

# AID. MEREDITH SCORES EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH INVESTIGATION

## Declares He Was Unjustly Treated and Says He Will Not Only Retain Seat, But Run Again.

A sudden motion to adjourn, diplomatically put at a moment when the aidmen were off their guard, prevented yesterday's meeting of the city council from becoming a night session. The motion was made by Ald. Meredith, who, after the fashion in vogue of late, had it not been for Ald. Meredith's sturdy denial of the finding contained in Judge Denton's report on the Hodgson-Meredith investigation and the additional remarks in regard to them by Ald. D. Spence, who, like Ald. Meredith, was not altogether pleased with the report, the meeting would have passed off with little but routine work being accomplished.

The prompt adjournment just prior to the dinner hour prevented Ald. Warren from saying anything in favor of his motion that legislation be applied for empowering the city to appoint a fire commissioner, and, by the same token, Ald. McBride, who was given an opportunity to entertain the aidmen with a dilution on his motion, and the aidmen who spoke themselves on record that if elected next year they would vote to do away with aldermen's salaries and reduce the salaries of the members of the board of control from \$2500 to \$1500 per annum.

Following the adjournment, but before the members had time to leave the council chamber, Ald. Maguire, who was evidently anxious to see how far Ald. McBride would go with his motion, offered to write a cheque for \$1000—an alderman's salary—in favor of the Patriotic League if his colleague would do the same, but this Ald. McBride refused to do.

### Ald. Meredith Replies.

Before the aidmen had sufficient time to get comfortably settled in their places Ald. Meredith took advantage of the opportunity to get to his feet on a question of privilege in order that he might reply to the report of Judge Denton on the Hodgson-Meredith investigation. The aidman, who had evidently made a careful survey of the evidence and the judge's findings, stated that when the investigation opened it was clear in his mind that but one place could be arrived at owing to the selection of counsel by His Honor Judge Denton. In this connection he points out Geo. Wilkie, K.C., was asked by the judge to act for the investigation, but that he did not care to act in that capacity as he had drawn the Hodgson affidavit regarding the conversation alleged to have taken place between Hodgson and Meredith as to the Langton matter and recommended M. H. Ludwig, K.C., who was appointed. Mr. Ludwig occupying offices in the same building as Mr. Wilkie, who later accepted the case for Hodgson, and placed himself in a position to cross-examine him.

"What chance had I from the start?" says the aidman, who disagreed entirely with the findings of the judge, declaring that the latter had gone a long way out of his way to bring in an unfair report and had tried to make it as hard as he possibly could. The aidman further says that the report is at variance with the sworn testimony and gives quotations from the evidence to prove his contention, characterizing the whole proceedings as a conspiracy.

Meredith discredited one of the witnesses, who he says was very friendly to Hodgson, and "who was brought in at the last moment to crucify me by absolute falsehood."

In summing up the whole matter Ald. Meredith says that every Liberal member of council voted for the report, and that Mr. Wilkie and M. K. Cowan, solicitor for Ald. Maguire, were Liberals, and that he does not intend to allow such a line-up to damn his character and public career. "The combination is complete," declares the aidman, "who, when Mr. Macgregor and Ludwig and Wilkie riding home in Hodgson's automobile."

"Now let me show you where another Liberal butts in," said the aidman. "The editor of The Globe says:

Ald. Dunn disapproved of any further expenditures for more cold storage plants at the other abattoirs when that question came up for discussion. "It is time to stop when you are spending money to bring in outsiders," he said. He maintained that the abattoir was not built for that purpose and that those who were using the storage plant were enemies to the civic under-taking. They were, he believed, antagonizing the best interests of those doing business there, and asked for information from the commissioner as to the exact state of affairs. The aidman was particularly wrathful over the welcome he received when on a visit to the plant recently. He said the attendant was rude and did not give him the information he wanted.

Ald. McBride voiced the opinion that an aidman should not expect too much because he was an aidman. "An aidman is only a man," he said, "and he has no right to ask for information from a hired person. He should go to the head of the department. I am surprised that Ald. Dunn should do a thing like that. Mr. Wright only did his duty."

Controller H. H. Bell declared he had taken a great interest in the civic abattoir. He contended that Ald. Dunn had unintentionally misled members of the council. "It's a public municipal plant, and should get all the revenue possible. We're prepared to accept anybody as long as they pay," he said.

Ald. Dunn: "Ald. McBride knows no more about an abattoir than a child. I don't go for the information for political reasons, but I think an aidman has a right to get any information he requires." He believed it was a valuable property lying idle and the city should make better use of it. He was disgusted at the management of the abattoir, and said that until the city used it in competition with other plants it was going to be a loss.

Ald. McBride: "He's disgusted because he couldn't have his own way. Who first started the downfall of the whole thing? Ald. John Dunn."

Ald. David Spence said he thought the single inculcated member of the city council is likely to either question his opinion or challenge his finding.

### Will Retain Seat.

Ald. Meredith is determined to retain his seat in council and will be a candidate at the coming elections.

Ald. David Spence also criticized the action of Judge Denton, declaring that he had gone very far in trying to make wrong natives in the matter of the aidman's resignation from and subsequent return to council. "I defy anyone to make a charge against me, either in my private life or my public life, in connection with this council," said Ald. Spence, who charged and suggested that something greater and better should be done to commemorate the memory of the late nurse. The matter was sent back to the board for further consideration.

Opinion was divided on the question of introducing a bylaw to ask the aidmen if they are in favor of electing school trustees annually. The bylaw, however, passed its second reading, and as a result will be presented to the people for their opinion on Jan. 1.

### Caring for Soldiers.

An additional grant of \$600 to cover cost of necessary repairs at the Soldiers' Convalescent Home was asked by the board of control, and the request brought out considerable discussion. Ald. Wickert thought the government should provide for the soldier, and on the other hand, Ald. Maguire pleaded for the carrying on of the work. Mayor Church said something had to be done to care for the returned soldiers. "I think it is the duty of the city, and if necessary, the mayor and council to go down and meet the men," he said. "I saw Col. Marlow and talked the matter over with him. If the government doesn't provide, then the municipality must."

The recommendation of the board carried and the money will be spent in interior repairs.

Coinciding that it is better to bring in a good report late than a bad report early, the board of control adopted the report of three department heads regarding the accounting system. It is entirely a matter of inside routine, but even so, it was the subject of a lengthy debate. Last year City Treasurer Patterson, City Auditor Sterling and City Commissioner Harris were commissioned to visit New York and Philadelphia with a view to examining the accounting systems there. On their return they all agreed, except in two instances and they resigned the board and council to adjust the board and council to a matter of changing the method of accounting.

## WHAT THE CITY COUNCIL DID

Heard Ald. Meredith's reply to Judge Denton's report re the Hodgson-Meredith investigation.

Guaranteed the debentures of the Industrial Schools Association to the extent of \$40,000.

Decided to submit to the people on the first of January the question as to whether or not members of the board of education should be elected annually.

Laid over recommendation to place bronze bust of Edith Cavell in city hall corridor.

Decided to allow Trinity College to occupy buildings for another two years.

Approved the expenditure of the Social Survey Commission, amounting to \$4250.

Adopted report of three departmental heads regarding certain changes in the accounting system of the city treasurer's department.

Decided to construct new sewer on Queen street from Pope avenue to Leslie street.

Referred back Street Commissioner Wilson's draft bylaw for the cleaning of public thoroughfares and the collection of garbage.

Approved the installation of a telephone at the Women's Industrial Farm, connecting the same with Toronto.

Endorsed the recommendation of the parks commissioner regarding the locating and opening of civic skating rinks and toboggan slides this winter. The cost of operating 50 skating rinks and 33 hockey rinks will be approximately \$15,000.

Adjourned, amidst an uproar, without discussing the appointing of a fire commissioner, on Ald. McBride's motion to do away with aldermen's salaries and cut controllers' from \$2500 to \$1500.

On one or two points objections were raised. In the end the report was carried, and will now be dealt with by the board of control.

While passing over the account Mayor Church referred to an article which appeared in The Globe recently. He spoke in defence of an item which appeared for the entertainment of returned soldiers. "It was a lying, scurrilous and libelous article, written by a reporter who has been here only a short time," he said. "I had nothing to do with the expenditure of money in connection with the visit of the Marquis and Marchioness of Aberdeen or with the 37th Battalion. A friend of the Globe's last year spent \$15,971 for entertainment. There was \$10,000 voted for the Mendelssohn Choir, \$10,000 to the Ad Club, and as other expenditures. This year I have done what no other mayor ever did. I have spent \$1121 entertaining visitors. I am prepared to pay the account out of my own pocket if you think I should not have spent it, and I move that the two items referred to be struck out. The council would not approve of this, however, and the accounts will be paid with the rest."

Ald. Wickert referred to articles which appeared in The Globe and The Telegram and said that any reference to the National Council of Women should be corrected. It had nothing to do with the expenditure on behalf of the visitors. Ald. Maguire said it was unfortunate that such matters had to be discussed, but felt that the city auditor should be given some authority to pay.

### Will Construct Sewers.

Despite the objections of Controller Foster, the council passed the recommendation of the works committee, authorizing the construction of sewers on Queen street, Pope avenue and Leslie street, at a cost of \$66,600. The controller put forward the argument that the work was not required, because none of the residents had petitioned for it, and in this he was supported by Ald. Ramsden. It was successfully shown that the present sewer in state of decay, however, and that it was more economical to rebuild it now than it would be later, after a collapse.

On the question of widening Queen street, east of Sunnyside avenue, the board of control recommended that the sewer be thrown out. Council decided against this clause and struck it out instead, so that the work will now be proceeded with.

A new clause, having for its object the striking out of a recommendation to pass a bylaw to provide for the cleaning of the city streets and thoroughfares, met the same fate. The passing of the bylaw gives the department a number of rights and allows it to enforce certain restrictions beyond its jurisdiction.

Legislation will be asked for allowing the city to purchase a nursing farm within 25 miles of the city, also to dispose of certain park lands and purchase others more suitable. In each case the board of control recommended that the report of the property committee be struck out, and in each case it was overruled.

### Treasurer's Statement.

In his return of current expenditures for the year, up to Nov. 24, City Treasurer Patterson reports that the city still has \$2,357,152 to spend before the end of the year. Up to that date the total expenditure by all departments controllable and uncontrollable, was \$9,242,555, the total credits available to cover the year's expenditures being \$11,574,912.

To date there has been only one overdraw, that being in the parks department, owing to the undertaking of relief work that was duly authorized, the appropriation being overdrawn by \$25,396.

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This exceptionally high figure is accounted for by the officials of the department of health to the fact that physicians are called in many cases where it has been the custom to give home treatment. The disease, however, is more prevalent than usual, and the isolation of patients is urged. Influenza, colds are also causing



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## CITY HALL NOTES

E. C. Wilson complained by letter to the city council yesterday that Roxton road was in a "dangerous, unsightly and unhealthy condition." Three other letters were received protesting against the dumping of ashes and tin cans upon the streets.

In reply to a question by Ald. Warren as to whether it is necessary to secure legislation to enable the city council to appoint a fire commissioner or fire commission, to manage the affairs of the fire department, City Solicitor Johnston says it is a legal question, a reply to which is not contemplated by the manual and that he has no authority to answer it.

Insurance on the lives of Toronto's soldiers has been paid to the city amounting to \$236,000, which means that 236 Toronto soldiers have died and had their claims settled since the war began. Four \$1000 cheques were received yesterday on the lives of Ptes. Charles Brown, Corp. Charles Robertson, Sapper H. W. Cossey and Sergeant A. H. Lillie.

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