

Thursday, December 27th, 1917.

The Town Council met this day at 7 p.m. Present: Mayor Williams, Councillors Mosher, McLean, Lynch, Herman and Carter.

On motion of Councillor Herman, seconded by Councillor Lynch, the following resolution was unanimously agreed to:

"WHEREAS, the recent catastrophe to the Town of Dartmouth was apparently due to some causes which might have been prevented, and attention to which may avert a recurrence.

AND WHEREAS, the investigation at present being conducted is apparently concerned only with the responsibility for the collision which resulted in the explosion, which, in the opinion of the public, is the least important of the contributing causes;

AND WHEREAS, it may be that an investigation into all the causes can only be properly held by a commission appointed by the Federal or even the Imperial Government;

THEREFORE RESOLVED, that this Council request the Dominion Government to take such steps as are necessary to fully ascertain all the causes of the disaster and also what measures should be taken to prevent a recurrence."

RESOLVED: That Councillor Herman be appointed to attend the conference with the Halifax Board of Control and Dominion Cabinet Ministers in Halifax re the recent disaster.

Councillor Herman was also appointed a member of the Rehabilitation and Claims Committee.

The Mayor read a letter from the Governor-General expressing his profound regret and sympathy with the families in Dartmouth who had suffered loss by death or destruction of their property by the recent great disaster.

The Public Property Committee were authorized to have repairs made to the Town Hall. The Town Clerk was instructed to get in figures from Builders for the work.

Approved,

*E. G. Williams*

Mayor.

Adjourned,

Town Clerk.