

START WORK ON SEWERS TO AID UNEMPLOYMENT

City Engineer Authorized by Council to Proceed With Project at Once.

TO GIVE FULL TIME

Mayor Little Prefers Six-Day Week at 30c Per Hour to Present System.

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Ald. Ashton, in discussing the subject, said that the unemployment was most serious. There were hundreds of men going about the streets without a dollar in their pockets. Mayor Little stated that the situation was serious, and in reply to a question of whether the workers taken on were being paid 30c or 50c an hour, stated that he told the engineer to give the men work for six days a week at 30c instead of three days a week at 40c. He pointed out that the work was for relief. He also said that though he made two trips to Toronto, he had failed to learn what contribution the government was going to make towards paying the extra cost.

300 Registered.

Ald. Drake said that he had called at the employment bureau and learned that there were 300 men registered there for work, 200 of them are married.

Ald. W. A. Wilson said that during the past week the accusation had been made to him that men were only being paid 20 cents an hour. The engineer said that the lowest wage being paid now was 40 cents.

If possible the engineer will start some new work on Monday.

City Clerk Baker presented a bill for the election cost, \$1,059, which will be charged up to the 1922 council. On motion of Ald. W. A. Wilson and Ald. W. Boss, the salary of Magistrate Graydon was raised to \$4,000 a year, and on the suggestion of Mayor Little he was granted a further three months' leave of absence. His health is slowly improving. The mayor said that he spoke to the magistrate about the juvenile court, and he had expressed a willingness to act when he returned to his duties. The mayor said that in his present physical condition the magistrate was in no condition to discuss the details. Ald. Wilson said the city

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URNS IN REPORT

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The report on county road expenditure presented at the Wednesday evening session of the county council by County Engineer Charles Talbot showed that \$208,218.70 had been spent during the present year.

Mr. Talbot's figures showed that \$117,578 was levied, while the estimated grant of the government was \$88,599, and the city's suburban area expenditure would be \$6,112, or a total of \$122,509, which left a balance of \$4,090 in the county treasury as a result of this year's operations.

Mr. Talbot apparently does not believe in the big ditches beside the roads that Biggs built, "for he touched on the Hon. Mr. Biggs' provincial highway in the following words:

"I notice in the construction of modern highways there is a return to the old-fashioned and dangerous open drainage system. I think this is unfortunate. The population of our country is depleted quite sufficiently without creating death traps along the road sides to help finish the job."

"Unless you give me definite instructions to pattern my work after the provincial highways, I will continue using the shallow side-drain and under-drains, where deep drainage is required."

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