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Re Hard coal. For which no tenders had been received, Comms. Parker stated that the Agent of H.D. Mackenzie, Inc. Ltd. expects to be in New York, will go more fully into the conditions of Hard coal, and report.

Morris St. School.

The Chairman reported interview with Relief Commission, which declines to release Morris St. School.

The Chairman of the Relief Commission was admitted. Reviewed the Hospital conditions at time of disaster. The Y.M.C.A., Macquolitic, and Bellevue gave temporary accommodation, but required the return of their buildings for their own purposes. Morris St. School being unused building had been taken by the Commission and equipped to suit hospital purposes at a cost of \$25,000 to \$30,000. The Commission must in some way be reimbursed for the outlay. This might be done by leasing the building for a term of years, in order to conserve Public, Dominion, and Private resources.

He has been approached by Major Stewart, who seeks a building for convalescent soldiers.

The American Red Cross, which requires a hospital for U.S. Soldiers.

It is expected that the Naval College will be placed here again, and this building would suit the purposes of any of these concerns.

The School Board would be reimbursed by the amount of \$2500 a year for perhaps two years, and the Chairman of Commission pledges himself to stand by the agreement that no charge be made the School Board for repairs.

Comms. Fenlay and Redmond asked to be excused, first registering their votes to require the return of Morris St. School in August. He withdrew.

On motion of Comms. Colwell and Kelly, it was resolved, That the Board adheres to its original decision, notifying the Commission that it must reluctantly require the return of Morris St. School for school purposes by Aug. 15, because of great pressure brought to bear by residents of South End, and the difficulty of running schools under existing conditions during the dark winter days.

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