



ACQUIRING AND REBUILDING DEVASTATED AREA.

City Hall, Dec. 12th, 1917.

The City Council.

Gentlemen:—

The Board of Control submit for approval the accompanying report of the Acting City Engineer re the acquiring and rebuilding of the devastated area.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary Board of control.

F. W. W. Doane,
City Engineer
(Overseas on Active Service.)

H. W. Johnston,
Acting City Engineer.



City Engineer's Office,
Halifax, N. S.

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His Worship the Mayor,

Sir,

I beg to suggest that there is at present an opportunity for re-planning an improvement of the district devastated by the recent explosion and fire. The layout of this part of the City was entirely haphazard, and capable of great improvement. The devastation has been so great that not only the work of rebuilding, but even of ascertaining the original lots, will be very difficult.

Time is too brief to expand my ideas of this in detail, but I would suggest that you take into immediate consideration the idea of the City acquiring the whole of the devastated district, and replanning and rebuilding in accordance with modern ideas of town planning and construction.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Johnston
Acting City Engineer

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