

## BOARD OF HEALTH ACTS GENEROUSLY

Waives Technicalities to Allow Controllers to Revise Estimates.

### CITY COUNCIL DOINGS

Mayor Said "Clerical Error" Led to Fifty Thousand Penalty Clause.

Controller McBride, at the city council meeting last night, made an unsuccessful attempt to have the 1918 estimates of the health department sent back to the local board of health for revision. His motion brought a vote of 10 to 10, and the controller withdrew his motion after he had been vanquished in a verbal battle with Ald. Risk and Ald. Nesbitt.

The discussion cleared up two points. It brought out the fact that Dr. Hastings did not refuse to allow the board of health to revise his estimates, although Controller McBride made this statement to the press on Tuesday, and that the board of health was willing to waive its legal rights and allow the board of control to revise its estimates.

"I have discovered something," said Controller McBride. "When Dr. Hastings submitted his estimates to the board of health, he told them that they had no authority to revise them. I find that the board of health has no power to revise the health department estimates, and I would therefore ask that they be sent back to the board of health with a request that they reconsider them."

M.O.H. Did Not Make Statement.

Ald. Risk: "The board of health is perfectly willing to allow the board of control to go over our estimates and we will explain any item he may object to."

Controller McBride: "But the board of control has no power to cut any items off, while the board of health can cut everything off."

Ald. Risk: "The board of health has never exercised its legal privilege of preventing the board of control from making any changes they desire, and we are not going to do it this year. There is just a little meanness being exhibited here. Dr. Hastings did not make any such statement as has been attributed to him by the controller."

Ald. Nesbitt also denied that the M.O.H. had made the statement. He defended the estimates, which, he said, were lower than the health estimates of any other city in the world. "Dr. Hastings could have included \$250,000 more if he had wanted," he said, "but he left some items off owing to a clerical error," said the alderman. "The hospital is the only public house in the world that has no nurses' home. One is badly needed and the doctor has left this item off."

Controller McBride finally withdrew his motion.

**Camp to Be Vacated.**

The motion of the board of control asking that the Dominion Government be notified that it must pay for all civil property used by the military authorities was dropped, and the controllers were instructed to confer with the government.

"Supposing the government refuses to pay. Are you going to tell them to get out?" asked Ald. Gibbons.

"I understand that the government intends to vacate Exhibition Camp by March 1 anyway," said the mayor.

Ald. Flewman objected to the cuts in the street lighting until the Hydro had made definite arrangements with the city to give a rebate for power not used. He pointed out that the property commissioner had conferred with the Hydro officials and was able to get a reduction of only \$2.40 for each light turned off, whereas the city pays \$8 a light a year for power.

Mayor Church: "Ninety per cent. of that \$8 is for maintenance and equipment charges."

Ald. Flewman still insisted that the rebate was insufficient.

Ald. Beamesh (in the chair): The mayor has given an explanation. Do you withdraw your motion?

Ald. Flewman: You can't make my speech for me.

Ald. Beamesh: But I can rule you out of order.

Ald. Flewman: You'll have trouble to do so.

Ald. Hiltz: We should not let a small matter like this interfere with our patriotism. Power is needed to win the war.

Ald. Flewman found no supporters.

T. S. R. Penalty a "Bluff."

At the suggestion of Mayor Church the assessment department was instructed to report on the practicability of increasing the assessments of firms who have made large profits out of the war.

"Our action at the last council meeting in asking the legislature to impose a fine of \$50,000 a day on the S. R. was a joke legislation," said Ald. Gibbons, supporting the motion to amend the bill.

The penalty was reduced to \$1,000 a day. "Every time we put up a bluff they call it," added the alderman.

Mayor Church: I might say that the \$50,000 a day penalty was merely a

## What Council Did

Refused to send health department estimates back for further consideration.

Heard Dr. Hastings cleared of charges made by Controller McBride.

Introduced a number of motions.

Heard civil service reform for city hall urged.

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## NO STANDING EMBARGOES IN EFFECT IN CANADA

Freight Congestion in United States is Reacting on This Country in Matter of Cars.

J. E. Walsh, transportation expert of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, stated yesterday that there were no standing embargoes in effect on Canadian railways, but that 24-hour embargoes had been the order of the day for some weeks past, because the severity of the weather had made freight traffic impossible in some sections of the country, and had temporarily tied up traffic in most parts. There were, according to Mr. Walsh, some 22,000 Canadian box cars in the United States over and above the number of American cars in Canada, and owing to the difficulties experienced in the transportation and unloading of these cars the Americans were slow in returning the Canadian cars to their respective railways. To put the case in a nutshell, the congested condition of freight traffic in the United States might be said to be reacting upon the Canadian service in Canada, and the local railways were endeavoring to come to an agreement whereby cars might be freely exchanged between the two countries. "The matter is being handled," said Mr. Walsh, "and the Canadian railways would accept all classes of freight for transportation to any point in Canada, and a limited list of freight for distribution to points in the United States."

## RAILWAY OFFICIALS BECOMING JUBILANT

Continued Fine Weather Enables Them to Move Much More Freight in All Directions.

Jubilant, not unmixt with anxiety, was the feeling expressed among railroad men yesterday in regard to traffic conditions prevailing for three days past, and ten days hence in the course of a day or two. The anxiety so evident was in regard to the pronounced cold wave which had taken hold of Alberta, and was moving east. "We are getting back to normal very fast now," said an official in the office of Superintendent of the G.T.R. "Conditions were better today than in early December. During the past 24 hours we moved eleven hundred and seventy-seven cars of freight over our lines, and the prospect of keeping this good work up for a few more days is very optimistic. During the past 24 hours this railway had moved 228 cars of freight east, and 267 cars west. The latter, however, reported delays due to the rather heavy snow on the line, which may reach Toronto today. Yesterday morning's G.T.R. train, due in Toronto at 10 o'clock, did not arrive in the city until about noon, and the Markham train, due to arrive at half past ten in the morning, did not get there until 11 o'clock. The C.P.R., due to arrive at 8:30, got in at 9 o'clock."

**C.N.R.**

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**G.T.R.**

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