YEAR'S ESTIMATES OF TORONTO'S COST

Various Departments Prepare Statements Which Will Come Before Board.

SOME INCREASES NOTED

Works, Parks, Property and Health Figures for Twelve Months Computed.

Commissioner of Works Harris gave out his estimates for the year last night. If the figures are not reduced by the board of control and council, he will be authorized to spend $3,354,081. On the maintenance account the commissioner asks for $1,503,698, $180,274 over last year. The increase in snow-cleaning accounts for $104,147, and $8103 for insurance was taken care of previously by the city treasurer's department, so that, after deducting these two amounts, the increase is only $68,024, which, the commissioner points out, is due to increased public services installed during 1914.

The estimate for the maintenance and operation of the civic railways is $241,204, as against $162,617.14 last year. The figures are divided as follows: St. Clair avenue, $81,318; Danforth avenue and Gerrard street, $120,211; Bloor street, $19,710; Scarboro division, $19,965. The Bloor street and Scarboro divisions were not operated during 1914, and account for part of the increase. Against the cost of maintenance and operation there is an estimated credit of receipts amounting to $300,000. It is estimated that $100,000 will be spent on new cars during the year.

Special items authorized for this year, such as sidewalks, pavements, water mains, etc., are estimated at $25,811, and compensation to the extent of $10,000 is to be made to the Schofield-Holden Company and Rickey Bros. in connection with some work done in Ashbridge's Bay.

War Pay to Employes.

Proposed but unauthorized work is estimated to cost $168,544, and war pay for employes of the department who have gone or are going to the front will cost $100,000. Capital expenditure, exclusive of the $100,000 for new cars, totals $1,234,234, made up as follows: Sewer section, $106,400; railway and bridge section, $469,550; waterworks, main extension, $558,824; distribution, $100,000. The estimates will come before the board for consideration at an early date.

Estimates for Parks.

Commissioner of Parks Chambers finished his estimates for the coming year yesterday afternoon. They show an increase of $94,173.66 over last year, the total figures being $640,561. The estimated cost of maintenance is $398,330, as compared with $355,939; $8000 of this amount is accounted for by the supervised playgrounds. There is a decrease in the cost of permanent improvements; the figures for 1914 were $162,421, as against the estimate of $148,927, for this year, $30,000 of which is accounted for by the council's order that Catfish Pond be cleaned out. The supplementary appropriations for relief work in 1914 were $28,025, while for this year they are estimated to be $72,835. A large part of this amount was ordered last year, however. One item in the estimates, which increases the grand total, is particularly noticeable. It will cost the city approximately $5798 to regrade and sod lawns and boulevards destroyed during occupation of grounds by the militia; $6412 was spent on the Humber boulevard last year that has to be charged this year, making the figures in the estimates $18,585.

Civic Departments.

The board of control was busy again yesterday with the estimates of the civic departments. Altogether the property department's estimates for the year have been reduced by about $18,000, $4335 being taken off at yesterday afternoon's session. The estimates as prepared by Commissioner Chisholm totalled $488,365, as against $300,332.41 for last year. The large increase is due, however, to the fact that the civic abattoir was only in operation five months last year, the amount expended during that time being $76,221.94, and it is estimated this this year it will cost $158,606 to operate; $75,000 will be taken out of this amount to provide for the purchase of hides, skins, tallow and offal, on which the city will make a profit by selling.

Local Board of Health.

The estimates of the local board of health came in for a little carving, altho Mayor Church maintained that no reductions should be made in this department if they were going to be detrimental to the health of the citizens. There were a few expenses in connection with the operating of the department that the controllers thought could be clipped without affecting its efficiency, and as a result about $7000 was taken off.

In 1914 the department expended $275,926.25, and this year $322,570 was asked for. Dr. Hastings explained that the increase was largely accounted for by the growth of the work of the department. There are no special increases in salary, only the regular increase to the staff, as provided for in the bylaw being allowed.

Toronto's Fire Losses.

Toronto's fire losses per capita for the year 1913 were $2.25; Hamilton $1.88; Vancouver $4.45; Winnipeg $3.68. The average in the larger American cities is $1.94. These figures were given by City Architect Pearce when addressed the Builders' Exchange.

Masonic Temple.

The Masonic Temple which it is proposed to erect on Spadina road has been blocked for a long time by some of the residents in the locality. The matter will be gone into at Osgoode Hall today.

Hydro-Electric Convention.

All the members of the city council have been appointed delegates to the Hydro-Electric Railway Convetnion, to be held in the council chamber next Wednesday afternoon.

There are 195 civic employes in the first and second contingents.

SPLENDID PROGRAM AT ART GALLERIES

Mrs. W. G. Haynes Arranged Afternoon Entertainment Which Was Enjoyed by Audience.

Mrs. G. Allan Arthurs was hostess at the Women's Art Galleries yesterday afternoon, when one of the best and most varied programs of the season, arranged by Mrs. W. G. Haynes, was enjoyed by a capacity audience.

A rare treat were the vocal numbers of Redferne Hollinshead.

D. Ernest Caldwell contributed a delightful part of the program. The dainty, artistic violin work of Miss Lina Adamson was greatly appreciated. Miss Mary Cathrine Manser contributed two lovely numbers, followed by vocal selections by Miss Nan Gunn, and a piano solo by Miss Rita Haynes, displaying excellent technique in Schergo Opus 39. A few of the guests present who remained for the tea were: Mrs. Mercer, Mrs. Dignum, Mrs. Austin, Lady Willison, Madame Rochereau de la Sabliere, Mesdames Elliott, H. B. Anderson, Murray Jarvis Ball, Victor Lewis, William Wallace, R. H. Greer, Percy Deekle, A. O. Hurst, R. J. Miller, and Mrs. S. Wilson.

BANQUET TONIGHT.

The Canadian Association for the Protection of Birds will be inaugurated at a banquet to be held tonight in the University Alumni Hall, at 724 Bloor street.

Signing the Treaty of Ghent, December 24, 1814

Sunday was celebrated as "Peace Sunday" thruout Canada and the United States, it being 100 years since the treaty was ratified. Delegates: British, on the left—Anthony St. John Baker, William Adams, Henry Goulburn, Admiral Lord Gambier, chief plenipotentiary. American—John Quincy Adams, chief plenipotentiary; Albert Gallatin, Christopher Hughes, James A. Bayard, Henry Clay, Jonathan Russell.

FRENCH ADVANCED IN SEVERAL WAYS

Half Mile of Trenches Additional Captured in Champagne Region.

PROGRESS AT ARRAS

Tide of Battle Turned in Argonne Forest With Occupation of Wood.

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ground in the face of desperate fighting by the Germans. Several isolated actions of great fierceness were fought at close quarters.

Progress Ominous for Enemy.

The progress on the whole northern front, including the heavy artillery actions from the sea to the Oise, which resulted in the dispersal of concentrations of Germans, the blowing up of many caissons, and the destruction of trains, needs only to be continued for a short time to enable the allies to burst thru the German lines at two or three points and force a retirement into Belgium to another standing ground.

The Germans who attempted to carry Tour de Paris by main force were completely overwhelmed.

Progress at a number of points between the Argonne and the Meuse is reported also.

In Alsace the French are also making good progress. The ridge dominating the Sudel farm, a strong position, has been taken and all the ground gained has been tenaciously held.

Bombs Dropped on Freiburg.

French aviators are now flying across the Rhine and dropping bombs freely. The railway station at Freiburg was bombarded and considerable damage inflicted.

In the afternoon official communication of the French war office especial mention is made of the good shooting of the Belgian artillery. It is reported that King Albert's army has been considerably strengthened and is now ready to give a good account of itself.

That the Germans recognize the seriousness of the French progress in the Champagne district is evidenced by the fact that they delivered ten counter-attacks after the French advance yesterday and were repulsed every time.

Fighting in the vine country is under difficult conditions. Positions are easily concealed by the mass of vines and the density of the vineyards. Owing to the importance of attention to these in the spring to ensure a good vintage this year, the French are anxious to clear the Germans out of this region as early as possible, and the indications are for continuous progress.

RAILWAY PURCHASED THRU A SUBSIDIARY?

Special to The Toronto World.

CHICAGO, Feb. 17.—It is understood in financial and railroad circles here that the Canadian Pacific Railway, thru its subsidiary company, the Minneapolis, St. Paul & Saut Ste. Marie Railway, has purchased the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railway.

The Minneapolis & St. Louis operates 1646 miles of railway. It controls the Iowa Central and has $5,917,500 of preferred and $15,370,200 common stock.

HOME GUARD MEETING.

A meeting of the Toronto Home Guards Sharpshooters' Association members has been called to take place tonight in the Labor Temple. A business program is to be presented and it is said some interesting announcements regarding organization will be made.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST INVASION OF BRITAIN

Military Law Reigns in Practically All Coast Cities and Districts.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—Anticipating a possible attempt by the Germans to land troops in England at any time after the war proclamation goes into effect at midnight tonight, military law has superseded the civil in practically all the coast towns and districts.

The government has issued directions that civilians must obey all orders given by the military authorities.

They are warned not to take part in any fighting unless members of a volunteer training corps.

While only the main points of the government order are known here thus far, it is understood that information has been given that the Germans may attempt to land troops upon the coast from a number of ships.

YOUNG OFFICERS GIVEN PROMOTION BY JOFFRE

Veterans of High Rank Replaced by More Active Men.

Canadian Press Despatch.

PARIS, Feb. 17, 11.30 p.m.—General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, continues to carry out his settled policy of weeding out the higher ranks of the army in favor of younger and more active men. Today's appointment list, made public by Gen. Joffre, contains the names of nine generals of division who have been placed on the reserve list and succeeded by men promoted to brigadier-generalships.

W. C. T. U. HONORS ITS LATE BELOVED LEADER

A large audience gathered at Willard Hall yesterday afternoon when the Toronto District of the W.C.T.U. celebrated the home-going of Frances E. Willard, who was among the most noted and best loved woman in America.

An interesting program, consisting of papers by Mrs. Corbett, which was read by Mrs. Toye in the absence of the writer, Mrs. Forfar, Mrs. Woodley and Mrs. Dingman were read. A splendid musical entertainment was also given.

DR. OWEN PARRY SAYS CARRIE DAVIES IS SANE.

Dr. Owen Parry, the jail physician, is the first medical man to pass an opinion on the sanity of Carrie Davies, and in an interview yesterday he gave it as his opinion that the girl was perfectly sane. According to the doctor she is under close observation; she eats and sleeps well and talks freely of the murder. No expert examination of the girl's sanity has yet been made.

AUSTRIAN

"The actions in Bukowina are progressing favorably. The Sereth line has been passed and the Russians have been repulsed as far west as the River Pruth by incessant fighting. We captured yesterday more than 500 prisoners south of Kolomea, where important battles are developing."

"In Russian Poland and Western Galicia the situation is unchanged. Only artillery duels have taken place.

"Violent fighting continues on the Carpathian front. Several Russian day and night attacks against the Austro-German positions have been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy, who lost 300 prisoners."

Rutherford W.C.T.U. will meet in High Park Avenue Methodist Church Wednesday, the 17th, at 3 o'clock.

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RUSSIANS AWAIT GERMAN ADVANCE

Retirement Was Deliberate to Place Enemy at a Disadvantage.

MILLION MEN ENGAGED

Half a Million on Each Side Ready for Tremendous Battle.

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Prussian front. Frost has never been severe enough to turn morasses into trustworthy military roads, which threaten to become impassable. Snow continues to fall and another fortnight will bring steadily increasing warm weather.

The Russians got away just in the nick of time. Instead of having behind them fifty or sixty miles of roadless and impassible territory with an overwhelming foe in front, they just reversed the situation. The Germans have put scores of miles of this terrible ground behind them, and are advancing upon strongly fortified positions defended by adequate numbers of Russians. Their first elemental rush will carry them up to the defences where the Russians are awaiting them. After that, from the Russian point of view, the fun will begin.

The entire strategy of this war on both Russian and France-Belgian-English fronts has been based on the necessity of killing off Germany's best troops before venturing to attack her at home.

Germany doubtless perfectly understands the allies' intention, but she is under the stern necessity of producing evidence of some success somewhere, not for military, but for political position Borzimoff was a forlorn hope for the same purpose. It failed and cannot be repeated.

Terrible Fear in Land.

Germans in Poland have to contend against another of the insuperable forces of nature. Every wounded man likely to return to the fighting line has been evacuated into Germany, and towns held by Germans in Poland now are filled only with soldiers dying of cholera and typhus. Loyal inhabitants have been impressed to attend the sick and dying, and a terible fear lies over the land. It seems like a judgment for that abominable attempt, which I reported on authority at the time, to spread cholera among Rusian troops by leaving behind them when retiring bottles containing cultivations of the most virulent form of cholera vibrian.

The Russians will not advance until the proper moment comes. They steadily continue to fulfil their task of slaughtering the largest possible number of German troops in the cheapest way, patiently awaiting the time when a general advance upon Germany at home can profitably be made.

HON. MARTIN BURRELL OFF TO SAN FRANCISCO

By a Staff Reporter.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, left tonight for San Francisco, to open the Canadian exhibit at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

GOODLY INCREASE IN EXPORTS FOR JANUARY

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of customs, issued today the trade figures for the ten months ending Jan. 31.

There is an increase for the month of January in exports of over three million dollars over exports of January, 1914, or $28,896,721, as against $25,218,887 last year.

OUTLINES FUNCTIONS OF IMPORTANT BRANCH

Commissioner Chisholm Gives Address Before Bureau of Municipal Research.

Commissioner Chisholm of the property department, in an address before the Bureau of Municipal Research yesterday afternoon, outlined the administration policy of his department. "Primarily, the department was to care for public buildings, but we are working under a much broader scope at present," he said.

Toronto has 28 fire halls and 12 police stations, several public halls, and operates the first Canadian civic abattoir, 11 tower clocks; two public baths, in the poorest localities, and these have proved a blessing, and the operating cost is less than 1c per capita of users. Over 134,000 used the baths and over 35,000 used the showers last year. The St. Lawrence Market is justifying its existence.

"Smoke nuisance has occupied a great deal of our attention, and we are planning to get the legislation to aid us in this matter.

"Our civic abattoir will, we are sure, be self-supporting in the near future, and small butchers find it a great accommodation, since the charge for killing cows is only 75c a head, hogs 25c, and sheep 15c, and, if they do the killing, it is 40c, 15c and 10c, respectively. There are three government inspectors on the premises at all times, and local butchers are given every encouragement to slaughter here.

"I am particularly interested in the men's farm, and am sure that reformation can be wrought at this place. The men are not committed to cells here, but allowed freedom of building and grounds."

CAMP SANITATION IMPORTANT BRANCH

"Camp Sanitation" was the subject of an address delivered by Capt. Amyot at Jarvis Street Collegiate last night, before a large gathering of the Military Training Association. After outlining very clearly the various types of diseases prevalent in military camps, and the various methods by which they are spread, Capt. Amyot described the numerous precautions now taken by those in charge of the sanitary arrangements of a modern camp to prevent the spreading of diseases, far more deadly than the shells and bullets of the enemy.

COUNCIL OF SORROW HELD BY TEMPLARS

Death of Late Councillor A. D. Spence Subject of Deep Regret.

In place of the general session of the Good Templars to be held last night a special Council of Sorrow respecting the death of the late Councillor A. D. Spence was held. Mr. Spence was to have presided at the meetings but he died just a week before the first meeting was to have been held.

Rev. W. R. Fletcher, Rev. William Kettlewell, Ref. R. Kroph and W. J. Armstrong conducted the service. The room was draped in mourning as well as the alter, and the chair and picture of the late councilor. Grand Secretary W. M. McMillan and Dominion Councilor J. A. Austin spoke briefly on the life of their late comrade.

The morning and afternoon sessions were taken up by receiving reports from the various committees.

SPRING CLOTHING FOR MEN

Stores that have made their reputation by supplying the needs of smart men find it difficult to maintain their reputation. That does not apply to Hickey's, 97 Yonge street, which always provides the same opportunities. Just now it is offering to smart men about town a select line of men's and young men's spring models designed as its highest-grade suits. These have absolutely all-wool linings with plain or patch pockets, cuff trousers, and are offered at the remarkably low price of $12.50. Hickey's is the store, and every smart man should watch the windows.

SYMPHONY CONCERT MARVELOUS TREAT

Walter Damrosch and Orchestra Had a Triumph and Hall Was Filled.

HOFMANN A WONDER

Rendition of Rubinstein Concerto Brought Continued Applause and Encores.

Walter Damrosch and his New York Symphony had a triumph last night at Massey Hall and Josef Hofmann had a royal reception. The big hall had all it could hold, and the war has evidently made little inroad upon the amusements of the citizens. It was a popular audience, too, and the back of the orchestra was filled with rush patrons, while the floor and galleries had as fine an assembly as the season has produced. Perhaps the fact that it was the only visit of a great outside orchestra may have drawn the crowd, and perhaps it was Mr. Hofmann, who is highly and deservedly popular in Toronto. At any rate everybody was pleased, and the performers as much as anyone.

Mr. Hofman was so much applauded at the end of the Rubinstein concerto that he came out and bowed his acknowledgements three times, and was then called back, and played a "Marche Militaire." But this did not satisfy the rapacious musicians, for they applauded again till he re-appeared three more times, and then they refused to let Mr. Damrosch proceed with the program. The big conductor sat down on a chair and grinned and the applause continued. Finally Mr. Hofmann appeared once more and amid a roar of applause sat down to the piano. It may have been a gentle rebuke, but he played in faultless style the dear old "Turkish Patrol," which all the ladies' school artists know so well.

The program opened with Tschaikowski's Symphony, No. 4. The splendid brass of the orchestra made an instant impression. Such treble plaintissimo effects have surely never been achieved before. There was a gorgeous double bass and celio choir and the delicacy of the violins combined to make a perfect string balance, and the second movement was played with complete appreciation of its exquisite quality. The pizzicato effects in the third movement amount to a display of virtuosity in this mode, and in the finale the same technical excellence was manifest. The attack and release of the trumpets and drums might be mentioned as an instance of the perfection of details where many orchestras are slovenly. Three recalls rewarded the conductor, who made his musicians share the honors.

The second item was Massenet's "Lament from Lee Erinnyes." Electra's part being taken on the celio by Jacques Renard, who played with cultured taste. Rubinstein's concerto in G minor with orchestra, was the third item, and Mr. Hofmann, who is beginning to get gray, aroused the enthusiasm already described. There is no finer musician playing the piano, and he has lost nothing since his last visit. So earnest and sincere a performer never allows himself to fall below his own high standard, and his interpretations are sane and elevated.

His wonderful left hand has perfected its cunning, and altogether the only regret was that he had so small a share of the program.

The last item was a delightful group of British folk songs and dances, two of them Irish and one English. "Molly on the Shore" has been heard here already, but the old Irish song, one of the most exquisitely beautiful of all the thousands of Irish traditional melodies, "I wouldt were the tiny little apple, that hangs and reddens on the topmost bough," was played with perfect grace and feeling. Percy Grainger has arranged these airs with great taste. The concert opened with the national anthem and closed with "La Marseillaise."

Builders' Exchange Luncheon.

The Toronto Builders' Exchange has inaugurated a series of noonday luncheons, the first of which was held at the association's quarters in the Goodyear Building yesterday. W. W. Pearce, city architect, was the chief speaker at the first luncheon. He outlined the revisions it is proposed to make in the city's building bylaw.

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GERMAN

"Western theatre: Obviously induced to do so by our great successes in the east, the British and French yesterday and during last night began especially stubborn attacks at many places, in their unsuccessful attempts to recapture positions which they lost on the 14th of February, the British lost in prisoners 4 officers and 170 men.

"Northeast of Rheims the enemy's attacks were repulsed. Two officers and 170 Frenchmen were captured. Especially strong advances made against our lines in the Champagne district frequently led to fierce fighting at close quarters. With the exception of certain separate sections where the enemy had penetrated, and where the battle still continues, the troops of the enemy were repulsed everywhere. About 400 Frenchmen were taken prisoners.

"In the Argonne we continued our offensive and captured further portions of the enemy's main positions, taking 250 prisoners, two mounted cannon and four machine guns. In Priesterwald, north of Toul, small successes also were recorded. On this occasion two machine guns were captured. There is no news from the Alsace-Lorraine frontier.

"Eastern theatre: North of the Niemen River our troops have followed everywhere the defeated enemy in the direction of Tauroggen. In the district east of Augustowo engagements occurred at many places during the pursuit of the enemy. A Russian column advancing from Lomza was defeated. Four hundred prisoners and six machine guns fell into our hands. A division of the enemy coming from Krajevo also was driven back towards Assowalc.

"On the conquered front from Plock to Raclenz, in Poland, north of the Vistula, bitter fighting apparently is developing.

"In Poland, to the south of the Vistula, there are no new developments."

FRENCH

"From the sea to the Oise our artillery has carried on an efficacious shelling, which has dispersed a number of gatherings, blown up some caissons and destroyed some trains.

"To the north of Arras we have taken two lines of trenches and beaten back violent counter-attacks. We have made some prisoners and inflicted on the enemy heavy losses. A number of German officers have been killed.

"In the neighborhood of Rheims, near Loivre, the advances made on Feb. 15 (several hundred metres) have been maintained and consolidated.

"In the Champagne district we have followed up our gains to the northwest of Perthes and have captured positions of the enemy on a front of 800 metres. All the German counter-attacks to the north of Mesnil-les-Hurlus and Beausejour have been repulsed. We captured a large bomb-thrower and several small ones and made 200 prisoners. This engagement continues.

"In the Argonne we have made progress in the forest of La Grurie and maintained our gain, notwithstanding two violent counter-attacks and several very hot actions at close quarters, which resulted in heavy losses to the enemy.

"A strong attack by the Germans was completely repulsed at Four de Paris.

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse we have made progress at divers points.

"In Alsace we have taken control of the ridges which dominate the Sudel farm and we have retained all the ground conquered.

"Our aviators have bombarded the railway station of Freiburg in Brisgau.

"In spite of an active cannonade the French and English aviators who yesterday threw bombs in the region of Ghistelles and Ostend, have been able to re-enter our lines unharmed.

"The Belgian artillery has carried out some effective shooting against gatherings of troops and shelters.

"In Champagne ten of the enemy's counter-attacks were repulsed during the night.

"In the Argonne there was considerable activity. Near Fontaine Aux Charmes we have destroyed a blockhouse and 100 metres of trenches. A German attack launched by at least three battalions between Four de Paris and Hill 263, west of Bourcuilles, has been very severe. We have entirely repulsed it, inflicting on the enemy huge losses and taking some prisoners.

"More to the east, in the forest of Melancourt, we have captured 100 metres of trenches.

"From the Meuse to the Vosges nothing noteworthy has occurred."