

# New City Library Plans To Be Submitted In Month

Plans for the city's long proposed Halifax Memorial Library, to be located in Grafton Park, will be submitted to the Library Committee and then to a special session of City Council within the next month, Mayor J. E. Ahern said today.

The modern building, expected to cost in excess of \$300,000, will have a top capacity for 90,000 books, replacing the present Civic Library in City Hall, which has about 40,000 books jammed and stacked in small quarters.

Some of the details of the plans for the structure have been released by Leslie R. Fairn, F. R. A. I. C., the architect.

The library plans call for a struc-

tural steel brick-back-stone-faced building to be centred in Grafton Park fronting on the intersection of Spring Garden Road and Grafton Street.

The present corner of the intersection will be rounded off, but only trees to be removed from the Park will be those where the building will stand. Mayor Ahern emphasized that the trees and benches around the building would not be disturbed.

Front section of the building will be 110 feet long and 50 feet in width, and the rear wing which will house the main circulating library will be 60 feet long.

The main section of the library will be entered from a vestibule and hall leading from the main entrance. To the right will be the reference library and to the left the children's department, each separated sections but entered from the main library.

A separate entrance from outside is also planned for the children's department.

On the second floor, above the reference library, plans call for an art display and lecture room with an adjoining board room. On the opposite side will be located a children's story room and a visual education and music room.

Shelving in the three library sections will be modern in design and built into the walls.

A memorial hall and balcony will overlook the main section of the library from the second floor.

On a floor beneath the main section of the library, reached by stairs located in the library, will be an open stack room, for books requested but not in popular demand.

A lower floor, on the basement level, will house other books and an "assembly line" for incoming books, cataloguing and labelling.

Also on the basement level, plans call for a section which may be made available for possible future headquarters of the provincial regional libraries or for other uses.

Mayor Ahern indicated tenders would be called for construction of the Memorial Library within a short time after plans are approved by the Library Committee and City Council, and borrowing has been authorized by the provincial Department of Municipal Affairs.

Members of the Library Committee are Mayor J. E. Ahern, Deputy Mayor J. E. Lloyd, Ald. J. H. Breen, Ald. Ralph Sullivan, Mrs. H. H. Marshall and Mrs. S. L. Gibson.