

Relief Headquarters,  
Halifax, July 10, 1918

A meeting of the Relief Commission and the City Advisory Board was held at the Relief Headquarters at 11 o'clock-

Present- T. S. Rogers Chairman  
Judge Wallace  
F. Fowlke  
Deputy Mayor Godwin  
City Clerk Monaghan  
Controller Finlay  
Ralph Bell  
Jas. O'Brien

Depty Mayor- We might take up first the matter of loans that the City would like to have from the Relief Commission in order to pay ~~emergency~~ <sup>of explosion</sup> accounts.

City Clerk- We owe \$8000 for goods supplied and materials delivered <sup>by Sullivan and Mc Mahon</sup> and other accounts due and accruing due, to the amount of about \$6000, making a total of about \$15,000, which we would like to borrow from the Commission.

T.S.Rogers- It would be absolutely a loan as far as we are concerned. All loans made to the City are on the understanding that that they would get power to issue bonds. There should be bonds handed over to us for all advances to date.

Deputy Mayor- I understood that was done.

T.S.Rogers- No- the bonds have not been issued. You have not the power yet to issue them.

City Clerk- We are asking for ~~\$50,000~~ <sup>\$275,000<sup>00</sup></sup> for the schools. We will make ~~one~~ application to Ottawa. We obtained from you \$50,000 for schools and \$20,000 for City purposes.

T.S.Rogers- What about the amount for the Infectious Diseases Hospital and the amount expended on the Market building and other expenditures.

City Clerk- We may call on you for as much as \$200,000 this year outside the schools. It would be better to make the amount applied for now, \$150,000, which would include the \$50,000 for the Schools.

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City Clerk- The City Health Board also feel that the Relief Commission should consider in their accounts the matter of the expenditure at the Oxford Street School, which amounts to about \$6000. This school was used for an Infectious Diseases Hospital and it was an expense caused purely by the explosion.

T.S.Rogers- The Infectious Hospital was destroyed in the explosion and somebody took the school for an Infectious hospital. You were using it for the City. Why should we maintain this hospital. I think you had better hold that bill against us as you have other bills. We have really advanced you sufficient to cover it.

Controller Finlay- When will the Infectious Hospital be ready. I hear that no work is being done on it now and has not been for two weeks or more.

T.S.Rogers- Mr. Johnston was in charge of that - when he left here that was one thing he took with him. He has all the papers and knows all about it. You can also get any information you want from Mr. McInnes, who has the matter in hand. We will advance you the money and it would be more satisfactory if you would take it up with Mr. McInnes.

City Clerk- We have a bill from the Town of Truro in connection with the case of Beatrice Harrington. This was an explosion case.

T.S.Rogers- She was a refugee who was sent to Truro. We paid her expenses <sup>at</sup> Truro. She was discharged from the hospital there and took service in Truro. <sup>It goes to Ryan? -</sup> She did not apply to the Town of Truro for assistance. If she had, we would have taken the matter up and she would have become a public charity. When she arrived at North Street station she said she was not a public charity and did not require any assistance from anybody.

City Clerk- These facts are new to us. We did not know that she had been self-supporting after being helped by the Commission. The bill is about \$80.

Deputy Mayor- About the matter of that strip of land known as the Hennessey property. The City had authority to borrow money to buy this land for the extension of Young Street. They never put that legislation into affect, not being able to get a deed of the Hennessey property. What we want to know now is whether or not this extension will interfere with what you intend to do with the district.

E.S. Rogers- Not at all. We would not interfere with this at all. I think it would be a mistake to do anything else.

City Clerk- Mr. L.A. Lovett writes to us and says he is prepared to give us a deed and wants the cash. The Board said the Relief Commission had taken over all that part of the City and until we heard from them, nothing could be done.

T.S. Rogers- There is nothing to that - the devastated area is still the City of Halifax.

City Clerk- Now about the railway siding through the Incinerator property. The City wants to make an agreement with you that a watchman be put on the railway siding where it crosses streets on Agricola and Robie Streets.

T.S. Rogers- Was that stipulated before?

Deputy Mayor- No, I don't think so.

(The matter was left with the Relief Commission)

City Clerk- How about the removal of garbage from your buildings on the Common, Exhibition grounds, etc.? Mr. Johnston contends that on account of the narrowness of the streets, the large number of families, etc., the Relief Commission should attend to it.

R.P. Bell- The garbage has not been moved at all. Why hasn't it been moved once a week? I told Mr. Johnston that we would build containers so that it could be kept for a week.

T.S. Rogers- The matter is very important from our standpoint.

Controller Finlay- If we removed it once a week, would that be sufficient? Mr. Johnston claims it would not be. There would be such a large amount of it and the area is so small.

T.S. Rogers- Suppose you go ahead and do it and if, when the day

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of reckoning comes you can put up a case against us for it, we will pay it.

Controller Finlay- We have not the teams to do it. We would find the drivers if you would supply the trucks.

R.P.Bell- From our point of view it is ridiculous to use our carts to remove garbage when they have to be used to move clean lumber.

Controller Finlay- If you loan us a few trucks we would man them.

Deputy Mayor- I think the argument used by Mr. Johnston that because the people now living in these houses came from a district where there was no garbage removal, therefore the City is not called upon to remove it from their houses now, is ~~a very unsatisfactory~~ <sup>the principal</sup> one.

W.S. Rogers- Surely this is part of the City's business.

R.P.Bell- Mr. Johnston asked if we would put containers at the end of each street so that they could be collected once a week and thus save teams, and we said we would.

Deputy Mayor- I would suggest that we leave the matter to Mr. Bell, Mr. Doane and myself, and we will arrange it. *Agreed.*

City Clerk - There is another matter. We have a policeman D. C. Wilson, by name, who was injured in the explosion. He lost an eye and was badly injured and has not yet been on duty. Would your Committee take the matter up? We have been paying this man his full salary.

W. S. Rogers- This class of case is being considered by Dr. Cutten. We have a medical board and these cases are examined by that board. Mr. Bell will write Dr. Cutten about this man.

*Chairman Rogers instructs Secretary R.P. Bell to have a cheque drawn for the \$15,000<sup>00</sup> loan applied for by the City. The above notes taken and written by Mrs.*