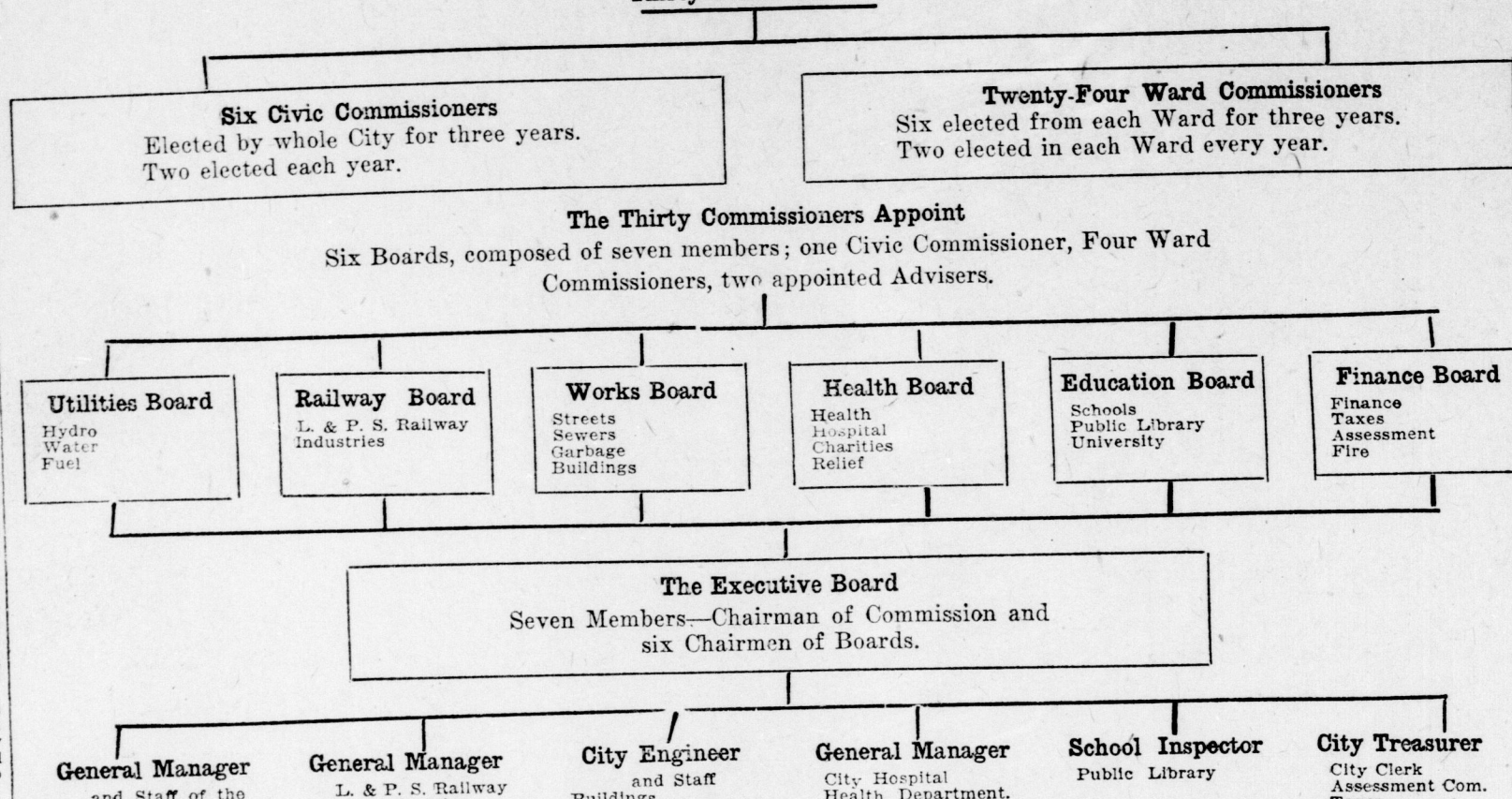


CONTROLLER MOORE'S SCHEME OF CIVIC GOVERNMENT

THE RATEPAYERS ELECT
One Civic Commission to Control All Governing Bodies Composed of
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CENTRALIZED ADMINISTRATION OF CITY AIMED AT IN MUNICIPAL COMMISSION PLAN PREPARED BY CONTROLLER MOORE

NEWS

TERAN POSTMAN DIES
SUDDENLY, BODY BEING
FOUND THIS MORNING

Letter Carrier Was
Working at Night Watchman.

Mr. Phillips, 144 Dracena avenue,
at watchman at the London. The
body was found dead this morning in
the presence of that paper. Life was
lost when the discovery was made.
Mr. Phillips, who was a night watchman,
went to work for the Free Press
about a year ago as night watchman.
He was a very active man, and
could not rest at home in idleness. He
appeared all right last night, although
his physical condition has not been good.
He has been suffering for a long time
from stomach disorders.

PERSONAL MENTION
Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett of Walton
announce the engagement of their
daughter, Mabel Muriel, to Orlie
Bennett, of London. The wedding will
take place Christmas Day at the bride's
home.

**ANOTHER PARTY
WILL RETURN
BY CHRISTMAS**

Invalided Soldiers Expected
Soon—Coming Home
Direct.

Still another party of wounded and in-
valided soldiers is expected to arrive
before Christmas. This will be the
first party to arrive since the greater
part of the Military Hospitals Com-
mission work was taken over by the military
authorities.

Under the new regulations, the men
who are reported to be at Boston, will
come directly to the military districts
in which they enlisted and will not come
before medical boards at Quebec as has
been the case formerly. The medical
boards will be established here, and the
men will be sent to the convalescent
hospitals or detached for duty according
to the findings of the board. On arrival
in the city they will all be classed as
"casualties" and will not be distin-
guished as "duty men" and "convales-
cents" as heretofore.

**WEIGHTS BETTER
ON MARKET NOW,
INSPECTOR FINDS**

True Measure Being Given on
Market in Majority
of Cases.

POTATOES TOO LIGHT
Summonses for Sellers Whose
Bags Failed to Come Within
Ten Pounds of Minimum.

Inspector J. W. McCallum, accom-
panied by Ald. S. R. Manness, of the
city's high court of living committee,
made another weighing trip through the
market today. As a result summonses
were issued for two farmers who
were found selling lightweight bags of
potatoes.

Speaking generally a big improve-
ment over recent short weight condi-
tions was discovered. The publicity
given the short weight investigations
and the activity of the city officials in
putting a stop to the practice of giving
the majority of the market sellers a
realization that they have to be care-
ful in what they offer for sale.

Few discrepancies in poultry weight
were discovered today. The greatest
was a variation of one pound and a
quarter on a turkey. At 75 cents per
pound this is somewhat high.

In the vegetable section it was found
that many bags were less than the
stipulated 30 pounds. In the cases
where summonses were decided on, the
shortage was 10 and 11 pounds per
bag.

1,571 PENSIONS BEING HANDLED IN OFFICE HERE

Work of Local Branch of Pen-
sions Commission Is
Growing Steadily.

CITY ALONE HAS 362
118 of These Pensioners Are
Soldiers, Remainder Being
Widows and Dependents.

More than 1,500 soldiers and their de-
pendents are receiving pensions in this
municipality, according to the latest
figures furnished by the pensions
office here. These include adjustments
from Ottawa up to December 15 this
year, but are not yet complete. When
the figures are complete, the number
received is expected that they will
mean a large increase in the pension
to be issued to the wives and children
of soldiers. Probably 600 names will
be added to the list.

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municipal elections in January, interest is centring around the scheme outlined
by Controller J. M. Moore.

The electors of London will not pass on this scheme, but will merely register
their opinion on the principle of municipal government under the commission
system, but Controller Moore's plans are more interesting. The accompanying
diagram shows the chain of responsibility which would be in force should such
a plan, or one like it, be adopted.

Controller Moore calls his plan "Civic Commission Government." In brief
it was explained to the city council as follows:

1. The ratepayers will elect one civic body: six by the city, twenty-four by
the wards. The members elected will have equal importance and equal respon-
sibility.

2. The commissioners will elect a mayor from its members, the best person
qualified for the position.

3. The commissioners will elect six administrative boards from its members:
one civic commissioner, four ward commissioners on each board, and also ap-
point two advising members for each board.

4. The executive board will be composed of the mayor and the chairmen of
the six boards.

5. The civic commission will legislate. The six boards will administer the
different departments. The executive will advise the civic commission.

6. The civic commission will have absolute control of all civic activities and
direct the policies and expenditures of all departments.

7. The administrative board will direct and supervise the carrying out of
the actions and work of the different departments.

8. The executive board will receive the reports of the different administra-
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their recommendations to the civic commissions.

9. The commissioners will be elected to office for a term of three years and
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eight of the ward commissioners will retire each year so that there will be an
election for both the civic and ward commissioners each year.

10. The best citizens will be brought forward at all elections as all members
when elected will be of equal importance and responsibility.

11. The appointment to the board of persons especially qualified to give
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12. The officials in the present different departments or boards will be re-
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