

INVESTIGATION INTO CATASTROHPE.

City Hall, January 3rd, 1918.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Control beg to report that at a meeting held December 27th, 1917, they passed a resolution requesting the Government of Canada to cause a thorough investigation to be made into the cause of the catastrophe which happened in the City of Halifax on December 6th.

A copy of the resolution was forthwith forwarded to the Honorable Prime Minister, Sir R. L. Borden, and on the following day copies of the resolution were handed to the following named Cabinet Ministers then in the City of Halifax:-

Hon. S. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia,

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways.

Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works.

Hon. A. K. McKlean, Minister without portefolio

The Board recommend that the resolution be approved by the City Council.

On January 3rd, the Board received the following letter from the Prime Minister's Secretary:-

Prime Minister's Office,
Ottawa, Ont. December 31st, 1917.

L. Fred. Monaghan, Esq.,
City Clerk, Halifax.

Dear Sir:-

On behalf of the prime Minister I beg to acknowledge your letter of the 27th instant setting forth a resolution adopted by the Board of Control of the City of Halifax requesting an investigation into all the causes of the recent deplorable disaster and that measures be taken to prevent a recurrence.

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In reply I beg to state that these matters are at the present time having the most careful and attentive consideration of the Government.

Geo. W. Yates,
Prime Minister's Secy.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Fred Monaghan
Secretary Board of Control.

Dec 27 4 1917

Mr. R. L. Borden

Prime Minister of Canada

and to the Government of the Dominion of Canada

May it please your Honorable Body

The Board of Control of the City of Halifax at a meeting held this morning unanimously adopted the following resolution



~~was adopted by the Board of Control~~

In accordance with the instruction of the Board of Control I have the honor to transmit the said resolution for the consideration of the Government.

I have the honor

to be

your obedient servant

C. Clark

Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities

President,
DANIEL CAMERON,
Mayor, Glace Bay.

1st Vice-President,
W. M. FERGUSON,
Municipal Clerk of Colchester, Truro.

2nd Vice-President,
HIRAM GOUDEY,
Town Clerk, Yarmouth.

Secretary-Treasurer
ARTHUR ROBERTS, K.C.,
Town Solicitor,
Bridgewater.

Auditor,
W. W. FOSTER,
City Auditor,
Halifax.

Officers and Executive for 1916-1917

C. W. ANDERSON,
Warden, Sherbrooke.
A. J. BANNERMAN,
Councillor, Pictou County.
H. L. DENNISON, K.C.
Town Solicitor, Digby.
F. W. HARRIS,
Town Clerk, Annapolis Royal.
GEO. F. HARRIS,
Controller, Halifax.

J. S. LISCOMBE,
Town Clerk, Dominion.
P. F. MARTIN,
Mayor, Halifax.
A. C. McCORMICK,
Mayor, Sydney Mines.
H. A. RUSSELL,
Councillor, Dartmouth.
C. D. SHIPLEY,
Councillor, Amherst.

F. T. GARDNER,
Municipal Clerk of Queens, Liverpool.

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Yours very truly,

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Prime Minister's Secretary.

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Halifax, N.S.