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Mayor's Office, City Hall.

September 1st, 1920.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise you that you have been appointed a member of the Citizens Committee formed for the purpose of carrying out the good work of Mr. J. D. O'Connell who has contributed the sum of \$500.00 for the holding of a picnic for Halifax Orphan and Institutional Children this year.

Will you be good enough to attend a meeting of the Committee to be held at the Mayor's Office, City Hall, on Friday afternoon 3rd inst. for the purpose of fixing a suitable date and arranging details.

Yours very truly,

MAYOR.

PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA
HALIFAX, N. S.

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September 1st,

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J. D. Monaghan, Esq.,
Moira Ltd.

Dear Sir:-

I beg to advise you that you have been selected to act for Mr. J.D. O'Connell in the purchase of suitable comestibles for the picnic for Orphans and Institutional Children to be held at an early date to be named by a Committee appointed to carry out the details. I will be very glad if you will act in this behalf and will give you any information in regard to the matter that may be necessary.

You will receive notification of Committee meetings.

Yours very truly,

MAYOR.

PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA,
HALIFAX, N. S.

Picnic for Orphans
 Given by J. O'Connell Sept. 8th 1920

No. of Inmates in Institutions, children only

Protestant Orphanage	28
Protestant Deaf Home	42
St. Paul's Girls Home	23
School for Blind	5
Children's Hospital	32
Girls Home College St.	10
Roman Catholic Orphanage	177
Home for the Blind Orphanage	65
Protestant Deaf Home	10
Home for Feeble minded children	10
St. Patrick's Home for Boys	112
St. Patrick's Home for Boys	
Roman Catholic Deaf Home	130
Total	<u>743</u>

Council attend Picnic

RC Deaf Home	130
Protestant Deaf Home	10
Children's Hospital	22
	<u>205</u>

Con attend	538
	<u>743</u>

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Sept-9th 1920

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1920

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HALFAX HERALD

FIRST IN EVERY

750 Children Hold Annual Fete At The Public Gardens

"J. D. O'Connell" Picnic Kid-
dies Make A Scramble For
4,000 Coppers

HALIFAX, Sept. 10.—Seven hundred and fifty children from the charitable institutions of Halifax held their annual "J. D. O'Connell picnic" yesterday at the Public Gardens, and with ideal picnic weather prevailing all afternoon. It is certain that every one of the youngsters felt as rich as the New Brunswick philanthropist who yearly gives the tots of Halifax and other cities a big outing. Smiling faces and rosy cheeks told more eloquently than words that the kiddies enjoyed the picnic as fully as did the hard working committee which had the day's affairs in hand.

The children arrived in motor lorries from the various institutions of the city, about 2.30 o'clock, lorries being provided by ex-Alderman Frank Gillis and A. G. Watson, of the general picnic committee. Hardly had the big motor loads dumped their loads of young

and hopeful humanity down on the picnic grounds than probably the funniest event of the afternoon occurred. This was a general scramble, participated in by all the youngsters, for 4,000 shilling, new Canadian cent pieces. Notwithstanding the eagerness with which they went after the coinage, no serious accident or fight occurred.

The children then moved to the special pavilion, where each was presented with the following: One bag of pennies, one bag of candy, four biscuits, two ice cream cones and one package of popcorn.

This was not the end of giving, for Mayor Parker then came thru with 25 cents in script for each of the youthful picnickers. All the boys and girls were feeling wealthy in the evening.

Addresses were delivered by Mayor Parker, who read Mr. O'Connell's letter; Brother Stanislaus, of St. Patrick's House; Archdeacon Arncliffe, of St. Paul's church, and J. D. Monahan, general master of ceremonies for the picnic committee. The addresses were followed by cheers given by the kiddies for Mr. O'Connell, Mayor Parker, Mr. Monahan, and the ladies of the committee.

Music was furnished during the afternoon by the band of the Industrial School. The committee was greatly helped by detachments of police and firemen.

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Monastery of the Good Shepherd
Halifax Sept. 11th / 20

To
His Worship, Mayor Parker,
City.

May it please Your Worship;
To accept our heart felt
thanks, for the pleasure of
leading our children, by their
outing on Wednesday^{morning}.
They came home jubilant - and
could find no words express

sure enough, to tell their
delight, and their gratitude
to the good people who
made their afternoon such a
pleasant one.

We will be very pleased
to receive a visit from you
and your Colleagues, at any
date you may name that
will be convenient

With renewed thanks
Gratefully Yours,
The Religious of the Good Shepherd.

MOIRS, LIMITED

MANUFACTURERS OF

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FACTORY ADDRESS: MOIRTON
CORNER 407 1/2 BAYVIEW
WILSON AVENUE

WOOD & PAPER BOXES

HALIFAX, N.S. Sept. 13th 1920



To His Worship the Mayor,
Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed please find invoices in triplicate for goods purchased for the J. D. O'Connell Orphans' Picnic. You will find attached two invoices which are paid for. These amounts are included in the other invoices. Therefore all bills are payable to Moirs Limited for goods purchased for this Picnic.

I beg to report that the Picnic was carried out in the Public Gardens on Thursday afternoon Sept. 9th. The Orphans were conveyed to the Public Gardens by motor lorries supplied by Messrs John Tobin & Co., Paul Bros. Limited, Moirs Limited, and several others which I have not set the names of.

In so far as I know the Picnic was satisfactorily carried out and the Children seemed to enjoy themselves thoroughly and had all that they could eat.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the members of this Committee who so ably assisted me in the looking after of the Children and distributing the various eats to them on that afternoon. I myself was well pleased the way things were carried out. I will leave it to you to convey the thanks of the Committee to Mr Richard Power of the Gardens for his valuable assistance on that day, also to the Chief of the Fire Department, and to the Chief of Police for supplying men to aid us in the carrying out of this picnic successfully.

Hoping that you yourself are satisfied with the way in which your Committee carried out your orders pertaining to this Picnic, I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

J. D. O'Connell
Chairman of the Committee.
PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA
HALIFAX, N.S.

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Office of City Treasurer,
Halifax, N.S. September 16th, 1920.

MEMO EXPENDITURE J. D. O'CONNELL'S CHEQUE \$500.00

for Children's Picnic Public Gardens.

Bank Receipt.....	\$ 500.00
1 month's interest.....	1.69
	<u>\$ 501.69</u>

EXPENDITURE

Paid for 500 @ 25¢ and 4000 @ 1¢ - \$240.00 less scrip returned \$11.25... \$228.75	
• " additional pennies.....	10.25
• Moira Ltd. Bill.....	<u>248.90</u>
	487.90
Cash on hand.....	<u>\$ 13.79</u>

James J. Hopewell,
CITY TREASURER.

O.K.
Jas. D. Monaghan,
CHAIRMAN.
J.S. Parker,
MAYOR.

PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF NOVA SCOTIA
HALIFAX, N. S.

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The Mayor,
City of Halifax

Dear Sir

Will you kindly forward
the enclosed note of Thanks
to Mr. J. D. O'Connell for his
kindness to the children
of Halifax

The children of the Protestant
Orphans Home had a happy
time & the Ladies Committee
express their thanks to you
& your friends for the

Good time given the
children

Yours very truly
Margaret Scott
Sey.

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September 22nd, 20.

J.D. O'Connell, Esq.,
Hatuey, Camaguey, Cuba.

Dear Sir:-

At a meeting of the City Council held on the 9th inst., I was instructed to convey to you an expression of the sentiments of that body as affected by your great generosity in contributing so much to alleviate the natural tedium of the institutional life of the inmates of Orphans Homes and other refuges of dependent and unfortunate children.

The Orphans' Picnic given by you was held in the afternoon and the City Council met the same evening. Advantage was taken of the occasion to comment on the number of dependent children in all large communities and suggestion was made that in this City due enquiry should be had as to the cause, and measures taken to mitigate in every possible way, in so far as scientific principles can, so sad a commentary on present day civic systems.

The opinion was expressed that a large measure of cure lay not in the multiplication of humane and philanthropic institutions, as to the number of which in Halifax the Citizens feel so proud, but rather in the study of the reasons for their existence and the providing of a remedy by prevention of the cause.

Your benefactions for Orphans have drawn closely to the minds of the Civic authorities and to great numbers of the general public an immense problem that

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needs to be grappled with.

The City Council desires to record their thanks to you for the tangible evidence of the kindness of your great heart and for the spirit which prompts you to be so good to the poor little children who so much need the exercise of good will and good acts in their behalf.

At the Picnic the speeches made reflected, I am sure, the ideas you yourself would wish to convey to the large gathering of children assembled - the purpose - the spirit and the reason for it - and all of this the City Council heartily desires to thank you most gratefully for.

Yours very truly,

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

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HOTEL CAMAGÜEY

OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE CUBA RAILROAD COMPANY

A. BELLATO
MANAGER
CAMAGÜEY, CUBA

Nov-4th 1920

Hon J S Parker -

Mayor of Halifax
I am Warship.

I arrived here a few
day ago and received your Registered
giving account of the Orphan Picnic

I certainly thank you very much
for the way you handled the affair

Your letter being Registered it was not
forwarded to me that is why you did
not get a reply sooner

I also wish you to convey to the members
of the City Council my sincere thanks for
your kindly message to me also to the Committee
helped to make such a success of the picnic
and thank for Christmas treat from J. D. O'Connell



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Oct 8th 1923

Dear Mr Murphy -

I have been waiting to hear from a man in Cuba who owes me \$5,000 which I promised to loan to a relative and as he cannot pay me for three months I will have to convert the Government Bonds which I had planned on giving to "Halifax Picnic" into cash and therefore will postpone giving that deed of trust for a while

The Orphans Picnic is secured however as I have given \$10,000 by my last will for that purpose and I have plenty to carry out the plans & requests made in that will
Yours as ever J. H. Connell

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MAYOR'S OFFICE,

CITY HALL,

Halifax, N. S.

Nov. 7/1923.

J. D. O'Connell, Esq.,
Depot House,
SUSSEX, N. S.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:-

Referring to your recent letters with regard to placing of Halifax on your permanent list for Annual Picnic, I note that failure of party in Cuba to fix up an amount of \$5,000. due you, prevents your immediately carrying out the arrangement as discussed between us during your last visit.

It is certainly interesting to us to know that you have made provision in your Will to have the sum of \$10,000. set aside for this City to ensure your Annual Picnic in perpetuity. Inasmuch as I have personally been associated with you from your first visit here, I hope that, during my term of office, to make possible arranging a feasible investment of the \$5,000. spoken of, as I would consider it a personal honor to have this matter fixed up, before severing my connection with civic administration. I trust, therefore, within the next six months I may hear from you that this matter is being arranged.

It was gratifying to us to read the result of the lawsuit which you had with the Ice Cream Firm in St. John, not because of the amount involved, which I realize meant nothing to you, but simply for the satisfaction of knowing that the stand taken by you was borne out and showed that you were fully justified in your attitude.

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J.D.O'C. Sussex, N. B.

No doubt your sister has returned to her home, and I trust she enjoyed her visit to these parts. In the event of your writing her, would appreciate your tendering my very kindest regards, which I would ask you also to accept.

Sincerely yours,

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H. S. RHIND,
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November 25,

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J. D. O'Connell, Esq.,
SUSSEX,
New Brunswick.

Dear Sir,

I beg to advise you that at a meeting of the City Council of the City of Halifax held on the 6th. instant, His Worship the Mayor submitted Deed of gift of Ten Thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars, the income of which is to be applied in furnishing suitable entertainment and recreation to be known as "The O'Connell Picnic" for the Orphan Children of the City of Halifax.

I am instructed, by resolution at said meeting, to acknowledge the said Gift on behalf of the City and to express to you the appreciation of the City Council for your extreme generosity on behalf of the Orphans of Halifax.

Yours truly,

HSR.MD.

H. S. RHIND,
City Clerk.

PUBLIC ARCHIVES OF ROYAL SOCIETY
HALIFAX, N.S.