MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1932 AT 8:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor E.H. Bridgman Alderman Anderson Alderman Brown Alderman Cartwright Alderman Huggett Alderman Page

By a standing vote the Council expressed its sympathy with the wife and family of the late Walter Teague Grahame, for twenty-one years a faithful and trusted employee of the City.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, December 5, 1932 and Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held on Saturday, December 10^{th,} 1932, together with the minutes of a Special Meeting of Council on Monday, December 12th, 1932, copies of which had previously been furnished to each member of the Council, were taken as read and on motion of Alderman Brown seconded by Alderman Cartwright adopted.

Correspondence was received, read and dealt with as follows:

From Mrs. Grahame and family gratefully acknowledging expression of sympathy in the passing of Walter Teague Grahame.

FILED

From the Registrar of the County Court, Vancouver, receipt for Bylaw 1356 entitled "The City of North Vancouver General Borrowing and Hypothecation of Taxes Bylaw No.3, 1932."

FILED

From "The Vancouver Daily Province" and "The Vancouver News" applying for Ferry passes for their respective Newspaper representatives.

It was pointed out to Council that Ferry passes for 1933 would come before the incoming Council, and if granted, issue could not be made before the month of February next. Meantime Mr. Bruce the representative of "The Vancouver News" (a new daily) was without a pass and not on the same footing as the other Press representatives.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that a temporary pass be granted to Mr. A.C. Bruce representative of "The Vancouver News" and that both applications for 1933 passes be referred to the incoming Council.

From Dr. S.F. Tolmie, Minister of Railways, advising that it will be another month before one-man cars will be ready for a demonstration on the Lynn Valley line and should the Council thereafter desire a hearing, arrangements will be made to that end.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Minister be advised that the Council is very desirous of a hearing and wish to know when a date can be arranged.

From the Federal Minister of Finance a reply containing observations on a resolution by the City of Winnipeg, which was unanimously endorsed by the City of North Vancouver. The observations being somewhat technical in character, it was moved by Alderman Anderson and seconded by Alderman Brown, that the communication be referred to Professor Corrothers, Chair of Economics, University of B.C. for comment.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Page that the communication be referred to the Finance Committee to draft a reply and submit at the next regular meeting of Council.

VOTING FOR THE AMENDMENT: Aldermen Cartwright, Huggett and Page VOTING AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Aldermen Anderson and Brown

The amendment was thereupon put as the main motion and carried.

From Sister Mary Amy, Superior of the Sisters of the Child Jesus, applying for:

- (a) The City to bear the cost of building and additional two feet of wall on the North side of the new Convent grounds due to the height of the adjoining property said to belong to the City.
- (b) Extension of the concrete sidewalk on Sixth Street, to the corner of Forbes Avenue.
- (c) Establishment of a Street light at the corner of Sixth and Forbes.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that applications 'A & B be referred to the Board of Works Committee and application "C" to the Fire & Light Committee for report.

From the Duncan Consolidated School Bard suggesting that the City oppose any attempt to legislation being enacted that will have the effect of tying the hands of the School Boards and Municipal Councils in regard to expenditure for Educational purposes and that no fixed or arbitrary rules be laid down as to what salaries should or should not be paid to teachers. The Duncan Board favors cutting our garments according to the material available.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

From the North Vancouver Health Unit copy of a letter and enclosure from the Provincial Health Officer with regard to the budget of the local Health Unit. These papers are chiefly interesting in that they show the Rockefeller Foundation as definitely committed to a 25% contribution for the current year instead of 20% as previously arranged.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the enclosures pertaining to the 1933 budget be referred to the incoming Council and the Rockefeller Foundation thanked for its continued interest and maintenance of its financial share of the work of the Unit.

From the District of North Vancouver Residents and Ratepayers Association the following resolution:

This Association recommends to the Councils of North Vancouver and North Vancouver District to call upon the B.C. Electric Railway, the B.C. Power Company and B.C. Telephone Company to inspect and make safe all power and light, transportation and phone lines by removing, repairing or replacing all dangerous poles, connections, ties, rails, tracks, bridges and street lights.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Engineer check up on the Utility Company's equipment throughout the City and report to Council.

From the same Association thanking Council for their action in recommending through the Union of B.C. Municipalities that Municipal elections be held in December instead of January in each year.

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From B.C. Motor Transportation Company Ltd. suggesting that some measure of protection be afforded to them in the taxi business they have built up at the Vancouver Ferry Terminal, adding that the renting of space to competitive concerns meant additional expense to them and increased the difficulty of maintaining a satisfactory service.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the communication be referred to the Ferry Committee for study and report.

From the Colonization Commissioner submitting agreement to the Council if it is desired to participate in the Relief Land Settlement plan. It was explained that the agreement provided for a contribution of \$600.00 to each family selected from those who would otherwise be entitled to Direct Relief. The amount is to be advanced in equal shares by the Dominion Government, Provincial Government, and the Municipality. In the event of any family placed on the land failing to show reasonable progress they are liable to be dispossessed of the land and returned to the Municipality.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that the agreement be acknowledged and the Clerk use his discretion in reporting to Council as to the merits of any application worthy of consideration.

From the Engineer reciting the steps taken with respect to an alleged leak in the water main on Lynn Valley Road reported by the District of North Vancouver.

Inspection showed there was no leak and following request the District Engineer had failed to indicate the definite position of the supposed leak. Mayor Bridgman advised that he had also written to the District Council in this connection.

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From the Engineer recommending that section 8 of Plumbing Bylaw 1244 be amended by striking out the following words "either as a master plumber or as a journeyman plumber."

The section will then read: "It shall be unlawful for any person to do any plumbing within the City of North Vancouver without having first obtained and being the holder of a valid and subsisting certificate of efficiency from the said Board."

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the recommendation be adopted and the Bylaw amended accordingly.

Reference was hereupon made to the action of the Board of Harbour Commissioners in roping off a portion of the low level road on Tuesday, December 13th last, and causing citizens who had occasion to use the road to sign the following permit.

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"I/We.....hereby apply to the Vancouver Harbour Commissioners for permission to enter upon and traverse their waterfront roadway, from the Esplanade to Moodyville, North Vancouver"

Permission granted to the above applicant.

VANCOUVER HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS per: W.J. Enwright, Acting Secretary

Mayor Bridgman in commenting upon the situation stated that the Harbour Board has nearly one and one-half miles of waterfront, not improved, on which the City loses over \$60,000.00 a year in taxes. The City gave four street ends to the Harbour Board for nothing and granted it the right to build a tunnel under the Esplanade. In addition, the City had expended some \$8,000.00 in putting in a water main to serve the area and \$52,000.00 on a concrete highway. In preventing free access to this Highway, the Harbour Board were guilty of trespass, their act being illegal and very high handed, it showed a dishonest intention to take something which belongs to the City and which cost the City \$52,000.00. Their action leaves no doubt that the Harbour Board if they could, would steal this road and take it from the City. As this is a legal matter, I recommend that this Council instruct the City Solicitor to take immediate action to protect the City's rights.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that this Council adopt the recommendation of His Worship the Mayor and the Solicitor be and is hereby instructed to take whatever action is necessary to protect the rights of the City and further that the Solicitor prepare an amendment to the Municipal Act for submission through the Union of B.C. Municipalities whereby land and improvements held by the Harbour Board and registered in the right of the Crown shall be liable for assessment, taxation and recovery of taxes in the same manner as other lands and improvements held under lease excepting the right of tax sale.

From the Board of School Trustees advising that they presume the Government grants for the months of November and December would be applied towards liquidation of teachers' salaries.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the communication be referred to the Finance Committee on the understanding that the present policy of Council with respect to payment of teachers' salaries will be continued.

From the Board of School Trustees advising that the following resolution with regard to teachers' salaries has been adopted.

"RESOLVED that salaries of Teachers be reduced in the sum of 10%, calculated on rates being paid at December 31, 1932, said reduction to remain in effect during the year 1933; or until such time as a Provincial Standard Salary Schedule has been adopted and becomes effective.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the Board be thanked for the information and the communication referred to the 1933 Council.

From the St. Andrews and Caledonian Society the following resolution:

'RESOLVED that the membership of the St. Andrews' and Caledonian Society of North Vancouver, as a result of representations made to them, have decided that the new scale of relief for Unemployed as promulgated by the Provincial Government and detailed in the press as coming into effect on the first of December, is wholly inadequate, and that they are of the opinion that any attempt to enforce the acceptance of such a schedule can only result in the further demoralizing of our destitute citizens by compelling them to live on a scale which does not provide for human subsistence compatible with modern standards."

AND THAT WE hereby recommend and request the City Council of North Vancouver to take a very determined stand in refusing to accept this new schedule and to require of the Provincial Government and of the Government of Canada, that the said schedule be amended and amplified to such an extent that at least the minimum requirements of a civilized existence be accorded to those of our fellows who have preceded us into the ranks of the unemployed.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the proper authorities at Ottawa and Victoria, and the

Society advised that the Council has done all in its power to protect to the Government the inadequacy of the present scale of relief and the treating of all Municipalities under a blanket scale of administration.

From the Fire Chief Submitting report of the Department for the month ended November:

Alarms	7
Total risk	\$3,500.00
Total Insurance	\$2,500.00
Total loss	735.00

RECEIVED AND FILED

From the North Vancouver City Property Owners Association with further reference to increasing the staff in all civic departments by approximately 25% at no additional cost to the City.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright that the reference be filed.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Brown that the suggestion be referred to the 1933 Council.

VOTING FOR THE AMENDMENT: Aldermen, Brown, Huggett and Page VOTING AGAINST THE AMENDMENT: Aldermen Anderson and Cartwright

The amendment was then put as the main motion and carried.

Requesting that the annual Financial Statement be available one week before the Stewardship meeting January 9th.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that every effort be made to have the statement prepared and ready for distribution at the earliest possible date.

INQUIRIES

Alderman Page raised the question of providing for the payment of taxes on account and the payment of interest on same as and from January 2, 1933. (excepting local improvement assessments).

Moved by Alderman Page seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the Bylaw dealing with the prepayment of 1933 taxes be facilitated as far as possible by the present Council and any payments hereafter tendered on account of next years taxes be accepted by the Collector as and from January 2, 1933 on the assumption that the proposed Bylaw will be finally approved by the Incoming Council.

Moved by Alderman Huggett seconded by Alderman Page and resolved that an amendment to the Municipal Act be prepared for submission at the forthcoming session

of the legislature providing that a "Prepayment of Taxes Bylaw" does not have to be passed by a Municipality in each and every year.

TENDERS

James Hall, Drill Hall, North Vancouver, wrote offering to purchase Lot 23, Block 46, D.L. 271, for the sum of \$25.00 cash.

The Assessor reported the lot was situated on the North side of 14th Street West, between Jones and Forbes Avenues, with a 50' frontage on 14th Street, and open lane at the rear, Light and Water provided, Assessed value \$660.00.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that the application be referred to the Finance Committee with power after it has been ascertained for what purpose the applicant is seeking to acquire the lot.

In connection with the offer from Irwin & Billings Co. Ltd. to purchase for a client Lot 20, Block 36, D.L. 552, the Engineer reported that about two-thirds of the lot consisted of steep gravel bank with a slope of approximately 1:1 The balance of the lot is not large enough to comply with the requirements of the "Town Planning Act" for building purposes. The Engineer further recommended that the lot be reserved for the purpose of obtaining gravel for the City's use.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the recommendation of the Engineer be adopted and Lots 16 to 20, Block 36, D.L. 552 be and are hereby withdrawn from sale and reserved for the City's use as a gravel pit.

DUE ACCOUNTS – Reports and recommendations of the Finance, Police, Board of Works, Ferry, Fire & Light, Waterworks, Parks and Health Committees, were submitted by the respective Chairmen and read to the meeting and the Treasurer was authorized to pay the accounts in the following amounts:

Finance Police		\$2,522.45 199.58
Board of Works		434.06
Ferry	518.67	
•	<u>2,859.47</u>	3,378.14
Fire & Light		616.47
Waterworks		62.67
Parks		3.98
Health	3,012.40	
	2,204.65	
	623.54	
	103.16	5,943.75

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the following report of the FINANCE COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND adoption of the report showing relief distributed during the month of November, in amount \$7,988.19.

SUMMARY		
Relief to Unemployed	\$6,985.27	
Relief to Indigents	716.28	
Sundry Institutional cases	256.64	
(not including "Mental &		
Mothers Pensions)		
Monthly Pensions	30.00	
	\$7,988.19	\$7,988.19
Less amounts to be recovere	d from the Federal	
and Provincials Governments	\$4,972.55	
Net Cost to City of North Van	\$3,015.64	

RECOMMEND that Robert Clark, plumber, 1736 Williams Avenue, be given work on the City ferries upon the condition that the wages payable shall be applied on payment his "Trades License" for the current year.

RECOMMEND that the Mayor and Chief of Police act in the matter of permitting and licensing Boxing and Wrestling tournaments it is proposed to stage under the auspices of the North Vancouver Amateur Boxing and Wrestling Association.

RECOMMEND that a refund of \$4.70 be granted to Mr. A.E. Brown, of West Vancouver on the unused portion of a \$7.00 Commutation card (due to an accident his car was completely wrecked and he is not in a position to finance another).

RECOMMEND that a cheque for \$37.50 be issued to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Army and Navy Veterans in payment of 50% of the 1932 grant.

RECOMMEND that following a check of the credits at the separate Sinking Fund accounts and distribution of the present Sinking Fund Investments to the various debentures issued should it be found that the particular Debenture Sinking Funds are under-invested the following offerings of City of North Vancouver debentures for Sinking Fund Investment are thereupon referred to the Mayor and Chairman of Finance with power to act in purchasing securities up to an amount of \$20,000.00 at a yield of not less than 9.75:

Bird & Talling Ltd.

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\$1,000.00 5-1/2% bonds due June 20, 1945 at \$66.00 to yield 9.75% plus accrued interest.

\$500.00 5% bonds due June 1, 1958 at \$55.50 to yield 9.75% plus accrued interest.

McDermid Miller and McDermid Limited

\$20,000.00 City of North Vancouver Debentures at prices to yield 9.60% to conform to Sinking Fund requirements in regard to maturity.

RECOMMEND that if assurance is received in writing from the Commissioner of the Corporation of the District of North Vancouver that a sum of approximately \$15,000.00 due to the City will be paid on or before December 31st next. That an equivalent sum be taken temporarily from the Sinking Fund account to pay October and November interest coupons on the distinct understanding that on receipt of the cheque from the District of North Vancouver it will be immediately deposited to Sinking Fund account and used only for the purposes directed.

RECOMMEND that no preference be given to importunate creditors in possession of unpaid Interest Coupons.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the following report of the FERRY COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND that the application of Checker Taxi Company Ltd. and the statement of Mate. W. Rennolf be laid over until the return of Alderman Wilson, Chairman of the Committee.

RECOMMEND that the summary of Coal Analysis for the June-November period of the present contract be minuted and that the recommendation to take no action in regard to the slight monetary difference arising from calculation of the calorific values be adopted.

SUMMARY OF COAL ANALYSIS

	Moisture	Volatile	Carbon	Ash	<u>B.T.U.s</u>
Average	1.80%	29.97%	55.22%	14.81%	12,885
Contract	2.90%	31.76%	54.38%	13.86%	13,000

Quantity, 2690 tons

RECOMMEND that the correspondence file relative to the collision between Ferry No.2 and the S.S. "Nanaimolite" be referred to the Solicitor with power to act. (Note: Accident happened during fog on the 8.20 a.m. trip from North Vancouver on Wednesday, December 14the and the following statement of claim has been filed with the Insurance Brokers:

Damage claim No.2 Ferry amounts to	\$145.00
Damage claim to Auto 102-032	11.85
Damage claim to S.S. Nanaimolite	950.00
	\$1,106.85

RECOMMEND that the Brown Sales Co. be requested to keep the Football Machine at the Vancouver Ferry Terminal in proper working order and that appointments to check the earnings of the machine be made to suit the convenience of Mr. Jenkins when he is in Vancouver on other duties.

RECOMMEND that the action of the Superintendent be confirmed in placing Alexander McKay on duty as Fireman in place of John Thompson resigned.

RECOMMEND that the Engineer be authorized to make the necessary repairs to the West lead and Anchor chains at the North Vancouver Wharf following damage done by No.3 during a half gale of the afternoon of Monday December 19th, Captain Spracklin in command.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the following report of the BOARD OF WORKS COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND that the three-plank walk be extended to the new house at 827, 4th Street, east at an estimated cost of \$25.00.

RECOMMEND that a crossing be constructed over the ditch opposite 338, 14th Street East, to give access to a new house.

RECOMMEND that the boulevard be cleared in front of 121, 14th Street, West, and the three-plank sidewalk extended to the gate, a distance of approximately 50 feet at a total cost of \$25.00.

RECOMMEND that the application of Mr. Hewett be granted to have the sidewalk extended in front of his new store at the corner of Lonsdale Ave. and 3rd St. at an estimated cost of \$30.00.

RECOMMEND that the sidewalk opposite St. Andrew's United Church property be replaced with a wooden sidewalk 8 feet in width at an estimated cost of \$125.00.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the following report of the PARKS COMMITTEE be adopted:

RECOMMEND that Mr. W.M. Baxter be advised that current Committee appropriations have been fully expended and there will be no more work this year.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Alderman Anderson reporting on today conference at Victoria between the Executive Council and the Municipal representatives declared that the Government were conscious of the fact that the present scale of relief was too low but held out little hope that there would be any immediate relaxation of the present regulations. Like ourselves the Government were confronted with a sharp decline in revenues and a prospect of mounting taxes and would not readily agree to a reversion to the relief scale in force previous to December 1st, or until such time as a more efficient scale had been brought into operation. The Municipal representatives got a most considerate hearing and the members of the Government seemed to be impressed with the representation that had been made. While in Victoria, Alderman Anderson took the opportunity of laying the City's case before the Government telling exactly how the City stood.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that the report be received and Alderman Anderson thanked for his services.

Mayor Bridgman stated that on account of urgent business on Monday at Vancouver and short notice of the meeting to be held at Victoria, he was unable to attend and Alderman Anderson had very kindly consented to go in his stead as the City's representative.

MOTIONS

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the time and place for holding the nomination of candidates for Mayor, Aldermen, School Trustees, and Police Commissioners in the City of North Vancouver for the year 1933, shall be in the Council Chamber City Hall, on Monday, the 9th day of January 1933, between the hours of twelve o'clock noon and two o'clock p.m.

AND THAT Geo. S. Shepherd is hereby named and appointed Returning Officer with the usual powers on that behalf, and he is hereby authorized and directed to appoint such Deputy Returning Officers and Poll Clerks as may be necessary to take the votes of the said electors.

AND THAT the places, at which the Poll shall be opened in the City of North Vancouver, in case a poll is required, shall be at 55 Lonsdale Ave., and the Horticultural Hall, 22nd St., East, in the City of North Vancouver.

AND THAT the votes of the Electors of the Corporation of the City of North Vancouver on Bylaws, referendums, or plebiscites to be submitted shall be taken at the same time and place and the Returning Officer is hereby directed and authorized at least ten days (including holidays) before voting day to place up copies of such proposed bylaws, referendums or plebiscites in at least three public places within the said City and also publish copies or notices thereon in the North Shore Press and the Review, being weekly newspapers published and circulating in the said City.

AND he is further directed and authorized to append to such bylaws referendums or plebiscites the required notices signed by the Clerk of the Council, and to generally act and take such steps as may be necessary for properly and legally taking such votes.

BYLAWS

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1932, No.8" be now reconsidered.

WHEREUPON the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the said Bylaw as read and reconsidered, be now finally adopted signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal No.1358.

VOTING FOR: Mayor E.H. Bridgman, Aldermen Anderson, Brown, Cartwright, Huggett and Page.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Waterworks Regulation Bylaw, 1921, Amendment Bylaw, 1932" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the said Bylaw as read and reconsidered, be now finally adopted signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal No.1357.

Moved by Alderman Page seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Land Sales Bylaw 1932, No.9" be now reconsidered.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read and reconsidered.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the said Bylaw as read and reconsidered, be now finally adopted signed by the Mayor and City Clerk and sealed with the Corporate Seal No.1359.

VOTING FOR: Mayor E.H. Bridgman, Aldermen, Anderson, Brown, Cartwright, Huggett and Page.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Huggett and resolved that leave be now granted to introduce at this meeting of the Council a Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Unemployment Relief Debenture Bylaw No.1, 1932", and that the said Bylaw receive two readings at this meeting of Council and that the occasion for such two readings be deemed an urgent one within the meaning of the procedure Bylaw.

Whereupon the Bylaw was introduced and read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that the Bylaw entitled "The City of North Vancouver Unemployment Relief Debenture Bylaw No.1, 1932", be now read a second time.

Whereupon the Bylaw was read a second time and referred to Committee.

Moved by Alderman Anderson seconded by Alderman Brown and resolved that this meeting of Council do now resolve itself into Committee of the Whole.

Alderman Anderson was appointed Chairman

IN COMMITTEE

IN COUNCIL

Moved by Alderman Page seconded by Alderman Cartwright and resolved that the foregoing report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

Moved by Alderman Cartwright seconded by Alderman Anderson and resolved that this meeting of Council do now adjourn.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 9.40 p.m. until Tuesday, the 27th day of December 1932, at 4.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

E.H. BRIDGMAN MAYOR