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EXERCISE AT CITY HALL OVER
THE CIVIC BUDGET.Pruning the Budget—Where the
Money Goes—Cutting Down the Interest
—Low Costs Come—High-Reduced Ac-
cession—Street Pavements—Preparing
for Next Year's Budgeting—Visitors—
Daily With Island Waterworks.The civic budget is always looked
forward to with interest by the tax-
payers of Toronto, and this year it
was awaited with some impatience.
The Mayor's annual speech, which
had aroused strong hopes in the
breasts of many of the citizens that
their burdens would be lighter this
year, and that hopelessness in many
instances guided the hands that mark-
ed their ballots in January last. The
announcement made by the Treasurer
that the estimates as prepared and
furnished to him by the various com-
missioners of the City Council and the
School, Police and Library Boards,
called for an expenditure which would
necessitate the raising of a tax of
a sum of \$85,000 in excess of the amount
which last year's estimates asked for
has caused public attention to be turned
towards the Budget with some vigor-
ous pruning will be necessary
in order to bring the rate down
even to the same rate as last year, in
view of the reduced assessment this
year.

Where the Money Goes.

An analysis of the purposes for
which the money was required shows
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debt; 4.14 mill for educational
purposes; 2.13 mill for police, jail and
administration of justice, and about
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7 mills which are spent by re-
presentative bodies, the council has no
control whatever under the existing
law, and it is this fact which renders
its duty the more arduous when the
pruning process commences, in order to
reduce the taxation this year to the
bearable limit of 16.14 mill one and
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and Police Commissioners co-
operate in the work of cutting down
expenses, practically the whole of the
reduction must be taken off the three
and seven-eighths mill over which the
council has exclusive jurisdiction.

Cost of Education.

The expenditure for the Public
Schools of Toronto continues very
large, having increased from \$200,000
in 1887 to \$438,000 in 1895, an increase
of 115 per cent. in the decade. The
High School expenditure also shows
large growth during the same period,
the increase being upward of 400 per
cent. The above figures refer only to
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charges on account of the system.
The cost of the year's school ex-
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The Local Board.

The burden which bears most heavily
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annual charge for local improvement
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an amount equal to a general rate of
1.34 mill on the whole assessment of
the city. In many of the wards, how-
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with the terms of engagement, divided
as an honorarium between members
of the City Solicitor's staff. The city
therefore, is to pay \$17,816.37 for its
verdict. The last has not been heard
of the matter, as some members of
the council, in an enquiring turn of
mind intend taking steps to ascertain how
the city expenses became so high. In
this connection the Mayor yesterday
received the following letter:Dear Mr. Mayor:—I admire your
good work this year amongst those
who have been looking on. The
lawyers' fees are a revelation
to the public. Mr. Caswell thinks
he is in a garden, but I think he is
in a big snarl. He has been grabbing all
in sight.The last of the outside work of as-
sessment will be completed to-day, and
some of the assessors have already started
work in No. 2 Ward. The assessors' staff
is now engaged on the work of writing
up the books, which will not be com-
pleted until June 1st. The assessors
indeed, from present appearance, the
office staff will be unable to get the
books ready for the council's meeting
on June 1st. There are about 8000 assess-
ments in No. 1 Ward, and the assessors
have covered the ground in 14 working
days, an average of about 100 assess-
ments per man daily. The assess-
ment could not be completed
yesterday, what the probable reduction
in the assessment would be, but the
figures placed at about 15 per cent.
on the total assessment for the ward.
The assessors are now engaged on the
work of writing up the books, which
will not be completed until June 1st.
The population appears to be about
250,000.

Prepare for the Visitors.

The year 1897 will be a memorable
one in Toronto's history as a great
city. The centennial year of the
foremost scientific body in the
world, the British Association for the
Advancement of Science, will hold its
annual meeting in this city. A large
number of visitors from all parts of the
world will be in attendance. The
celebration of the discovery of America,
the 300th anniversary of the discovery,
comes the importance of the occasion,
and a Dominion Exhibition is also to
be held in this city. The city is pre-
pared to receive a large number of
visitors to the city, and the desire of
the city is to make a good impression
upon the strangers who may sojourn
with us. If Toronto is to appear be