

- RELIEF COMMISSION -

MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL,

July 6th, 1921.

Agreeably to arrangement made between His Worship the Mayor and the Relief Commission a joint meeting between the Relief Commission and the City Council's Relief Advisory Committee was held at three o'clock this afternoon in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, the following named being present.

T. Sherman Rogers K.C. Chairman Relief Commission
His Honor Judge Wallace " "
His Worship the Mayor)
Alderman Murphy) Of Advisory Committee
Alderman Finlay)
Alderman Burgess
Alderman Godwin
City Engineer Doane
Assistant City Engineer Johnston
City Clerk Monaghan.

JAMES LEITCH PROPERTY, ROONE, BUFFUS AND SCHOOL
STREETS

The minutes of meeting of the City Council's Relief Advisory Committee June 30th, 1921 in respect to the above matter are read.

Mr. Leitch's claim and complaint are stated by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk who informed the meeting that it was impossible for Mr. Leitch to be present because he had to take his train out this morning.

Mr. Rogers with whom Judge Wallace agreed stated that if Mr. Leitch wants to build the Relief Commission will give him a better lot of land on a better site than the one owned by him if Mr. Leitch will pay the difference in value and that the Commission will under the circumstances as presented treat him very very liberally and will encourage him in every way. The Commission also stated that they meet at 10 a.m. at their headquarters Young Street every Monday and Wednesday and at any of these meetings would be pleased to hear Mr. Leitch or would be pleased to hear Mr. Leitch or would be glad to

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make a special appointment for him.

TEMPORARY RELIEF HOUSES--UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM

The members of the Commission informed the meeting that the temporary relief buildings on the Exhibition Grounds, on the Common and on the Citadel glasis were constructed in a manner to last for not over three years and that they had now outlined their time. They are now hardly habitable and should be removed. Many poor people live in them who are scarcely able to pay rent. They asked that the Civic authorities take this matter into very serious consideration, particularly in view of the prospect of dull times during the coming winter.

Mr. Rogers suggested that on this matter there should as soon as possible be another conference between the City and the Commission.

STREETS AND STREET WORK RICHMOND HEIGHTS

The Commission also referred to work required to be done on Streets in the Richmond Heights district apart from those streets or portions of streets built or rebuilt by the Commission. The Commission considered this work should be done by the City and not by the Commission. The Commission is not anxious to do this work but would be willing to do it and charge it to the City if the City so requested.

The City Engineer advised against the City requesting the Commission to do the work under these circumstances.

Mr. Rogers requested that Mr. Peane and Mr. Johnston accompany him on some convenient day to inspect the Streets referred to, to see if the City can do anything to put them in shape.

Mr. Peane said he had already looked over the streets in the district named. They are in about the

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same condition as many other streets in other parts of the City for which the City has no money for repairs.

EMPLOYMENT OF HALIFAX MARRIED MEN ON WORK

His Worship the Mayor asked the Commission that upon all work undertaken through the Commission preference be given to married men with families who are citizens of Halifax.

GARBAGE COLLECTION

Mr. Rogers complained of the non collection of garbage in the devastated area which he thought should be done by the City.

Mr. Johnston stated that before the explosion the City did not collect garbage in that district.

Mr. Doane informed the meeting that the City teams at present overtake as much of the garbage collection in that district as the teams are capable of doing.

POLICING AND STREET LIGHTING OF DEVASTATED AREA.

Mr. Rogers complained of insufficient street lighting and Police Protection.

As to street lighting Mr. Doane stated that the Tram Company will not put up new pole lines to replace those destroyed by the explosion, and that until the lines are replaced there can be no lighting.

Mr. Johnston thought it a shame to put up poles for wires on the modern streets constructed by the Commission and mentioned the improved portion of Gattingen Street north of Young Street as an illustration - also the parker or boulevarded streets. In this locality the soil is deep and light and it would not be expensive to construct underground conduits for wires. This matter is altogether in the hands of the Commission.

Mr. Rogers promised to take the suggestion into consideration.

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TEMPORARY DWELLINGS AND SHACKS

Mr. Rogers referred to the character and condition of a number of temporary buildings, dwellings and shacks which had been from time to time since the explosion been put up in various parts of the district north of Young Street. He understood that most if not all of them had been put up in violation of the building laws without permits and that the City has full power to order their removal.

Though the Commission in the interests of property owners and tenants is particularly concerned in this matter he believed the authority for removal rested with the City.

The meeting adjourned.

L. Fred Monaghan,
CITY CLERK.

J.S. Parker,
MAYOR.