

## FAVOR NEW SITE FOR A HOSPITAL.

City Council Appoints Special Committee to Consider This Important Question at Once.

No Objection to Appointment of Firemen—Question Asked re Police Reorganization.

By a vote of 12 to 6 the City Council last night struck out the clause in the Finance Committee's report, which recommended that the present isolation buildings be enlarged at a cost of from \$8,000 to \$10,000 and appointed a special committee to select a new site for a general hospital. Two years ago the ratepayers voted \$75,000 to build a new isolation hospital, and the Board of Health has worked energetically to have it erected. There has been such a strong opposition, however, particularly from the medical fraternity, to taking the isolation buildings off the hospital grounds,

that nothing was ever done. The recent scarlet fever outbreak, which taxed the capacity of the old isolation buildings, brought the matter to a climax. The Board of Health took a determined stand, expressing itself opposed to spending any more money on the present hospital grounds, and requesting that the council furnish the funds for a new isolation hospital. This the Finance Committee refused to do.

Its recommendation to the Council was as follows:

"The question of increased accommodation for contagious diseases was fully considered, and the committee recommends that the present isolation wards at the City Hospital be enlarged, as a probable cost of \$8,000 to \$10,000, so as to give the necessary accommodation." Ald. Lee, seconded by Ald. Cooper, moved in amendment that the words "when funds are provided for the purpose," be added. As the clause stood it was out of order, and this would permit of a by-law being introduced for the purpose of issuing debentures. Ald. Farmer, seconded by Ald. Allan, moved another amendment, that the clause be struck out and a special committee appointed to select a new site. Ald. Farmer said his idea was to get a site for a general hospital and place any new buildings on it at once. Last year he thought the same as did Ald. Lewis, that the hospital grounds were no place for the Southern Home for Consumptives, but because of the opposition he advanced before action was taken, he supported the Southern Home going there. He thought it was time now to stop and make some provision for the future.

Ald. Lewis spoke strongly in favor of enlarging the present buildings, pointing out that it would probably provide accommodation for another ten years. The building of a new hospital would entail a large expenditure for operation and maintenance. There would also be difficulty in getting nurses, and a separate staff would have to be appointed. The doctors of the hospital and the Hospital Board were practically a unit in desiring to retain the isolation buildings on the hospital grounds.

Ald. Sweeney strongly championed Ald. Farmer's amendment, and Ald. Orrer also appealed to the aldermen to appoint a special committee to look after a new site for a general hospital, irrespective of what action might be taken in the present matter. A site now could be purchased at a saving of fifty per cent. over what one would cost in a few years. Ald. Wright also urged his colleagues not to spend any more money on the present hospital grounds. What was the use of having a Board of Health if its recommendations were not acted upon? Should not the Council plan and much importance on the Medical Health Officer's views as on what any other doctor might say? The reason the doctors were unanimous in desiring to have the hospital maintained on the present site was because it was convenient for them to have it there.

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Mr. Frank Seidemann, the great war correspondent, who sent many of the Canadian despatches during the late Boer war, owes his health to Zam-Buk. He has passed unscathed through twenty-nine battles, but a scratch which turned to blood-poisoning nearly ended his days. Zam-Buk saved him and he writes as follows:

"I have proved Zam-Buk such a blessing that I want others to know of its merits. The poisonous dye in some underclothing I was wearing got into a scratch I had sustained and blood-poisoning set up. Inflammation was followed by great pain and swelling, and then ulcers broke out on my legs. For some time I could not walk a few steps, nor even put my feet to the ground. On my left leg below the knee I had seven ulcers which caused holes into which I could put my thumb. Medical treatment failed to relieve, however, remedies were applied in vain. Week followed week and I gradually got worse, until I was worn out with pain and lack of sleep. On the advice of a friend I obtained some Zam-Buk and left off everything else. I put it on and it seemed to give me almost instant relief from the pain, and in a few days I noticed that it was healing the ulcers. This was cheering indeed, and gladly I persevered with the Zam-Buk treatment. Bit by bit the poisonous matter was drawn out. The ulcers were healed, and new healthy skin grew over the previously diseased places. I am now quite cured and in gratitude I mention these facts that other sufferers from skin disease may know of something which will cure them."

Zam-Buk is a sure cure for eczema, ringworm, ulcers, abscesses, piles, leg, suppurating wounds, cuts, burns, bruises, chapped hands, and cold cracks, and all skin injuries and diseases. All druggists and stores sell at fifty cents or post free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, upon receipt of price.

of Refuge and Home for Incurables at a cost of \$447.77 was accepted.

BOARD OF WORKS.

The Board of Works report, which contained the following clauses, was adopted:

That the tender of Thomas Hixson for painting the High Level bridge with two coats of paint for the sum of \$880 be accepted.

That a by-law be introduced providing the erection of advertising signs on telephone, telegraph, electric light and power poles throughout the city.

That the usual by-law be given for the construction of the following cement walks as local improvements, 60 per cent. of the cost thereof to be borne by the city:

King street, south and east side, from Sydney street to Paradise road. Estimated cost \$1,904.

Burlington street, north side, from Wellington street to Ferguson avenue. Estimated cost \$495.

Sophia street, west side, from King street to Head street. Estimated cost \$378.

NEED MORE MONEY.

Further Estimated Expenditure Presented.

Four Hundred Thousand Dollars For Ensuing Financial Year.

Toronto, March 30.—The Provincial Treasurer laid on the table of the Legislature yesterday supplementary estimates for the ten months which constitute the ensuing financial year, and also the main estimates for the year following, ending October 31st, 1910. The supplementary estimates call for an additional expenditure of \$417,917.06, making a total estimated expenditure for the ensuing financial year of \$7,361,378.21. Among the principal items of interest is the vote asked for in connection with the establishment of the new Provincial police force, there being set aside for the chief of Provincial police for seven months \$1,166.67, with \$750 as travelling expenses, presumably in connection with organization work. For the Treasury Department \$1,966.67 is put down for the railway auditor. Under the head of administration of justice \$1,250 for assistance to the Crown Attorney for Toronto, and constables at Gough and Cochrane \$1,105. For assisting public and separate schools in new districts \$4,000 is asked, and for high schools examinations in the same districts \$2,500. Technical education calls for \$11,600, divided as follows: Hamilton, \$3,000; Sault Ste. Marie, \$5,000; and agricultural department of high schools, \$3,600. Under the head of public institutions maintenance the Mercer Reformatory gets \$3,450. The Agricultural College is given \$5,333; agricultural societies, \$7,000; expenses of local representatives, \$2,000; and the number of smaller items, make up the total additional grant for agriculture to \$16,500. The King Edward Sanatorium gets a grant of \$4,000. Public buildings get the large appropriation of \$18,573, the biggest item being \$150,000 for the purchase of land and erection of buildings for the new Central Prison. The sum of \$25,000 will be spent on erecting the Kenora Court House. The other items are for buildings and repairs to various public buildings.

The item which will interest New Ontario most is the appropriations of \$50,000 for a road from Charlton to Gough. On other colonization roads \$8,310 will be spent, and other public works of minor importance will absorb \$17,200. In the Crown Lands Department figures ranging will cost \$35,000, forest reserves \$10,000 and additional mining recorders \$3,000.

A conditional grant of \$15,000 for the Hawkesbury bridge and the first annual payment of \$20,000 to the Kingston Mining School complete the important expenditures.

The main estimates for 1909-10 call for \$8,508,064.

Of this sum \$265,000 is on capital account in connection with public buildings. It may be pointed out that the contemplated expenditure for 1910 is two millions less than the total expenditure for last year, but, as was forecasted in the Provincial Treasurer's budget speech, the estimates only include such items as the Government can be reasonably certain about. In view of what has occurred in past years it may be expected that at least a million or a million and a half dollars will be added in the further supplementaries.

After lying in a semi-conscious condition for nearly five days, Mrs. Della Maddocks, of 225 Palmerston avenue, Toronto, succumbed to ptomaine poisoning shortly after 10 o'clock last night.

## FOR NAVAL SUPREMACY.

Hopeless to Expect Cessation of Warship Building.

Parliament, by Party Vote, Rejects Resolution of Censure.

Von Buelow on British-German Friendly Relations.

London, March 29.—By a strict party vote of 353 to 135 the House of Commons to-night refused to express lack of confidence in the Government's naval policy. The motion on which to-day's notable debate hinged was proposed by Arthur Hamilton Lee, Conservative member of the House from Hants. It set forth "that in the opinion of this House the declared policy of his Majesty's Government respecting the immediate provision for battleships of the newest type does not sufficiently secure the safety of the empire."

The result of the vote on the question was expected, but the debate preceding it was one of the most momentous the House has listened to for years. The assembly of diplomats and Peers testified to its international as well as domestic importance. The leaders of both sides took part in the debate, and in addition Sir Edward Grey, Foreign Secretary; Mr. Reginald McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, and Mr. Alfred Lyttelton, Mr. Balfour and Mr. Lee accused the Cabinet of incompetence, and demanded that eight Dreadnoughts be laid down immediately. Mr. Asquith and Sir Edward Grey reproached their opponents for making a party question of the most vital matter of the country's foreign relations.

RACE FOR ARMAMENTS.

Sir Edward Grey's speech was the most notable contribution, because of its remarkable candor. He dwelt on the diplomatic aspects of the British-German rivalry, and the hopelessness of expecting any cessation of the race for armaments, and he predicted eventually European bankruptcy if it continued. He did not attempt to minimize the seriousness of the situation created for Great Britain by the German naval programme. He declared it meant that when Germany had completed this programme she would have thirty-three Dreadnoughts, the most powerful fleet the world had ever seen, imposing upon Great Britain the necessity of rebuilding her fleet entirely.

At the same time Sir Edward told the House more into his confidence than other members of the Cabinet are in the habit of doing. He outlined the steps already taken by the Admiralty to secure increased plants capable of coping with any acceleration in warship building, that the situation might demand. He assured the House that the Government had taken adequate steps to place British capabilities of construction beyond doubt.

There was apprehension in Germany that Great Britain was preparing to attack her. This he characterized as "a wild and absurd idea." He did not consider it a cause for complaint that Germany had not entered into an arrangement with Great Britain, as one could be proposed only on the basis of a superior British navy, which would be a difficult thing for the German Government to put before its people.

"The Germans," said the Secretary, "view their programme as one made for their own needs, and one which has no reference to other countries. Their idea is that if we built fifty Dreadnoughts or a hundred they would not build more than the number already decided upon, and if we ceased to build altogether they would not build one less. We have no difficulty in accepting that view without saying frankly that our view of our naval needs is that our expenditure is and must be dependent upon German expenditure. It is essential that we keep our navy in a superior position. If I would most treasure up as well regard to the prospects of peace it would be that the naval expenditure of Germany is being diminished and that ours is following suit."

Germany has given verbal but explicit assurances, continued Sir Edward, that she did not intend to accelerate her naval programme, and would have only thirteen Dreadnoughts by the end of 1912. The British Government had accepted these assurances, but was informed that the programme would be in the trial stage six months earlier, according to the German custom, capable of being put into commission. Moreover, changes in the European situation might lead to a change in the German programme. He did not believe the British Government ordering eight ships immediately as they would not be completed any sooner than four were withheld. Some time