

# CURTAIN RINGS DOWN ON CITY COUNCIL FOR 1920

### Reports Justify Increase of Gas Company's Rates — Township Appeal for Sewer Connections Fails Again — Authorize Expenditure on Civic Works to Provide Employment.

The city council of 1920 held its final business session yesterday and put through its last resolutions. They will meet after the election merely for the post-mortem, before the new council takes charge. There will be four new faces among the aldermen after the election, as two are running for the board of control and two are dropping out.

Council yesterday authorized an addition of 150 men to the police force, and called for an investigation of the Ingenook farm situation. The grant of \$50,000 for relief was approved, as well as the grant of \$150,000 to the sanitarium for consumptives at Gravenhurst.

**Report on Gas Rate.**  
Ald. Burgess, who has been on the trail of the Consumers' Gas Company, again failed to get through a motion calling for a report on the operations of the company by an expert, with particular reference to its facilities for economic production and for the profitable manufacture of by-products.

The report of the finance commissioner and the city auditor, justifying the increase of rates which the company is demanding, had been laid on the table, but the aldermen were not made aware of its presence. The report was substantially the same as previous reports on the gas company by city officials. The report endorsed the contention of the company that it should have an opportunity to rebuild its reserve fund, mentioned in the increase of coal as a reason for the rate increase, and declared that the five per cent. deduction from profits for the renewal fund was not sufficient for maintenance.

The board of control was criticized by aldermen for authorizing an audit by an independent accountant some time ago without consulting council. Ald. Blackburn said he would refuse in future to be a rubber stamp for the board of control. He referred to the appointment of Henry Barber to make an audit at a cost of from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Mr. Barber is now preparing his report.

Ald. Burgess' motion to put an expert gas man on the job was lost on a vote as follows: For—Burgess, Cowan, Hiltz, Risk, Winnett, Ryding, Hamilton, Phinmore, Baker and Flewman; against—mayor, Controllers Maguire, Cameron, Gibbons, Ald. Blackburn, Singer, Beamish, Maxwell, Birdsall and Whetter.

**Charges Against Officials.**  
John Berry, who has launched a suit against the city for \$250,000 for an alleged infringement of his patent on a water-purifying process, appeared before council and asked for a hearing. He said, he said, to make a charge against certain city officials.

Controller Cameron said he was never in favor of hushing up charges, but he thought it was only fair that before making his charge openly, Mr. Berry should first lay a copy of his statement on the table. Council went then have something in writing.

Mr. Berry then went out and came back later with a sworn declaration, but announced that he would make his statement before the board of control instead of before council. He then departed for the minutes of council. In all 1228 men enlisted, from the following departments: Police, 153; fire department, 42; parks department, 59; property department, 21; street cleaning department, 205; department of public health, 112; works department, 587; city architect's department, 13; assessment department, 17; legal department, 5; treasury department, 28, and city clerk's department, 6.

On motion of Controller Maguire, and also at the request of railwaymen, council decided to hold the poll for railwaymen this year in Ward 7. It was shown that all but one of the votes cast last

### WHAT THE COUNCIL DID

Authorized an addition of 150 men to the police force.  
Authorized an investigation of the charges against the management of the Ingenook Boys' Farm.  
Appointed a special committee to report on the motion to abolish the social service commission.  
Received a report from the city treasurer and auditor, justifying the proposed increase in the price of gas.  
Approved the appropriation of \$50,000 for the relief of unemployed.

Approved the expenditure by the property and parks departments of \$125,000 on works to give employment to men in need.

Voted \$150,000 for the National Sanitarium for Consumptives at Gravenhurst.

Endorsed the proposal to purchase the water lots between Woodbine avenue and the eastern city limits.

Called for plans and specifications for a new sewer and incineration hospital building to be erected in the jail grounds.

Authorized a day off each week for the firemen after the first of the year.

Appointed a commission of city officials to handle the work resulting from the housing commission, which erected 256 houses.

Year at the railwaymen's poll were from Ward 7.

An appeal was made to council by J. H. Spence, solicitor for York Township, and the township engineer, J. H. Spence, for the right to connect up about twenty township sewers with the city sewer system. The township had been constructed, but the fact that the construction would proceed at once, and give employment to the men, was the basis of the main appeal.

About a month ago the works commissioner selected the best sewer and incineration hospital building, which he recommended to the commissioner, who claimed that the city sewers were already in excess of capacity. At the same time adopted a resolution that no further sewage be accepted from the township. Council took the action.

The board's recommendation that the \$200 granted recently to His Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans of Canada, was rejected, and an extra \$200 was voted to the veterans of Canada.

The recommendation that the transportation commission be empowered to expend \$100,000 on the construction of a road in Ward 7, was referred back.

Ald. Singer said the traffic commissioner had authorized to have several matters. He wondered why the board had interfered in this case.

Controller Cameron explained that it was in the report by mistake. The intention had been to refer the recommendation to the board of control.

The board's recommendation that the permit issued for the establishment of a "dry-cleaning plant in the rear of the Smith street, be canceled, was referred back.

**Recommendations Adopted.**  
The following recommendations of the board of control were adopted by council:

To authorize the architect to prepare plans and specifications of a nurses' home and a building for measles and other communicable diseases to be erected in the jail grounds; to expend \$50,000 for relief of unemployed; to authorize the board of control to pay amounts exceeding the last meeting of council and January 1, 1921.

To authorize a grant of \$150,000 to the National Sanitarium at Gravenhurst, and to authorize one day off each week for firemen, beginning January 1, 1921.

To authorize modification of the Davies estate on the Don Mills road to the north side of the street, and longer if necessary, until the initial local improvements have all been completed, and to authorize one day off each week for firemen, beginning January 1, 1921.

To authorize the city to pay the cost of the construction of a sewer on Hillcrest street, and to authorize the city to pay 12 per cent. and in any one year the surplus to be divided in the same proportion.

**For Relief of Unemployed.**  
The recommendation of the property commissioner that \$25,000 be expended in making repairs to firehalls and other buildings, as a means of helping out the labor situation was approved, and the recommendation that the parks department be authorized to expend \$100,000 on park improvements at this time for the same purpose was also adopted.

The recommendation of the committee on legislation that legislation be applied for to empower the city to prevent the use of an building for any purpose other than that specified in the application for a building permit, was referred back for further consideration.

**Bylaws Passed.**  
The following bylaws were passed: To authorize the construction of an asphalt pavement on Wychwood avenue to the northern city limits; to authorize the city to pay 12 per cent. on Hillcrest drive, from Tyrrel avenue to the north end; to permit the establishment of two taxi stands on the east side of Victoria street; to permit the opening of a garage and repair shop in 1509 St. Clair street; to permit the opening of a garage and repair shop at 412 to 416 Church street; to place the lot at 432 Church street; to place the lot at the north side of Queen street, between Woodbine avenue and the eastern city limits; to authorize the construction of an asphalt pavement on Rushton road, from St. Clair avenue to the northern city limits.

The city treasurer submitted a report on tax collections showing that the taxes collectible in 1920 amounted to \$21,245,311, an increase of \$1,780,654 over the levy for the year 1919, due to increased assessments, and to the rate being 20 per cent. while last year it was 28 1/2 mills. The year was \$18,472,117, or 86 per cent. of the total due, as compared with \$8,100,000 in 1919, being an increase of \$1,722,699, or 89 per cent. over the corresponding figures of last year.

The amounts paid and received in 1920 were: June 4, due \$9,724,982, received \$12,551,517; August 4, due \$2,204,312, received \$1,850,000; October 4, due \$5,312,457, received \$2,837,135.

The sum of \$2,628,384 was collected in 1920 of taxes due in 1919 of the previous years. Taxes now due for two years and over totals \$274,889.

### HANDLING CHRISTMAS PARCELS AT NEW DEPOT

The postal services department in the Union Station is being rapidly fitted up to facilitate the transfer of Station "A" at the corner of Bay and Front streets as soon as possible. The different departments will not be moved in blocks but according as the accommodation is available. Christmas parcels are being handled in the new wing, but no letters.

Postal officials plan the absorption of station "B" in station "A" as soon as it is totally transferred, station "B" having been moved largely into the northeast corner of the new wing.

The Christmas mail this year will be quite as heavy as last year, officials believe, although sales do not warrant it, and in order to take care of the heavy mail about 200 temporary employees have been taken on at 40 cents per hour. As there is no time limit, the employees this year should receive a more substantial wage than heretofore.

### ASPIRANTS GALORE IN CIVIC ELECTIONS

Mayor Has Lone Opponent—Eight Out for Board of Control.

The candidates for civic and board of education honors will start in the big race today when the nominations take place. Heretofore, nominations have been held on December 23, but legislation was passed at the last session giving the city power to pass a by-law fixing the date earlier. The reason for the change is the necessity of having more time for the preparation of the ballots.

The nominations of candidates for mayor and the board of control will be held in the city hall at 10 a.m., while the nominations for aldermen and the board of education will be held in the various wards at noon in the following buildings: Ward 1, Riverdale Collegiate; Ward 2, Winchester School; Ward 3, Wellesley School; Ward 4, Lansdowne School; Ward 5, Harbour View School; Ward 6, Kent School; Ward 7, Annette Street School; Ward 8, Kend Beach School.

There will be candidates galore in the arena. Mayor Church is out for a seventh term, with former Controller Sam McBride as his only opponent.

Ward 1 has the entry into the controller-ship field of A. R. Nesbitt, there are now eight candidates for the board of control as follows: Controller Cameron, James Hamilton, W. J. Gair, A. M. Hiltz, A. D. Nesbitt, H. H. Bull and W. D. Robbins.

Many in Ward One.

The biggest aldermanic contest will be in Ward One, where a large number of candidates are aspiring to fill the vacancy caused by Ald. Hiltz, who is running for the board of control.

Ald. Honeyford, the sitting member, W. A. Summerville, Leut. R. Linton, W. J. Storey, J. Barnett, Thomas Rennick, A. J. Stubbins, J. H. Armstrong, and A. H. W. Carmichael staff will be nominated.

In Ward Two, in addition to Ald. Risk, Beamish and Winnett, there are Messrs. W. J. St. John, and possibly Miss K. F. Hawley.

In Ward Three besides the retiring members, Ald. Burgess, Ald. F. W. Carrigan and Ald. L. A. Hamilton, Messrs. Charles Reid, J. P. Warwick and George Rose are in the field.

In Ward Four, Ald. Cowan and Ald. Singer are again in the running. Mrs. Sidney Small and William Evans and L. Legrow, R. McIntyre is also mentioned.

In Ward Five, Messrs. J. Coughlin, Albert Plenty and A. E. Hacker are contesting matters with the three sitting aldermen: Messrs. Flewman, Blackburn and Phinmore.

Others are: W. H. Jeeves, Earl Hodgson, R. J. Kirk, and J. Bradburn. Ald. Maher is not candidate this year in Ward Seven. Ald. Ryding and Whetter are again coming forward, with Messrs. James Simpson and H. M. Davy also in the running.

Down in Ward Eight, Ald. Baker and Maxwell will run again with Percy England, Harry Ingram, Hector Donners, J. Doggett and another as likely opponents.

**For Separate School.**  
Nominations for the office of separate school trustees will also take place at noon today at the following places: Ward 1, St. Joseph's, 178 Leslie street; Ward 2, St. Paul's School, 405 East Queen street; Ward 3, St. Michael's School, 69 Bond street; Ward 4, St. Patrick's School, St. Patrick street, near Caer Howell; Ward 5, St. Mary's School, 1000 Queen street; Ward 6, St. Helen's School, Brock and College street; Ward 7, St. Cecilia's School, 385 Annette street; Ward 8, St. John's School, 780 Kingston rd.

### FIRST NIGHT AT THEATRES

"Dear Me" Receives Good Welcome at the Princess—"East Is West" Scores at Royal Alexandra—Canadian Screen Features at Loew's Uptown—Good Vaudeville and Pictures at Other Houses.

"East is West" at Royal.  
Helen Sinnott with a wonderfully clever and well-balanced comedienne in a classical manner. Charles Frink with his banjo is exceptionally good. Johnny Muldoon, Paul Franklin and Law Rose have an unusual dancing and singing act. It is unusual in that two of them dance the dancing and one all the dances are really clever. Mortimer MacRae and Gertrude Clegg in a divertic act entitled "The Intruder and the Fish of the Wheel," have an acrobatic comedy, which is very well worth seeing. They almost gave the audience the impression that they had been born sitting on a wheel of some kind. The act is billed as vaudeville's pleasing singer, and most of his material is strictly American. He is very well liked by the audience. His encores were noticeably weak.

Particularly suitable as a film for the week before Xmas is "Little Miss Rebellion," starring Dorothy Gish, which is appearing at the Strand this week. Her versatility will appeal to Strand patrons and the film is a certain cure for the blues. It is screamingly funny, and the end, as in all first-class films, is totally unforeseen. As a duress under restraint, Dorothy romps thru scene after scene to the utter consternation and embarrassment of her funkeys and ladies-in-waiting. She scores a home run in a baseball game and has nerve enough to ride a donkey much against its will. Her revolution causes radical change in the life of this little Grand Duchess of Burgundy, and she escapes to New York with her crown. The film is billed in the end, but gaining something in popularity, it is most precious. "Little Miss Rebellion" will appeal to all people who are still young at heart and eager to forget the monotony of every-day life.

**Powerful Drama at Regent.**  
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**Patrons' Varied Bill.**  
Matinee patrons had a varied bill of popular vaudeville given them at the Pantages yesterday, the leading feature being Doree's Celebrities, a company of seven, who presented a number of operatic selections, all very acceptable, and the picture "The Texas" which is one of the best of the season. It holds the interest through. It tells of a ne'er-do-well, whose wife is a slave to work and who is himself reformed in a very unique way, the process keeping the audience wondering until the very last moment. The picture has an interesting number worked out in song, dance and instrumental music with a surprise at the conclusion. "Where in France" shows some vulgarity which never happened in the trenches. When this is a climactic scene, it is one of the best features on the program. Others who added in the entertainment were Alice Manning in an operatic scene and story; Van and Emerson in novel acrobatic feats, and Manning and Lee in their laughable skit. "After the Kisses" A trip thru the beautiful scenery of the Pyrenees thrown on the screen completed the bill.

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buildings. The electric shovels seen at work in the picture are the largest of their kind ever made. Judging from the interest manifested in the picture by the audiences at the first showings yesterday, these truly-Canadian screen features are welcomed in Toronto. The other photoplays and the beautiful orchestral selections were fitting program companions to "The Wonderful Chance" and "Chippawa."

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