

E X P L O S I O N     D E C E M B E R   6th, 1917.

Morning Meeting.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL,

Halifax, N. S., December 7th, 1917.

A joint Meeting of the City Council and the Citizens was held this forenoon at 11 o'clock at the above place, the Council Chamber being filled to over-flowing,

Deputy Mayor Colwell called the Meeting to order and thereupon moved that His Honor Lieutenant-Governor McCallum Grant be appointed Chairman. This motion being duly seconded, was unanimously carried.

Mr. Deputy-Mayor Colwell acted as Secretary of the Meeting.

The Chairman read letters of sympathy and offers of assistance from the following places:- Regina, British Columbia, Washington, D. C., Vancouver, Boston, Quebec, Saskatoon, Hamilton, St. John and practically every town in Nova Scotia.

LIST OF HEADLINES.

Accommodation - Refugees.  
Medical Assistance - Doctors and Nurses.  
Sympathy,  
Committees - Appointment of.  
Finance.  
Accommodation - Warehouse Western Union Cable Co.  
Service.  
Medical Assistance - St. John Ambulance Brigade.  
School Board Assistance - Teachers.  
Contributions - Moncton, N.B.  
Reconstruction - Repairs.  
Transportation - Special Train.  
Distribution of Relief - Food.  
Registration.  
Accommodation - Knights of Columbus Hall, Shelter.  
Contributions.  
Transportation - Automobiles.  
Election to be avoided.

ACCOMODATION - REFUGEES.

The Chairman also read an offer from the Town of Bridgewater to provide homes for from twenty-five to one hundred people, and stating that Doctors and Nurses were

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being sent to Halifax.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - DOCTORS AND NURSES.

His Honor further stated that several Towns in the Province had already sent Doctors and Nurses, who were now engaged in Hospital work.

SYMPATHY.

His Honor then read a telegram of sympathy from His Excellency the Governor General, together with a request for full particulars.

COMMITTEES - APPOINTMENT OF.

The following committees, which were appointed at yesterday's morning's meeting and confirmed at the afternoon meeting were read, and their appointment approved and again confirmed:-

Executive Committee.

Mr. R.T. MacIlreith.  
Hon, R. G. Beazley.  
Ald. R. B. Colwell.  
Mr. J.L. Hetherington.  
Controller Murphy  
Mr. W. S. Davidson.  
His Worship the Mayor - ex officio.

Transportation Committee.

Alderman Gillis.  
Controller Finlay.  
Mr. J. Norwood Duffus.  
Mr. W. A. Black.

Food Committee.

Mr. J.L.Hetherington.  
Mr. H.G.Bauld.  
Mr. Clifford P. Wood.

Shelter Committee.

Controller Murphy,  
Mr. W. S. Davidson.  
Alderman J. E. Furness.

Finance Committee.

Mr. Justice Harris.  
Mr.G. S. Campbell.  
Mr. R. H. Metzler.  
Mr. George Henderson.

Mortuary Committee.

Alderman R. B. Colwell.  
Contrcller Taylor.

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It was on motion resolved that the Committees above named should have power to add to their numbers.

The following additional Committee was appointed to be known as a Clothing Committee:-

W. Stetson Rogers.  
Mrs. Wm. Dennis.  
Councillor E. Gaboury.  
Mr. W. E. Hebb.  
Mr. W. J. Clayton.  
Mr. J. W. Power.

and a number of others.

FINANCE.

Mr. Justice Harris, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that the Bank of Nova Scotia will supply all money needed at present and that later a fund will be opened to which all contributions will be credited.

ACCOMODATION - WAREHOUSE WESTERN UNION CABLE SERVICE.

Accomodation for shelters was offered by Capt. DeCarteret, of the Western Union Cable Service, namely, two large storerooms on the Cable Wharf.

The offer of Capt. DeCarteret was accepted with thanks.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Mrs. McIntosh, Superintendent of the Halifax Branch of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, announced that every V. A. D. in the City (150) are on duty in the Military Hospitals. She stated their work is needed in the Hospitals and it was decided to organize voluntary women workers to visit from door to door and look after people.

It was suggested that as many firemen as could be spared, and also as many men as could be obtained should accompany the ladies on their duties to do any labor work, which the ladies could not perform.

Controller Hines stated that the assistance of as many firemen as possible would be given.

SCHOOL BOARD ASSISTANCE - TEACHERS.

Mr. John P. Quinn, Chairman of the Board of School

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Commissioners announced that a Meeting of the Public School Teachers would be held this afternoon to organize for the purpose of assisting in relief work.

CONTRIBUTIONS, MONCTON, N. B.

A citizen of Moncton advised that three car loads of supplies have already arrived from Moncton.

RECONSTRUCTION - REPAIRS.

Dr. Forrest suggested that all citizens whose houses are habitable should not ask for the service of carpenters, glaziers, etc., in order that such mechanics should be left free for more necessary work.

TRANSPORTATION - SPECIAL TRAIN.

Alderman Russell of Dartmouth suggested that a special train should be run from Yarmouth and also one from Sydney to pick up all supplies along the line and rush the same to Halifax.

DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF - FOOD.

"Chebucto Chapter" of the Daughters of the Empire offered to feed all persons who could be accommodated at the Union Jack Club, provided the Food Committee supplied them with the necessary food.

This offer was gratefully accepted.

Mrs. Dennis announced that the other Chapters of the Daughters of the Empire, the Women's Council and the Red Cross Society are available for the making of dressings, distribution of clothing and making of clothing, and would gladly cooperate with Mrs. McIntosh in the Home Relief Work.

REGISTRATION.

Mrs. Charles Archibald suggested that a Committee be formed of ladies to visit all families, taking the names of all persons and registering them at the City Hall.

ACCOMODATION - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, SHELTER.

The Knights of Columbus offered their rooms which would accommodate one hundred and fifty persons as an

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emergency shelter.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

It was reported that the ladies between Halifax and Kentville have already forwarded quantities of Red Cross supplies.

TRANSPORTATION - AUTOMOBILES.

It was decided that all automobiles in the City should be commandeered for the removal of dead and injured.

ELECTION TO BE AVOIDED.

The Chairman called attention to the necessity of sinking all political differences and advisability of the Candidates nominated for the House of Commons from this Constituency getting together for the purpose of avoiding an election at this time.

It was decided on motion of Mr. Minstull, seconded by Mr. Charles Archibald, that the four Candidates should be requested to get together for the purpose of settling this question.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned.

*H. S. Carmel*  
Acting Secretary.

*W. S. Minstull  
Lieutenant-Governor*