am entitled to protection for my property. I respectfully refer you to Section 25~~9~~ of the City Charter, in which the City is charged with the duty of preserving peace and preventing offenses against property.

Further, I may say that I understand that damage caused by mobs has always been considered a just burden cast upon municipalities, and that they made good all losses sustained by the action of unlawful assemblages.

I am willing to submit my losses to the scrutiny of any of your officers as I anticipate that the City will, as is usual in all such cases, recoup me for the damages.

Louis Blume.

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Halifax February 22nd, 1919

The City of Halifax,
City Hall.

Dear Sirs:-

Enclosed herewith please find our invoice in the amount of One Hundred and Three Dollars and Ninety Five Cents (\$103.95) for Plate Glass to replace 2 lts plate broken at the Frisco Cafe on account of the Riot of Wednesday Night February 19th.

Kindly favor us with your cheque to cover at your earliest so as to adjust the matter.

Frank Reardon.

Per F. Reardon J.R.

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

RIOT February 19th, 1919

Read correspondence re riot as follows-

Militia & Defence,
Halifax, 20th February 1919

To-

The Mayor of Halifax N.S.
Your Worship-

Your letter of the 20th instant is
acknowledged.

There will be about 110 military
police on duty in the City of Halifax tonight. This
will no doubt prevent the least possibility of any
disturbance being participated in by soldiers. In
addition to this a sufficient armed force will be
held in readiness to deal with any disturbance
created by civilians and this force will be immed-

February 25th, 1919

ately available in the usual course if called out by you in aid of Civil Bower.

And authorized Staff Officer will remain on Duty at Military Headquarters during the evening in order to take immediate action should you deem it advisable to ask for armed assistance.

A.H. Borden,
Lieut-Colonel,
For D.O.C. M.D.No. 6, (a o d)

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Halifax, February 20th, 19

Colonel W.E. Thompson,
Officer Commanding Military Forces,
Military District No. 6,
City.

Dear Sir:-

As Mayor of this City I beg to ask you what steps you propose to take, as the Officer in command of the Military forces of the Crown in this district, in view of the recent repeated riotous outbreaks, participated in by men who either now are or recently have been members of the militia.

The Police of the City are doing and are prepared to do everything in their power to maintain peace and order and protect life and property, but under present conditions it is obviously impossible for the force at the disposal of the police to do this adequately against the large number of persons engaged in the riot and it appears clear to me that it is incumbent upon you to take prompt and energetic measures to aid in every way to maintain peace and order in this City and to protect life and property. What those steps are I think should be best determined by yourself.

A.C. Hawkins,
MAYOR.

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Halifax, 20th, February 1919

His Worship the Mayor of Halifax,
City Hall.

My Dear Mr. Mayor,

You will see in to-nights papers the attitude we take regarding the recent riots in the City. I am therefore writing to you to ask you to let us know in what manner we can assist the Civil Authorities in quelling these disorders.

The whole situation is deeply regretted by us and we are anxious to do all in our power to help restore order.

The Great War Veterans Ass'n of
Canada

C.R. Hodput.
Sec'y.

February 25th, 1919

Militia & Defence,
Halifax, N.S. 21st, February, 1919

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The Mayor of Halifax,
Mayor's Office,
Halifax, N.S.

Your Worship-

In continuation of my letter of the 20th instant may I be permitted to draw your attention to para 82 of the Militia Act which states-

"If the place where such riots or disturbance occurs or is anticipated is municipally organized, the mayor or warden or other head or acting head of the municipality, together with two justices of the peace..... may by requisition in writing required the Active Militia or such necessary portion thereof to be so called out"

Also para 912 in the King's Regulations says-

"Under Section 80 of the Militia Act troops may be called out to aid, but not to replace the civil power. An officer commanding troops thus called out will be the careful therefore that his command and each detached portion thereof, is accompanied on all such occasions when on duty by a magistrate to represent and give orders in the name of the civil power."

Extract from para 913 is to the effect that-

"All orders from magistrates to troops acting in aid of the civil power should be obtained in writing."

And para 915 - "If the magistrate concludes that the police are unable to cope with the riot, and that the necessity of the case demands the interference of the troops by action, then, whether the Proclamation has been read or not it is his duty at once to request the commander of the troops to take action. This request should be made distinctly, and if possible in writing"

It is important that if action is to be taken by armed troops to quell disturbances, this force should act with speed and decision. It is also important that if it has to deal with civilians that it act in complete cooperation with the civil power. It is therefore, suggested that at the police station two or more properly instructed magistrates should be immediately available to join the troops if you decide to requisition for them, and in order that there should be no delay in obtaining the signature of the two magistrates to your request for armed troops.

W.E. Thompson,

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D.O.C. Military Dist. No. 6

Filed.

RIOTS FEBRUARY 18th, AND 19th, CHINESE RESTAURANTS.

J. Cuthbertson Doyle representing the Restaurant Committee of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada appeared before the Board asking that the City Reimburse the Chinese restaurant keepers and employees et al who suffered loss of property through the riots on the nights of February 18th and 19th inst., and submitted the following claims:-

SUMMARY OF LOSSES SUSTAINED DURING

RIOTS IN HALIFAX February 18th & 19th, 1919.

Allies Cafe.....	\$591.00
Busy Bee Cafe.....	1290.45
Crown Cafe.....	3174.55
Nova Scotia Cafe.....	1497.60

February 27th, 1919.

Victory Cafe..... 492.00

\$7045.60

SUMMARY OF LOSSES SUSTAINED BY HELP AND
OCCUPANTS.

Personal loss of owner, Lee Tim.. \$147.00

Personal loss Lee Cha, part owner. 245.75

Personal loss of Lee Fook,

worker Busy Bee Cafe..... 312.00

Personal Loss Charlie Sing.....

worker Busy Bee Cafe..... 118.50

Personal loss Lee Chung Sen

Cook at Busy Bee Cafe..... 169.00

Personal loss of Lee Lock,

2nd cook Busy Bee Cafe..... 108.00

Personal Loss of Lee Ching

Worker Busy Bee Cafe..... 70.00

PERSONAL LOSS OF COOK & WAITERS

CROWN CAFE..... 228.50 \$1398.75

Tom My Victoria Cafe..... \$58.00

\$1456.75

58.00
\$8444.35
\$8502.35

Referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion.

RIOT- FEBRUARY 19th, 1919

Read claims for damages committed by rioters
on the evening of February 19th, 1919, as follows-

Louis Tiscornia	23 Cogswell Street	76.40
Peter R. Allen	Cor. Argyle & Buckingham	275.00
H. Schafer	189 Brunswick Street	1400.00

Referred to the City Solicitor for report.

RIOT - FEBRUARY 19th, 1919-W.A.Maling & Co.

Read claim W.A.Maling & Co. \$40.95 for
damages to glass broken in riot of February 19th
ult at premises 134 Argyle Street. Referred to
the City Solicitor for report.

RIOT- FEBRUARY 19th, 1919.

Read claims for damages done by rioters on
February 19th, as follows -

J.W.Regan, Cor. Argyle and Buckingham Sts.	342.70
A.Monaghan, 588-90 Barrington Street.	149.18
as to the claim for damages amounting to	\$8,532.35

committed by rioters to Chinese Restaurants the City
Solicitor verbally reported that he had already sub-
mitted a written opinion in connection with the
riot of May 25th, 1918 that the City is not liable.

The accounts are referred to the City Solicitor
with a request that he will write to each of the
claimants setting out the City's position in the
matter.

RIOT - FEBRUARY 19th, 1919

Read letter Hall and Jones covering claim \$1100.00

L.J. Burnstein, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ Gottingen Street for damages due
to Riot, February 19thm 1919.

Referred to the City Solicitor for reply.

RIOT - FEBRUARY 19th-1919

Read claim B. Manette, 8 Jacob Street \$81.20

for damages committed by rioters on February 19th,
1919.

Referred to the C ity Solicitor to answer.

RIOT DAMAGES, FEBRUARY 19th, 1919

J.W.Regan appeared before the Board asking when the claimants for damages caused by the riot of February 19th, 1919 may expect a settlement.

April 10th, 1919

Moved by Controller Murphy that the City Clerk gather together all the claims and present them before the Board and that the City ask for legislation for justification of paying the claims.

His Worship the Mayor refuses to put the motion on the ground that in the City Solicitor's opinion the City cannot pay the claims.

The City Clerk complying with Controller Murphy's request presents the following claims for damages due to Riot February 19th, 1919 -

Mrs. Ella Wyatt, Argyle St.	\$45.00	Feb. 25/19
Chinamen	85 02.35	" 27/19
Louis Fiscornia, Cogswell St.	76.40	Mar. 4/19
Peter R. Allen, Argyle & Buckingham Sts.	275.00	" 4/19
H. Schaefer, 189 Brunswick St.	1400.00	" 11/19
W.A. Maling & Co. Argyle St.	40.95	" 13/19
J.W. Regan, Argyle & Buckingham Sts.	342.70	" 13/19
A. Monaghan, Barrington St	149.18	" 13/19
L.J. Burnstein, 25 1/2 Gottingen St.	11 00.00	" 25/19
B. Mannett, 8 Jacob St.	81.20	Apr. 1/19
Total.....	\$ 12012.78	

Moved by Controller Murphy that the accounts be gone over to see if there are any items that should be considered especially. Not seconded.

Moved by Controller Murphy that the accounts be referred to a small committee of this Board and the City Solicitor for report. Not seconded.

Moved by Controller Murphy that the City seek legislation to enable them to pay for all plate glass broken in the Riot. Not seconded.

J.W. Regan addressed the Board asking them to reconsider the claims from all sides.

April 10th, 1919

✓ Moved by Controller Murphy seconded by Controller
Hines that representations be made to the Federal
Authorities in connection with these losses, and
that they be asked whether or not they will assume
some responsibility in the matter of settlement.
Motion passed Controller Finlay dissenting.

Read claim of \$100.00 Mrs. J. Patton for
damages sustained by her in the Riot of Feb-
ruary 19th.

Ordered to be filed with the other claims
now in.

Read petition as follows -

Halifax, April 14, 1919

To the
Mayor and Members of Board of Control.
Dear Sirs-

The undersigned ratepayers who suffered
damage in the February riots respectfully re-
quest that you will be good enough to refer their
~~plans~~ claims for damage, which are in the hands
of the City Clerk, to a committee consisting of
the City Treasurer and City Auditor to examine
these claims and report upon them at the next
meeting of your Honorable Body, with a view to
the City obtaining legislation at the present
session to pay those claims which the above
committee report favourably on.

We suggest the Treasurer and Auditor
but any other person or persons named by your
Honourable Body would be equally satisfactory.

April 15th, 1919

At suggestion of His Worship the Mayor and
on motion of Controller Hines the City Clerk is
instructed to write to Canadian Cities in which
Riots have occurred and ascertain from them what
action was taken by the Municipality in regard
to recompensing persons for losses sustained
through such riots and/^{to}also write to British
Cities to ascertain the action taken by them
in such cases.

*Canadian
Cities ✓*

April 22nd, 1919

RIOT FEBRUARY 19th, 1919

Read claim \$383.45 H.G. Webber, 31 Buckingham
Street for damages sustained in the riot of Feb-
ruary 19th, 1919.

Referred to the City Solicitor to inform Mr.
Webber in writing that there is no liability on
the part of the City for these damages.

RIOT FEBRUARY 19th, 1919

Claims for damages committed by rioters on the evening of February 19th are submitted and read as follows -

J.S. Edwards, 80 Gottingen St.	\$326.05
Clayton and Sons	117.75
L. Kominsky, 25 Gottingen St.	508.14

The claims are ordered to be forwarded to the City Solicitor with instructions to write the various claimants informing them that there is no liability on the part of the City.

RIOT FEBRUARY 19th, 1919

Read claim T.F. Courtney & Company Limited
for damage to property 185 Brunswick Street
\$104.50 caused by rioters on February 19th, 1919.

Referred to the City Solicitor to inform
Messrs. Courtney & Company that the City is not
liable.