

TO HIS HONOR THE LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF NOVA SCOTIA IN COUNCIL:

*The Memorial of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Halifax:*

Respectfully sheweth as follows:

1. In pursuance of the provisions of the Act respecting Public Charities, passed at the last Session of the Legislature, and of an agreement entered into on the 30th of June last, between the City of Halifax and the Crown, the Provincial and City Hospital, and the lands connected therewith, became vested in Her Majesty, subject to the control of the Honorable the Commissioner of Works and Mines. The said property was, prior to the said last mentioned date, the property of the City of Halifax. The Hospital building had originally cost the City \$38,000; almost \$15,000 more had since been expended from civic funds in furniture and permanent improvements; and the grounds, comprising almost nine acres, were worth in addition about \$30,000.

2. In entering into the agreement of the 30th of June last, your memorialists did not not, nor as they believe, did the executive council intend that the said property should become vested in the crown without compensation, the said agreement having been entered into under the impression either that the arbitrators mentioned in the Act referred to, would award the City compensation, or that it would be a matter of subsequent arrangement with the Government.

3. The said arbitrators refused to award any compensation to the City for the property so taken upon the ground (as your memorialists are informed), that under the said Act they had no authority to do so, and the City is now in the position of having lost a large amount of valuable property, through the action of the Legislature and Crown, without any compensation.

4. Your memorialists respectfully submit that the right of the City to be paid for such property cannot in equity be denied, and they earnestly pray that your Honor may take such steps as will result in justice being done to the citizens of Halifax.

5. Your Memorialists beg also to call the attention of your Government to what they believe to be an unintentional injustice done the City of Halifax by the provisions of Section 9 of the Act. The Asylum therein referred to cost the Province the sum of \$60,000, and the city the sum of \$50,000, and the division of the insurance thereon should have been made in the same proportion, entitling the city to be credited the further sum of \$5,722 in any account which the Province may have against it.

6. Your Memorialists feel aggrieved by the award made by the Arbitrators under the said Act, in respect to the claim of the late Board of Charities against the City of Halifax, inasmuch as (a) the city received no proper credit for the annual interest of the Murdoch bequest, and (b) the city was charged in the account rendered, a sum largely in excess of one-third of the "annual expense" of the Hospital, and did not in such account receive credit for the interest annually paid upon its original cost.

7. Your Memorialists beg respectfully to refer to the resolutions, reports and papers produced with this memorial.

Your Memorialists therefore pray:

(1.) That proper compensation, (which they fix at \$83,000), be made to the City of Halifax, for the said Hospital and grounds.

(2.) That the Province allow the City its equitable proportion of the insurance moneys above referred to.

(3.) That the Government allow its claim, as successor of the late Board of Charities against the City of Halifax, to be litigated in the Supreme Court, without reference to the said award.

(4.) And that proper provision be hereafter made for the protection of the interests of the City of Halifax in the Murdoch bequest, so that the intentions of the donor may be carried into effect.

And your Memorialists will ever pray, &c.