

"And whereas it is considered desirable by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of Toronto that such investigation should be held;

"Therefore be it Resolved: That under the authority of Section 324 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, 1903, and in the interests of the good government of the municipality in regard to the conduct of a part of the public business therefore, his Honor Judge Winchester, the Judge of the County Court of the County of York, be requested to make a full investigation of all matters concerning the letting of any of the contracts, whether for the purchase of supplies, material or work, by the Board of Education, and also all matters concerning the purchase of any property or properties, and to make a full investigation of all matters relating in any way to, or arising thereout and connected therewith; and that his Honor Judge Winchester be further requested to report, pursuant to the Statute, the result of such investigation or inquiry, and the evidence taken thereon, at the earliest possible moment; and that the Board of Control be authorized to provide Counsel for such investigation and inquiry, and arrange for a stenographic report of the proceedings."

I was unable to take the matter up until I had completed my report in the Levee Inquiry, and immediately upon its conclusion I obtained the books and contracts from the Superintendent of Buildings, but was again interfered with by reason of inquiries I was directed to make into matters connected with the Board of Works and Waterworks of the City of Toronto, and my regular Court duties. In the meantime, however, I instructed Messrs. C. Doughty and H. Johnson to inspect a number of the heating plants installed in the schools, and subsequently I instructed Professor R. W. Angus to inspect a number of the ventilating plants installed in the schools, and while they were making these inspections I proceeded to investigate the various accounts of the Department.

On the 17th day of June, 1912 I was prepared to proceed with the inquiry, having obtained the reports of Messrs. Doughty and Johnson with respect to the radiation in the different schools, and on that day I was attended by Mr. H. L. Drayton, K.C., Counsel for the City of Toronto, Mr. F. E. Hodgins, K.C., Counsel for the Board of Education, and Mr. M. K. Cowan, K.C., Counsel for the