

The meeting was called to consider what action should be taken in view of the recent "Disaster" to Halifax and Dartmouth and the probability of other accidents occurring owing to inefficient administration of the Harbor and Pilotage Regulations.

Chairman Graham of the Board of Trade submitted the following resolution, which, upon being read, was moved by Councillor Herman and seconded by Mr. Graham, and being put to the meeting passed unanimously:

"Whereas, the citizens of Halifax and Dartmouth following the disaster of December 6th, last, were given positive assurance by the Minister of Marine that every precaution would in future be taken in the movement of munition laden ships entering and leaving Halifax Harbor, and that a repetition of the disaster would be impossible, and

Whereas, we learn with amazement from the evidence of Capt. Wyatt at yesterday's session of the Court of Enquiry now being held in Halifax, that the orders governing the movement of munition ships are wantonly disregarded, and

Whereas, through such neglect a collision between a munition ship and an oil tanker was narrowly averted a day or two ago within a short distance of the scene of the "IMO" - "MONT BLANC" disaster,

BE IT RESOLVED, That in the opinion of this meeting the lives and property of the citizens of Halifax and Dartmouth are still being unwarrantably exposed to the gravest danger and menace.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following protest be telegraphed to the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Borden at once.- At yesterday's session Court of Enquiry "IMO"- "MONT BLANC" collision, Capt. Wyatt's evidence conclusively indicates harbor regulations governing movement of munition ships are being flagrantly disregarded, and repetition last month's disaster narrowly averted two days since.- In the interest of lives and property of our citizens, the Dartmouth Town Council and Board of Trade in joint session strongly protest against such gross negligence and demand instant appointment of competent official to control Halifax Harbor traffic."

It was decided to wire copies at once to Prime Minister Sir Robert Borden and the County Members, Honorable A.K. McLean and Peter F. Martin, and that the telegram be signed by the Mayor and the Chairman of the Board of Trade.

Approved,

Adjourned,

*E. P. Williams*  
Mayor.

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Town Clerk.