

INAUGURAL MEET OF CITY COUNCIL

Civic Statesmen Get Under Way for Eight-Fifth Year.

SEVENTY MOTIONS

Eight-Hour Day for Civic Employees Approved—Many Elections.

With snappishness as a suggestive flourish, the inaugural meeting of the city council got under way promptly at eleven o'clock yesterday morning. The chamber had been converted into a conservatory by the parks commissioner for the occasion. All of the members of council with the exception of Controller Maguire, who is ill, and Alderman F. M. Johnston, who was called out of town, were there clad in their Sunday best; all wearing a rose in their buttonhole.

Seventy motions were presented, all of which have been outlined in the press from time to time. The motion of Controller McBride, approving the principle of an eight-hour day for civic employees, who are now working longer, was approved. Alderman Ramsden did not vote as he was of the opinion that the matter should first receive the attention of the board of control.

The chairman of committees were elected without any trouble the slate made up by the members of the caucus being carried out to the letter. Alderman Hiltz was elected chairman of the works committee, Alderman Beamish of the parks committee, Alderman Hall of the property committee, and Nesbitt of the legislation committee.

Ald. Ball will move that the works commissioner be requested to take up the matter of improving the service on the Metropolitan Railway with the company, and falling to secure redress that an application be made to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board. Ald. Ball also gave notice of a motion to request the Ontario Government to appoint an officer to equalize the

municipal assessment and to supervise the administration of the Assessment Act.

Alderman Cowan moved the following: That a report from the property commissioner be received as to the cost of installing proper heating, lighting and plumbing in the Queen street fire hall, and from the M. G. H. on the sanitary conditions of the hall; that a purchasing bureau for the city be established and that a contingent fund be established so as to enable the city to take advantage of cash discounts in making purchases, and that the finance commissioner report on the amounts paid to railway companies in demurrage charges during the years of 1916, 1917 and 1918, and the reasons for the delay.

Ald. Winnett moved that the police commissioners exercise a more strict supervision over all public gatherings and other methods of inculcating license as opposed to liberty. Communications were read from: Secretary of the Women's College Hospital, requesting the council to appoint a representative on the board. Dr. John Frazer, protesting against chlorinating of city water. City clerk, giving the figures of assessment.

Sir John Willison, giving information on reconstruction work. Not in Favor. Controllor McBride then took the opportunity to introduce a motion calling for a report from the commissioners embodying their views on the eight-hour day scheme, and the probable additional cost. The motion also placed the council on record as being favorable to the scheme. Alderman Ramsden was not in favor.

Cont. Cameron: There is no doubt that if we adopt the motion we are committed to the system. Ald. Hiltz: It is funny that this motion should be rushed in today.

Cont. McBride: I intend to put my motion thru, despite opposition of some of the members. Controllor Cameron moved that the Dominion Government be asked to apply a portion of the indemnity from Germany to Canada for the benefit of the widows and orphans of soldiers.

Alderman Graham: There is no rush about that motion. It should go to the board of control.

Standing Committees. The committee to strike the standing committees, of which Ald. Hiltz was chairman, presented the following list, which was adopted by council without change.

Committee on Works—Cont. McBride, Ald. Hiltz, F. M. Johnston, Ball, Winnett, Ramsden, F. W. Johnston, Nesbitt, Cowan, Graham, Blackburn, Bardsall, Sykes, Maguire, Whetter, Williamson, Miskelly. Committee on Property—Cont. Cameron, Ald. Hiltz, Honeyford, Ball, Beamish, Ramsden, Mogridge, McMullin, Nesbitt, Graham, Plewman, MacGregor, Bardsall, Ryding, Maher, Baker, Williamson. Committee on Parks—Cont. Robbins, Ald. F. M. Johnston, Honeyford, Winnett, Beamish, F. W. Johnston, Mogridge, Cowan, McMullin, Plewman, Blackburn, Sykes, MacGregor, Ryding, Whetter, Baker, Miskelly. Committee on Legislation—Cont. Maguire, Ald. Hiltz, Ball, Ramsden, Nesbitt, Graham, Bardsall, Ryding, Williamson.

Ten members of council were nominated for the board of directors of the Canadian National Exhibition, with seven to be elected.

The first seven named were elected. Ald. F. M. Johnston, 28 votes; Cont. McBride, 25; Ald. McMullin, 25; Ald. Blackburn, 21; Ald. Ramsden, 20; Ald. Ryding, 19; Ald. Bardsall, 18; Ald. Sykes, 14; Ald. Plewman, 13; Ald. Mogridge, 4.

The seven members of the Victoria Industrial School Board were selected as follows: Ald. Whetter, Baker, Miskelly, Maher, Graham, Winnett and Williamson.

T. W. Banton was appointed member of the public library board. Some of the members were too enthusiastic about the voting for the members of the board of the Toronto Western Hospital, and voted for too many candidates. The result was that the vote had to be taken again.

Aldermen Plewman, Sykes and Graham were nominated and Sykes and Graham were elected.

Controllor McBride was elected as the city's representative on the board of St. Michael's Hospital. The position was formerly held by John O'Neil.

The representatives of the Toronto Art Museum elected are: Whetter, Plewman, Winnett, Ryding and Cameron.

Ald. Ryding was elected a director of the Credit Valley Railway and Ald. Nesbitt a director of the Ontario and Quebec Railway. For the directorship of the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway, the candidates were Ald. F. M. Johnston, Ramsden, Mogridge and

Blackburn. Ald. Ramsden was elected.

Ald. Sykes was elected a director of the northern division of the Grand Trunk. Alderman MacGregor was elected to represent the city during 1919 on the transportation committee.

Cont. Robbins was appointed a director of the Children's Aid Society. Mayor Church was appointed a member of the board of trustees of Massey Hall. Ald. Sykes was chosen as a director of the Toronto Housing Company.

Trustees for the Toronto Hospital for Consumptives were re-elected as follows: Ald. Ball, Beamish, Blackburn, McMullin, Ramsden and Sykes. A bylaw was passed authorizing the city treasurer to borrow \$17,000,000 for the expenditures of the city until such time as the taxes are collected.

The candidates for the board of health were: Cont. Cameron, Ald. McMullin, Cowan, Ryding, Sykes and Mogridge. Those elected were Ald. Cowan, Ryding and McMullin.

The Toronto General Hospital trustees were elected without a vote, as follows: Mayor Church, Ald. Beamish, F. W. Johnston, Winnett and Whetter.

OVER TWO THOUSAND TROOPS NOW EN ROUTE. Two thousand and eighty-five Canadians are now on their way home. The Scotians, carrying 14 officers and 311 other ranks, were expected to dock at St. John last evening, the Metagams, with 40 officers, 3 cadets and 411 other ranks, will probably arrive at St. John today or tomorrow, and the Olympic, which was substituted for the Aquitania on this trip, will arrive at Halifax on the 15th with 39 officers, 47 cadets and 1220 other ranks. A majority of these men will be for Toronto district.

HIGH PRAISE FOR SALVATION ARMY. Lieut.-General Asser, commanding the lines of communication in Northern France, in a letter to the Salvation Army, says: "On behalf of the troops under my command, and for myself, I thank you for all you have done for us for four years. By its understanding of, and sympathy with human nature, the Salvation Army has earned the gratitude of all on the lines of communication."

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Financial Affairs Are Now On a Sound Basis.

CITY'S BONDS WANTED

Mayor Church's Inaugural Address to Council is Optimistic.

That no large capital expenditures, except such as are absolutely necessary, should be undertaken until the city takes over the Toronto Street Railway in 1921, was the principal feature of Mayor Church's inaugural address at the first meeting of the city council yesterday.

"The financial position of the city," the mayor continues, "now rests on a thoroughly sound basis, for at the close of the year, not only were there no bank overdrafts or temporary loans outstanding, but on the contrary the city had to its credit at its bankers in London, New York and Toronto, substantial balances."

"During the past year the city's bonds commanded the highest current market price, and the last sale, being that of the bonds guaranteed by the city on behalf of the Toronto Harbor Commissioners, brought a higher price in the markets than even the premier security, namely, the bonds of the Dominion Government. There were no unnegotiated bonds at the close of the year with the exception of one issue, and it is, therefore, a source of great satisfaction to the citizens and ratepayers of the city, that notwithstanding all the stress and strain which has been experienced in the last four years, the city's credit has not only remained unimpaired, but perhaps has never before stood so high as it does today.

FALLING PRICES

Commodity prices or a few of them at least, are beginning to decline in a decided fashion. Hogs and corn have been prominent in this respect during the past few days, the former selling at the local yards yesterday at an average of about \$1.50 per hundred lower, while corn futures at Chicago have dropped nearly eleven cents a bushel in the past four or five days.

The decline in the price of hogs is traceable to news within the past few days that British purchases of Canadian pork will be discontinued for a time. Corn started to break in Chicago last week, when it became known that the United States Government would permit Argentine corn to be brought into the country in competition with the home-grown article, and the frank declaration of United States food administration officials later that the cost of foodstuffs was undeniably high and that action would be taken by all practical means to bring prices down, has caused somewhat of a panic.

On the Toronto Board of Trade grain prices have reflected the downward movement in Chicago. For example, Manitoba oats are about five cents a bushel below the level of Wednesday of last week, barley (malt) is selling at from 90c to 95c, as compared with 92c to 97c, buckwheat (No. 2) is at \$1.25, as compared with \$1.30, and rye (No. 2) is at \$1.45, as compared with \$1.54.

LESS HOURS, MORE WORK.

Works Commissioner Harris stated yesterday that the inauguration of an eight-hour day for civic employees, instead of a nine-hour day, would not prevent the city competing for municipal contracts with contractors, even though the latter may work some nine or ten hours a day. "I am satisfied that the men will do as much work in eight hours as nine," he said.

POLICE BENEFIT FUND REPRESENTATIVES.

The different divisions of the Toronto police force will be represented by the following constables on the benefit fund. All were elected by acclamation: West Dundas station, P.C. Annis; Claremont street, P.C. Seaton; East Dundas, P.C. Vernon; Belmont street, P.C. Shuttleworth; Cowan avenue, P.C. Parker; Ossington avenue, P.C. Beatty; Pape avenue, P.C. Evans; Keele street, P.C. Estington; Main street, P.C. Collyer; London and Markham, P.C. Ide. Others nominated were: To represent sergeants, Sergeants Dent and Craig; to represent patrol sergeants, P.S. Payne and Langtry; detective headquarters, Detectives Mitchell and W. McConnell. Inspector Reeves was elected by acclamation to represent the inspectors of the force. About fifty members of the force were present at the meeting.

NO MORE FOR SIBERIA.

No more Canadians will be despatched to Siberia. When the force left Vancouver some time ago a number of details were left behind. It is now understood that these will be retained in Canada. There is some mention of the C.S.R.F. being returned in the near future.

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