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REPORT OF HIS HONOR THE COUNTY JUDGE IN RELATION TO THE
Municipal Department WATER WORKS INTAKE, AND THE WORK AND ACCOUNTS IN
CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Toronto, December 9th, 1912.

H. C. Hocken, Esq., Mayor of the City of Toronto:

Sir,—I have the honor to present the report of my investigation into the Water Works Intake repairs accounts. On the 20th February, 1912, I received a copy of the following resolution, adopted by the City Council at its meeting held on the 19th February:

"Pursuant to the instructions of Council the Board have given further consideration to the clause embodied in Report No. 2 of the Board *re* Water Works Intake Judicial Investigation, and herewith again submit the same to Council for adoption, *viz.*:

"The Board recommend that whereas statements have been made that indicate serious irregularities in connection with the wages paid to persons engaged upon repairs to the Water Works Intake, while the Lesslie Contracting Company were in charge of this work, particularly that amounts in excess of rates arranged for have been paid, the County Judge be requested to investigate such statements, and for that purpose to examine witnesses in relation thereto and report the result of his investigation therein to the City Council.

"And also, that His Honor the County Judge be requested to examine the City's diver, Mr. Margerison, in connection with the present condition of the Water Works Intake in order that a full inquiry under oath may be made relative to the matter to ascertain exactly the true state of affairs so far as the Intake is concerned."

On the 12th March, 1912, I received a letter from the City Clerk, stating that the Board of Control, at its meeting on March 11th, had granted permission to Controller Foster to present to me for consideration and investigation a number of accounts paid by the City in connection with expenditures on repairs to the Water Works Intake.

Subsequently, on the 28th of May, 1912, I received a copy of a resolution, adopted by the City Council at its meeting on the 27th of May, as follows:

"Whereas by resolution of Council, passed on the 19th day of February, 1912, certain alleged irregularities in connection with wages paid to persons engaged upon repairs to the Water Works Intake while the Lesslie Contracting Company were in charge of this work, and other matters therein referred to, were referred to His Honor, Judge Winchester, under the authority of Section 324 of the Consolidated Municipal Act, to investigate the facts and circumstances in connection therewith;