

CITY COUNCIL DID NOT STRIKE RATE AT 23½ MILLS

Aldermen Hope That They'll Be Able to Make It Lower.

The Board of Education Will Be Asked to Assist.

Funds Wanted for Extensions of Mains May Be Procured in Regular Way.

In the hope that the estimates for the year might be still further pared and that other arrangements might be made to enable the tax rate to be placed at 23 mills on the dollar, the city council last night deferred the striking of the rate until the next regular meeting, or until a special meeting to be called when matters are in a more satisfactory condition than they are at present. When the aldermen came together last night a rate of 23½ mills stared them in the face, if no reductions were made beyond those effected by the finance committee at the two star chamber meetings held last week, and as this did not suit any of the twelve, a postponement of the striking of the rate until every effort to bring down the expenditure was resorted to, as has been the case on all hands. Such a step was unexpected in some quarters at least, but it was nevertheless none the less welcome. The aldermen want to make as good a showing as last year, or better, if possible, and in the next few days the board of education may be asked to do a little whittling—to knock off the \$4,000 additional which it is asking for

this year, or more if it is so inclined. The finance committee had means of keeping the rate up to 23½ mills, and a strong pull will be made to have it struck off. However, it entirely rests with the school board, for the council has no power to pare its figures. Another item which stands in the way of a lower tax rate is the \$10,000 or more required by the water commissioners for main and service extension, and as this is generally met by debentures, the commissioners will be waited upon and asked to have the outlay defrayed in the usual way, the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council having the authority to grant such a request without its having to go through the house. With these two sums struck off, the way of the council would be very much clearer.

The postponement came about in this way. The finance committee had submitted a portion of its report, and a clause was under consideration recommending that the salary of Dr. Hutchinson, medical health officer, be placed at \$1,000, as favored by the board of health. The recommendation met with opposition, and when an amendment placing the salary at \$1,200 was put and defeated, the mayor introduced the proposition to defer further action on the salaries and estimates in the hope that more paring may be done. That ended the meeting, after several of the aldermen had made themselves heard.

FOR SWEET CHARITY'S SAKE.

The reports of the several committees were heavy, and none escaped without some criticism or alteration. That of the finance committee contained a matter of which the aldermen were heard—namely, the granting of an increased sum to the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Protestant Orphans' Home, the amounts set respectively at \$100 and \$50 respectively over last year, and placing them at \$300 and \$400. The recommendation went through, with the following amounts for the other city

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Weakness of the Back?

Pains and Aches in the Region of the Kidneys?

Irregularity of Bowel or Kidney Action?

Feverishness? Chilly Sensations?

Puffiness Under the Eyes?

Brick-Dust Deposit or Cloudiness of Urine?

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some bearing on the estimates and tax rate, it was referred back to the committee.

BUYING FIRE ENGINES.

The purchase of steam fire and chemical engines was practically concluded when the council accepted the recommendation of the fire and light committee, decided to accept the tender of the Canadian Fire Engine Company.

For a standard chemical fire engine, \$4,600 for a straight frame steam fire engine, and \$5,100 for a range neck steam fire engine.

The committee's recommendation included a proviso that the engines are not to be purchased unless the debentures for the same are granted by the Legislature in the style to be purchased is to be decided at a later date.

When the tender was received, the only other engine firm in Canada was the Waterloo Company, of Brantford, and they were so busy that they could not tender. When told the prices of the Canadian Company's tender, their representative advised some of the aldermen that the prices were \$500 better than they could have done.

Ald. Matthews pointed out, by buying from the Canadian Company, the council would be patronizing a local industry, and the fact of the few that were not in the trade.

The council agreed that before the engines were accepted they should be submitted to a thorough test by Mr. Robert Angus, a local expert and chancery, and the chief of the fire department. The company are willing that such a test should be made. They are anxious that the engines be submitted to the most severe trials before the city takes them over.

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street cars?" asked Ald. Stevenson.

The mayor replied that the engineer was doing what he could to have them placed on the cars.

Ald. Gerry introduced a motion to have \$200 placed at the disposal of the manufacturers' committee, but he was told by Ald. Judd that the appropriation for the committee had been considered and was fixed at \$100. It had to be pared with the rest of the appropriations.

"SIMPLY JUSTICE."

Ald. Matthews offered a motion that as part of the city formerly known as No. 5 ward had no resident representative, the board of works and the engineer be requested not to overlook its needs in the matter of road and other improvements. This was not ward politics, the mayor assured the mayor. It was simply justice.

Ald. Forsyth seconded, and said that when walks were laid under the old system the east end of the city never got one, but now that the new plan of paying for them was introduced the ward was not being totally neglected. Still there was room for plenty of work on the streets.

The motion was ruled out of order, as notice of it had to be given.

Ald. Gerry's motion to reconsider the application of Alex. Harvey for the transfer of a part of Talbot street north, was lost, not receiving a two-thirds vote of the council.

GOT SLIGHTLY MIXED.

Ald. Matthews gave notice of motion to erect a fire hall in the north end, but in doing so he got slightly mixed up much to the amusement of the other aldermen. He finally got the matter straightened out as he wanted it, which was in the form of the motion given. Ald. Matthews holds that after the nurses' home is erected and the extensions are made at the central fire hall, there will be enough left out of the \$50,000 debentures to be issued to pay for the fire hall.

Lastly, Ald. Matthews wants the council to have the Lake Erie and Detroit River road deliver twelve carloads of clean beach sand for use in the city parks.

All of the city aldermen were present at the meeting, together with the mayor, city clerk and sergeant-at-arms.

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Thirty-Third Annual Report of The Mutual Life of Canada

As Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Company Held at Its Head Office, Waterloo, Ontario, Thursday, March 5, 1903.

The directors have pleasure in submitting their report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902, with the financial statement duly audited.

The business of the year was very satisfactory in all respects. New insurances were issued under 3,011 policies for \$4,527,878, all of which were written in Canada, excepting 14 policies for \$22,460. The whole amount of insurance in force is now \$34,467,420 under 23,621 policies, being an increase of \$2,754,389 for the year. The death rate was very light, and much below the expectation, while the lapses, surrenders and other terminations were less than in 1901.

INCOME.—The net premium income was \$1,111,897 41; interest and rents, \$275,507 03; annuities, \$1,056; profit and loss, \$2,637 81; total income, \$1,391,098 25, being an increase of \$112,127 over 1901.

DISBURSEMENTS.—The payments to policyholders for death claims, endowments, annuities and surrender values were \$405,506 44; for surplus, \$77,843 79; total, \$483,350 23. All other payments were \$248,956 13, including expenses, taxes, etc. The total disbursements were \$732,306 36 and the excess of income over disbursements was \$658,791 93.

ASSETS.—The cash assets now amount to \$6,693,333 54, and the total assets are \$6,459,780 08, an increase for the year of \$701,957 91.

LIABILITIES.—The total liabilities are \$5,960,629 84, including the reserve for the security of policyholders, \$5,925,443 97, computed on the company's standard 4 per cent and 3½ per cent.

SURPLUS.—On the company's standard of valuation the surplus is \$498,150 24, and on the Government standard \$738,256 14. The increase in surplus is \$119,173 71.

NEW RESERVE STANDARD.—For some years past the earning power of money has gradually but steadily decreased. Recognizing the importance of making the most ample provision for the fulfillment of our contracts, your directors decided to place all new business issued from and after Jan. 1, 1903, upon a 3 per cent basis of valuation, which has been adopted by many leading companies, both native and foreign.

The manager, officers and staff have discharged their duties to the satisfaction of the board, and in the best interests of the company. The agents continue to merit the commendation of the directors and policyholders, for their loyalty and