

Dartmouth, Nova Scotia,

Friday, January 18th, 1918.

The Town Council met this day at 7.30 p.m. Present:
Mayor Williams, Councillors Mosher, Lynch, Carter, McLean,
Herman and Tobin.

Re ASSESSMENT OF 1918: This matter was taken up and, on
motion of Councillor Lynch, seconded by Councillor Mosher, the
following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That the Assessors be instructed to make an
appraisal of the amount of damage done to both real and
personal property within the Town and report to Council.
ALSO, That three competent builders be employed to
assist the Assessors.
ALSO, That, in respect to remuneration for their ser-
vices, the matter be left with the Mayor and Finance
Committee to arrange".

Letters were read from the following:

THE MAYOR of DARTMOUTH, ENGLAND, dated December 19, 1917,

addressed to Mayor Williams. The letter follows:

"Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Citizens of this ancient and historical Borough, in the old country, I beg to express to the people of your town, bearing the same name, our heartfelt sympathy in the dreadful catastrophe that has occurred in connection with the recent explosion.

The present terrible war has indeed brought grave affliction to the homes of many of our countrymen and women, also our brothers and sisters in the Colonies, whose kith and kin are courageously fighting shoulder to shoulder with our home forces to uphold the grand old flag of the British Empire, but this additional calamity, so appalling in its results, is indeed awful to contemplate.

I feel it my common duty therefore to ask you to convey an expression of our most sincere sympathy to the inhabitants of your town and district in this grievous hour of trouble and suffering.

I beg to remain,

Yours most sincerely,

(Sd.) J. Wilton,

Mayor of Dartmouth,
"England."

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to send a suitable reply expressing the appreciation and thanks of the Council for his kind letter.

A. C. JOHNSTON, Chairman, Dartmouth Relief Committee,
stating that it was the unanimous opinion of that Committee
that, at the present time, it would not be advisable to have a
Relief Depot established at the North End of the Town, it
being their policy to concentrate the work as much as possible.
Councillor Mosher moved, seconded by Councillor McLean, that
the letter be filed. Councillor Lynch moved, in amendment,
seconded by Councillor Carter,

"That the Council regret that the Relief Committee refuse
to have a conference with the Council, and are glad to
note that arrangements will be made in the near future
for better disposition of relief in the North End".

The amendment was put and carried.