

REVIVE PROBLEM OF HOUSING SITUATION

Board of Control Will Hold Special Session to Deal With Question.

MAYOR HAS SCHEME

Warning to City Regarding Any Damage Done to Shipbuilding Plant.

A proposal for civic action this year to relieve the housing situation was made to the board of control yesterday by Mayor Church and it was decided to hold a "housing session" promptly and go into the whole matter. Representatives of the Toronto Housing Co., which was financed several years ago in the building of dwellings on Bath and other avenues, will be consulted.

Repeated efforts were made last year by the mayor and other members of council to launch a housing scheme but nothing was accomplished. Yesterday, Mayor Church presented the following resolution:

"To relieve the unemployment situation, that the city build on the tax sale lands it has and other lands offered at reasonable rates, and received by city tenders, five hundred houses of a cheaper class of construction than those built by the H. H. Williams commission; and that the houses be for renting purposes and be partly built by contract and partly by day labor; and that the commission consist of the city architect, the city treasurer and the assessment commissioner."

A special meeting will be devoted to the subject shortly.

Demand Police Protection.
A communication was placed before the board from a firm of lawyers, giving warning that the city would be held responsible for any damage to the plant of the Dominion Shipbuilding and Repair Co. resulting thru lack of police protection.

Reference was made to a resolution passed by the board in December and sent to Ottawa to the effect that the city would not be responsible for any damage resulting from the refusal of the government to meet the wishes of the shipbuilders' union, and to a statement made by Herbert Wright, secretary of the union, that the union would act at the plant if the police were removed. The company is demanding protection from dissatisfied former employes on the ground that the concern is a heavy taxpayer.

Pay Election Expenses.
The board decided to pay the expenses of the recent election in Toronto, amounting to about \$4,000, and seek an adjustment with the provincial government later.

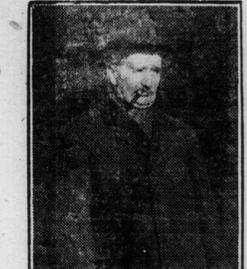
Another conference will be sought with the attorney-general with reference to the application of the city to have two high court judges transferred from the city hall to Osgoode Hall, the city's request having been turned down by the law society. The board of control, in the absence of Mayor Church, owing to illness, gave the government and the law society to understand that the city intended to take up at an early date the question of erecting a new courts building in Toronto, and on this understanding there was said to be good prospect of the space in Osgoode Hall being granted.

On the mayor's turn to his office he issued a statement that the city would not put up a building to house the courts; that was the business of the government.

At the board meeting yesterday Controller Maguire said: "If you had withheld your statement for a day or two we might have got the space in Osgoode Hall."

Controller Gibbons: "If we spent

MEN YOU HEAR OF Seen as Their Friends Know Them



CLAY PRODUCTS MEN VISIT CITY MUSEUM

Delegates to the convention of the Clay Products Association, now being held in Toronto, were yesterday afternoon entertained by the curator of the famous Toronto museum on Bloor street. During the morning session the convention passed resolutions instructing the executive to confer with the provincial government, and to oppose the continued diversion of prisoners of war to the open market. The convention is also opposing any proposed increase to workmen under the workmen's compensation act, and any application of the principle of the eight-hour day to this industry.

INQUEST OPENS ON DEATH OF GUNMAN

An inquest was opened yesterday afternoon on the body of Raymond Hunter, by Coroner G. G. Rowe. Hunter died in No. 8 police station two days ago after taking a drug, presumably stolen from R. Post's drug store at 89 Bath street. Hunter was the victim of a hold-up with a gun. P. G. Wm. Evans identified the body and the further hearing was adjourned for the relatives to be present and be heard at the morgue about the disposal of the body.

KING STREET MEMBERS START ON CAMPAIGN

Seeking to Enlist Active Support of Business Men in New Project.

TO PROBE MINIMUM WAGE FOR WOMEN

Laundry and Dye Industries Will Have Special Attention of the Board.

Investigations into wages paid in certain industries, notably the laundry and dye industries, are soon to be held by the minimum wage board to determine the minimum wage payable to women and the minimum wage payable under existing industrial conditions.

This was the information given yesterday afternoon to The World by J. W. Macmillan, chairman of the minimum wage board. He stated that the lieutenant-governor has already placed his seal upon the regulations formulated for the administration of the board affecting minimum wages for women. These regulations are in number, and cover a large field. They pertain solely, however, to the problem of minimum wages for women. The board has tabulated lists of wages paid to both men and women in many industries, and this list shows that in the laundry industry at least 95 per cent of the women are receiving less than twelve dollars a week, and none of them receive twenty dollars. Clause 9 of these regulations orders all employers to tabulate and keep records of wages paid. These records to be always open to the inspection of representatives or members of the board.

Clause 10 in the regulations provides for minimum wages among the more difficult class of women employes, such as those employed only a few hours a day or in the evenings at restaurants. Apprentices, young girls, novices and old women would all come under the meaning of this clause, which gives the board power to investigate wages paid in this class of work and also to adjust wages or make recommendations leading to their adjustment.

Dr. Macmillan stated that the board had adopted the parliamentary rather than the legal methods of procedure in investigations. That was to say, while the board had power to subpoena witnesses as in court procedure, it would make the investigations sessions of homely conference in which opinions could be well and freely expressed and the facts, therefore, more fully presented.

Witnesses at investigations are to be allowed pay while under examination at the rate of three dollars a day, plus expenses.

The members of the women's minimum wage board are as follows: Dr. J. W. Macmillan, chairman; R. A. Stapella, representing the employing interest; Mrs. Horace Parsons, Miss Margaret Stephen and Mr. H. Foster of Hamilton, representing labor.

CIVIC LINES WILL NOT AFFECT RADIALS

Estimates Based on Toronto Improvements, Engineer Tells Commission.

GET CHEAPEST POWER

Delay Necessary to Get at the Facts, Says Justice Sutherland.

Hydro radials' effect on the transportation situation in Toronto was taken up before the radial commission by W. G. Hewson, Hydro engineer, at Osgoode Hall yesterday. Questions as to whether the city taking over the Toronto street railway system, putting on an improved service and connecting with the present radial lines, it would not seriously affect the revenue of the radials, Mr. Hewson stated that such would not be the case, because they had estimated that the transportation improvements when the Hydro revenue was given.

The Hydro estimate assumed a 98 per capita passenger traffic, as compared with 560 per capita figured for Toronto's new transportation system. It was estimated that the great bulk of Toronto's riding population would go over the improved city lines. This showed that the radials would be expected to carry the passenger traffic they would secure in Toronto, having estimated only on three businesses in and out of the city.

Growth of Danforth.
Mr. Hewson was asked what percentage they expected to get in the Danforth district. This, he figured, was about 25 per cent. "If you did not have actual returns before you," he said, "you would hardly credit the Danforth district with increased population. The district is growing enormously and by 1925 there will be a tremendous population to take care of."

Mr. Hewson declared that the Hydro radials of Ontario would operate on a lower cost ratio than anywhere else in the world. He asserted that a number of reasons could be given for this low operation ratio compared with other electric railways in the United States and other countries. "Take the freight earnings of any other electric railways," he said, "and you will find that the freight revenue had been dispensed with almost negligible. They do not have the power facilities which would enable them to compete with the steam railroads. The Hydro system possesses other electric lines considered themselves lucky if they got any freight revenue at all. This means that operating ratio had to be entirely borne by the passenger revenue. The Hydro radials will get both passenger and freight revenue, and this means an operating ratio as compared with all other electric lines.

Also we expect to operate at far greater economies than other lines, where else, and with one man in charge of six or eight cars, instead of six or eight men, as is the case in the United States elsewhere.

Will Reduce Expenses.
"Entering into the city thru a private right-of-way will allow greater speed and operation. Expenses will be reduced thru time saved in speed, figuring on labor wages per hour basis.

"Also in the matter of power, we are exceptionally fortunate as we will have the cheapest power obtainable anywhere."

Witness was closely questioned regarding the proposed radials being limited to approximately the same revenue as the London and Port Stanley Electric Railway. He stated that not only would they beat this line in passenger traffic, but also in freight revenue. He pointed out that 80 per cent of the revenue of the London and Port Stanley Electric Railway was derived from freight, which was compared with a 20 horse power rate for Toronto.

Mr. Robertson, the anti-radial commissioner, tried to get Mr. Hewson to state that electrification of the L. & P. S. had exceeded the estimates by some \$300,000, but witness showed that this money had been expended in further expansion of the system, fully warranted by the greatly increased business, following upon the electrification of that line.

Asked by Mr. Robertson if the statement credited to Mr. Hewson that he intended to double-track the Hydro radial line from St. Catharines to Niagara Falls was correct, witness replied, "Yes, they are in the estimates."

Mr. Justice Sutherland said criticism had been raised both from the public and the press on the length of time the commission had been sitting, but they did not seem to understand that delay was necessary to get the facts.

LIONS CLUB BRANCHES OUT.
The Lions Club of Toronto, the youngest of the community service clubs of Toronto, held a luncheon yesterday, at which plans were discussed for the coming year. About twenty of the members signified their intention of going to Belleville today for the purpose of delivering the charter to the Lions Club recently formed there.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED.

The city architect's department issued the following permits yesterday: A. Chadwick, pair dwellings, 82-84 Queen street, near Wrenson road, \$4,000; H. W. McDonald, in trust, dwelling and garage, west side of Ingwood drive, near St. Clair, \$9,200; H. W. McDonald, four dwellings, west side of Main street, near Danforth avenue, \$15,000.

DAUGHTERS AND SON SHARE TORONTO ESTATE

The Toronto General Trusts Corporation and Henrietta E. White were granted probate of the will of Mrs. Elizabeth White, a widow, who died in Toronto Sept. 4, 1919, leaving \$15,000 in bonds, \$31,950 secured by mortgages, \$5,350 in real property and \$153,850 in real property. Included in the latter are 15-19 Beverley street, valued at \$3,000; the deceased's home at 1410 Bathurst street, \$75,000; 415 Vaughan road, \$30,000; a farm at Kleinburg, \$1,250; 48-52 Carr street, \$6,000; 711-715 West Queen street, \$24,000; 92-104, 114-120 Euclid avenue, \$20,000, and a farm in Muskoka, \$1,500.

In her will she left her son, Henry G. White, her executor in 23-22 Euclid avenue, which he is to keep in repair; her daughter, Margaret H. Wilson, a life interest in 711 West Queen street, with \$10,000 to be expended on the maintenance of the properties. On the death of these persons, the properties pass to the aged women's home. Beatrice M. Kinross, a daughter, inherits a life interest in 713 West Queen, \$2,800; 415 Vaughan road, \$10,000; and the property on Carr street. On her death her son, Henry, inherits. By her will the residue was left to Miss Henrietta E. White, a daughter.

CIVIC HOSPITAL FOR EAST END DESIRED

Committee Will Make Report for Consideration When Estimates Come Up.

The people of wards one and eight are out for immediate action for the erection of a municipal hospital in the district east of the Don River. A deputation of Riverside business men waited on the board of control yesterday and asked for an appropriation to be placed in the estimates for the purchase of a nine to twelve-acre site.

Ald. Johnston introduced the deputation. They asked that the institution be erected and maintained by the city and managed by a commission of seven members, including the mayor.

Dr. E. A. McDonald said a building with a capacity for 250 patients was needed. It was proposed to have the revenues handled by the city and have a budget included in the annual estimates.

Controller Hiltz said a committee had been appointed a year ago to consider the hospital question, including himself, had made a tour of United States cities. They had returned with the conviction that the municipalization of hospitals was the proper thing for large cities. He believed the time had come to take action on the subject, and suggested that provision be made for the purchase of a site this year and that a plan be developed with a view to building at least one hospital in the next year. He urged that a hospital committee, consisting of Mayor Church, Controller Gibbons, Dr. Hastings, Finance Commissioner Del Sera, Sir Philip Robinson, and the members of the Riverside Business Men's Association, be appointed to handle the matter and to co-operate with a committee from the Ontario Hospital Association, to the board of control in time for the matter of a site to be dealt with when the estimates were being prepared. The appointment of this committee will be recommended to council.

CONTROLLERS VOTE BONUS FOR MAYOR

Special Allowance Instead of Salary as a Police Commissioner.

Unable to pay the mayor a salary as police commissioner, according to the interpretation of Auditor Scott, the board of control yesterday voted him a special bonus of \$2,000 as mayor for 1920. The money was paid to him yesterday. The \$1,500 voted as a bonus was returned by his worship in December, when the validity of the vote was questioned. The money was repaid to him on Monday. The salary from the received \$11,000 as salary from the received \$11,000. There is a motion to raise the salary for 1921 to \$10,000, but this will not be considered until the estimates are taken up.

It is believed the government would be forced to put thru legislation to legalize increases for the controllers and aldermen, and the only other way it could be done in the case of aldermen would be by a vote of the ratepayers. Section 45A of the municipal act permits cities of 200,000 and over to pay aldermen up to \$12,000 a year with the consent of the ratepayers. Legislation which would be obtained to permit the increase of increases to the controllers, and it is believed the best that could be obtained this year, is that the ratepayers to approve of increases for the controllers. Increases this year, therefore, seem to be out of the question.

Death of Man Who Gave First Alarm of Toronto Fire

J. H. Johnston, the man who pulled the first alarm on the occasion of the big Toronto fire of April, 1904, died suddenly yesterday at his residence, 19 St. James avenue, from heart failure, in his 65th year.

Johnston was born in Canada and he worked as a private watchman for numerous firms during his lifetime. Yesterday morning he was not at work but was in his usual good health, when this morning he was suddenly seized and passed away. He is survived by his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. Walker, and by one son, Adam.

FOR INVESTIGATION OF MIMICO SCHOOL

Institution Should Be Scrapped, Is View Taken by Controller Hiltz.

A memorandum prepared by Mayor Church addressed to Attorney-General Rayner, asking for certain reforms in the treatment of prisoners was approved by the board of control yesterday. The memo expressed regret that the jail farm established near Geoph by the late Hon. W. J. Hanna had been abandoned, and also urged that it was improper to send to the penitentiary boys of 15, 16 and 17 years of age.

The mayor also suggested that an investigation be conducted into the management of the Mimico reformatory. Controller Hiltz said that 40 per cent of the cases sent to Mimico were mental defectives, and Mimico was not the proper place for them. This institution, he said, ought to be scrapped.

Reporting on the necessity for grade separation at Queen and DeGrassi streets, Commissioner Harris wrote that the esplanade viaduct was "the only solution. The building of a subway for the purpose of holding would entail land damages that would be very costly for the city."

Ald. Ryding waited on the board to report that the railway was expected to build of subways at Bloor West, Wallace avenue, Royce avenue and St. Clair avenue. It was pointed out that the railway were expected to foot the big end of the bill for these improvements, but the city could take the initiative by calling for a report on the proposal from the commissioner of works.

George J. Castles again wrote the board, suggesting that the Exhibition grounds be returned over to the Exhibition board to manage as a revenue producer.

Mayor Church said there was no reason the grand stand should not be strengthened and used for games. Controller Nebbitt said the transfer would interfere with the policy of the parks department, and Con. Maguire said he would not favor transferring a park to a private body. No action was taken.

On motion of the mayor, the board decided to petition the railway commissioners to cancel the last increase of freight and passenger rates.

The assessment commissioner asked for more space for offices and the board called for a report from the property commissioner on the cost of fitting up the assembly room on the top floor of the city hall for offices.

REVERSE DECISION IN ARENA INJUNCTION CASE.

The appellate court yesterday reversed the decision of Justice Masterton, who granted an injunction to G. Robinson restraining shareholders of the Arena Gardens from holding a meeting for the purpose of arranging the payment of arrears of interest on bonds. In an argument, W. R. Smyth claimed an equity in the property worth \$780,000 for \$300,000.

AQUITANIA'S NOTABLE LIST OF PASSENGERS

General Agent E. Boland was advised by cable yesterday that the following passengers would arrive by the steamer Aquitania, this week: Sir Adam Beck, Prince and Princess Arctur, son-in-law and daughter respectively of Mr. and Mrs. Asquith, (the prince is Russian ambassador at Washington); Sir Philip Gibbs, Major-General Sir Newton James; Major-General Sir Ernest and Lady Fitzmaurice; Mrs. Countess Del Sera, Sir John Wimble, Miss P. N. Forbes; Robertson (daughter of the famous Charles Robertson, Vice-Admiral H. M. J. Huse, and Mrs. C. Sheridan, sculptress, who made busts of the Soviet leaders, Lenin and Trotsky).

BOIL CANNED GOODS, SAYS MEDICAL OFFICER

"Boil canned goods before using," is the advice of Dr. Hastings, M.H.O., in commenting on a press report that several persons had been killed in the States by canned goods. Said Dr. Hastings: "It has been demonstrated from time to time that canned food raised to a boiling point, and kept there for some minutes before eating, is made safe for consumption. All element of danger is taken that the heat has had plenty of time to enter every particle of the food so as to sterilize it."

SAYS IMMIGRANTS WARNED.

"The immigrants who come to Canada are well warned of conditions here by the press, but the people like to come to Canada in spite of the lack of work," said John Martin of Glasgow, a Pentecostal pastor who arrived in Toronto yesterday morning from the Victoria. He brought several hundred immigrants were like before. "I know what things they know for conditions here, they also know that conditions will pick up quickly here."

ICE ON TORONTO BAY.

For the first time this year Toronto bay is covered with a blanket of ice-boating or never, is not safe at present. But if present weather continues it will only take a few days to supply the island with fuel for next season, and timber for the erection of several houses next summer.

MUNICIPAL FOREMEN ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Toronto Municipal Foremen's Association held their usual monthly meeting in the lodge rooms at 22 College street, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. E. Tibbits, president; T. E. Matthews, vice-president; J. Bailey, treasurer; W. Sangster, secretary. It was proposed to invite a representative of the board of control to the next regular meeting to discuss the proposed civic insurance and pensions scheme.

GAS MANUFACTURERS FORM CANADIAN SECTION

The Canadian members of the Compressed Gas Manufacturers' Association met at the Old Colony Club, King Edward Hotel, yesterday for the purpose of forming the Canadian section of the association. The following represented their respective companies: J. R. Colby, Canadian Carbide, Limited; W. H. Wood, Commercial Acetylene Supply Co.; W. P. Thatcher, Dominion Oxygen Company, Limited; R. H. Combs, Frost-O-Lite Company, Canadian, Limited; D. Buchanan, Leiver Bros., Limited; D. Borys, L'Air Liquide Society; A. J. MacDonnell, National Electro Products, Limited; and John H. Hayes, Secretary, Compressed Gas Manufacturers' Association.

It was decided that this section be formed for the purpose of holding meetings at frequent intervals to discuss questions of mutual interest, principally concerning technical matters in the production and use of compressed gases, such as oxygen, carbonic gas, hydrogen, acetylene, nitrogen and argon.

Organization was effected and J. R. Colby was unanimously elected chairman of the section and John H. Hayes, secretary.

The compressed gas industry in Canada is growing at a tremendous rate, and at the present time over \$15,000,000 in capital is invested in the business. Plants have been established in practically every important city in Canada.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the section at the Old Colony Club in Montreal on March 15.

ACTION OVER ACCIDENT.

Judge Spotton in the county court is trying an action of E. R. Yeo against Sydney Irwin, in which the plaintiff claims \$422 damages alleged to have been sustained in an automobile accident on Dufferin street, near Hallsam, April 24 last.

PRINCESS-- TONIGHT 8.30

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By James Fenimore Cooper. The famous Leather Stocking Tale repeated with thrilling episodes, pictured true to history.

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NOW PLAYING "THE FURNACE" SPECIAL RETURN ENGAGEMENT

PETTIT JURORS ASK FOR INCREASED PAY

Board of Control Willing York County Council Is Agreeable.

A deputation of petit jurors asked the board of control yesterday for an increase from \$4 to \$5 a day, and the board decided to recommend the increase, providing the York county council were agreeable. Assistant City Solicitor Colquhoun reported that the assessment commissioner desired authority to tear down some of the buildings in the way of the gravelly street extension, beginning about April 1. He might, he said, be necessary in some cases to apply for an order from the county court to get possession. The board decided to allow any necessary proceedings to get possession of the houses faring north.

A deputation from the Women's Cottage Hospital asked for a grant of \$10,000 to cover a deficit on operations. The board decided to take the matter up with the applications from the other hospitals.

The board decided to recommend the renewal of the public garage license for the garage on the west side of Moscow avenue, immediately north of Danforth avenue. The residents have been opposing the operation of a garage in this location.

A request was made to the first chief to make report on the case of Eddie Higginson, the boy who rescued May and Isabel Swann from their burning home.

NEW CROWN ATTORNEY.

Geo. Urquhart has, it is understood, been appointed crown attorney for the county. He is a Windsor barrister.

ALEXANDRA MAT. SAT.

Even. 8.15 sharp. Mats. 2.15. "quaint—Joyous—Beautiful—Musical" MAYTIME Even. 8.00 to 8.30; Sat. Mat. 5.00 to 8.00.

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National Chorus and SEATS AT MASSEY HALL

MARTINELLI

\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, 8.15 sharp. LOEW'S YONGE STREET WINTER GARDEN "CRADLE OF COURAGE" 6-- VAUDEVILLE ACTS --6

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