

Halifax, N. S.

Friday

December 28, 1917

At a meeting of the Board of School Commissioners for the City of Halifax, held in their office 81 Sackville Street this day at 3 o'clock p. m.

Present

Commissioners J. P. Quinn, Chairman
 R. A. Woodbury,
 H. S. Crookly,
 C. P. Wood,
 J. S. Parker,
 A. J. Finlay,
 E. J. Kelly,
 J. E. Furness

S. J. Wilson, Secretary
 J. Morris, Caretaker
 R. M. Anderson, Inspector
 G. H. Butler, Supervisor

Fire Insurance

Read letter, Dec. 27, from R. H. Elliot, Secretary Acadia Fire Insurance Company acknowledging receipt of notice of loss.
 Filed

Free Transportation of School Children 110

Read letters Dec 19 and 20 from Secretary Public Utilities acknowledging Board's request for free transportation of School Children, stating that the letter will be submitted to the Board of Public Utilities at its next meeting about January 8.
 Filed

The Secretary was directed to see that the matter was not overlooked. 113

Richmond School - new AdditionAlexander McKay School.

It being reported that the new addition to Richmond School under construction at the time of the explosion had been entirely demolished and that Alexander McKay School also in the builders hands had been seriously

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injured by the same cause the matter of the Board's was referred to the City Solicitor for his opinion (given over) The City Solicitor advises delay until the decision of the Dominion Government has been received

Comms Parker and Finlay entered the meeting have been detained by meeting of Government Ministers

On motion of Comms Woodbury and Kelly the business which had been considered before a quorum was present was hereby ratified

Examination of Schools

The Chairman stated that he had on his own initiative made an examination of School buildings with a view to ascertaining which could be put in condition for the reception of pupils at an early date. He was assisted in the examination by Comms Parker and Woodbury, the Caretaker and Inspector and had associated Mr W. J. Busch, Architect of a number of the Schools as expert.

On motion of Comms Crosby and Kelly the Chairman's action was confirmed.

Estimated Cost of Repairs

Comm's Parker submitted a statement of estimated cost of repairs to Schools approximating 12,800' (see fly)

On motion of Comms Crosby and Furness it was

Resolved That Comm's Parker be requested to undertake the awarding of the various contracts for repair work on the eight schools named, and that he be invested with power to act within legal restrictions

Board of Control, -
Guarantee

Read letter, Dec. 28 from the City Clerk embodying the following resolution

Resolved That the Board of Control of the City of Halifax guarantee to the Bank of British North America repayment of any advances to the Halifax Board of School Commissioners not exceeding \$15,000, the same to be expended in effecting necessary repairs to school buildings injured by the explosion, and undertake to use its best efforts to procure all necessary legislation in respect to the same

Yours truly,

Sgd L. Fred Monaghan
City Clerk

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Use of Schools by

Reconstruction Relief Committee

Read letter, Nov. 28 from Mrs. M. Conwell, Superior Convent of College St School building by the Reconstruction Company, stating that they had taken up ACADEMY and adapted the rooms to living purposes without consulting or ACADIAN rectly notifying the Convent authorities.

Sashes
Glass
Plaster
Glass
Front Entrance
Hardware & Fittings

Glass
Plaster
Sashes, etc.
Hardware & Fittings

Skylight
Sashes & Ceiling
Blackboards
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
10 glass for doors
Glass
Roof
Chimney
Hardware & Fittings

Frames & Sashes
Glass, etc.
Plastering
Beaver B. & M.
Floor in Spare Room
Casing & M.
Labor
Heating
Hardware & Fittings

Sashes, etc.
Glass
Plaster
Hardware & Fittings

Glass
Frames & Sashes
Hardware, etc.

Sashes, etc.
700 glass
Roof
Plaster
Metal Ceiling
Hardware, etc.

Sashes, etc.
2 new Partitions
210 panes glass
Roof
Strengthening partition
Heating
Hardware, fittings, etc.

ACADEMY

ACADIAN

LEMARCHANT

TOWER ROAD

ST. MARY'S GIRLS

ST. MARY'S BOYS

QUINPOOL ROAD

MANUAL TRAINING

90.
147.
250.
25.
200.

86.40
100.
85.
79.

150.
255.
100.
48.
144.
300.
50.
153.

115.
250.
100.
100.
100.
25.
500.
500.
310.

300.
231.
100.
869.

119.
150.
231.

315.
350.
900.
300.
50.
600.

355.
900.
305.
1200.
150.
500.
590.

719.00

350.40

1200.00

2000.00

1500.00

500.00

2515.00

4000.00

\$12784.40

Secretary was ACADIAN Chairman of Executive Reconstruction Committee and Mr G. F. Pearson advising them that the ACADIAN ward requested them to vacate College Street School ACADIAN from Monday December 31

On motion of Commissioner Parker and Woodbury the Secretary was ACADIAN required that the buildings and grounds be handed over ACADIAN the School Board in a good condition as when they took possession

McKay School ACADIAN Chairman stated that in the Architect's opinion the outside ACADIAN of the building under McKay School has not been damaged by the explosion, he thinks the interior can ACADIAN be made ready for occupation in two months

On motion the Secretary was directed to write the Chairman ACADIAN of the Executive Reconstruction and Relief Committee G. F. Pearson ACADIAN requesting them to vacate the Alexander McKay School at once as the Board needs the building ACADIAN and to send a copy to Messrs Falconer & McDonald ACADIAN advising them that the Board requires completion of the building at the earliest possible moment

Secretary was directed to write the Executive Reconstruction and Relief Committee requiring them to at once ACADIAN remove the benches which have been placed in the Academy ACADIAN building

Evening Classes

Read letter December 26 from H. Sexton, Director of Technical Education stating that they intended reopening Evening Classes at the Technical College about January 1 and asking whether the Academy would be in readiness on that date.

A reply was ordered ACADIAN stating that the College would be notified when the Academy was in readiness.

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Use of Schools by
Reconstruction Relief Committee

Read letter, Dec. 28 from Mme. M. Conwell, Superior Convent Sacred Heart re the occupation of College St School building by the Reconstruction Company, stating that they had taken up quarters and adapted the rooms to living purposes without consulting or directly notifying the Convent authorities.

On motion of Comriss Parker and Woodbury the Secretary was directed to write the Chairman of Executive Reconstruction Committee and Mr G. F. Pearson advising them that the Board requested them to vacate College Street School within 10 days from Monday December 31 and required that the buildings and grounds be handed over to the School Board in as good condition as when they took possession

Alexander McKay School

The Chairman stated that in the Architects' opinion the outside fabric of Alexander McKay School has not been damaged by the explosion, he thinks the interior can be made ready for occupation in two months.

On motion the Secretary was directed to write the Chairman of the Executive Reconstruction and Relief Committee and G. F. Pearson requesting them to vacate the Alexander McKay School at once as the Board needs the building and to send a copy to Messrs Falconer & McDonald advising them that the Board requires the completion of the building at the earliest possible moment

Halifax Academy

The Secretary was directed to write the Executive Reconstruction and Relief Committee requiring them to at once remove the bunks which have been placed in the Academy School building

Technical Evening Classes

Read letter, December 26, from F. H. Sexton, Director of Technical Education stating that they intended reopening Evening Classes at the Technical College about January 7, and asking whether the Academy would be in readiness on that date.

A reply was ordered to be sent stating that the College would be notified when the Academy was in readiness.

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Buildings Rented by the Board

On motion of Commr Kelly, Commr Parker was authorized to have the necessary glazing and repair work done at St Mary's Boys' and Girls' Schools

The Secretary was directed to communicate with His Grace the Archbishop regarding the necessary repairs to buildings rented from the Episcopal Corporation, i.e. St. Mary's Boys and Girls' Schools, St. Patrick's Boys and Girls Schools and with the Convent of Sacred Heart regarding College St. School stating that if agreeable to them the Board would make the necessary repairs and adjust the cost.

Afriville

Alexandra

St. Patrick's Boys'

Commr Parker stated that an outlay of say \$100' would put Afriville School, an outlay of \$7,000' would put Alexandra and \$3,000' would put St. Patrick's Boys' Schools all in temporary repair, these schools being in commission would house fifty two classes a day

On motion of Commr Crosby and Wood it was resolved to apply to the Board of Control for this amount.

Renewal or Extension of Lease

St. Patrick's Boys' School

As the lease of St. Patrick's Boys' School will expire May 1, 1918 it was Resolved

That the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation be communicated with regarding a renewal of lease from year to year until other arrangements for housing St. Patrick's Boys' can be made

Class for Defectives

St. George's Hall

On motion of Commr's Parker and Woodbury the Secretary was directed to write the Vestry Clerk of St. George's asking what, if any, accommodation can be made at St. George's Hall for the housing of Special Class No. 2

Oxford School

Infectious Diseases Hospital

Commr Finlay reported having interviewed the Chairman of the Board of Health regarding the appropriating of Oxford School as a hospital for infectious diseases.

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On motion of Commr Parker the Secretary was directed to write the Board of Health protesting against the use of Oxford School as an Infectious Diseases Hospital and requesting its restoration to this Board.

adjourned 5 p.m.

J. Wilson SECRETARY