

MAY APPLY TO RAILWAY BOARD

City Officials Advise That Itemized Bill Be Asked For.

MANY CONFERENCES

Details and Information on Manner Sum Was Fixed Are Sought.

If the city council approves of the recommendation of the board of control and the city council, the application will be made to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board to have them fix the price to be paid by the city for that portion of the Metropolitan Railway on Yonge street which is within the city limits.

The company asks \$1,800,000 for the line. The civic officials who have been investigating the railway's "blanket" claim, report that the physical assets of the company are worth about \$1,100,000, which leaves \$700,000 for franchise rights, "good-will," etc.

The report of James Forman, assessment commissioner; T. Bradshaw, commissioner of finance; William Johnston, city solicitor; and C. J. Harris, commissioner of works, who had charge of the negotiations, is as follows:

In report No. 9 of your board, adopted in council on April 16, 1917, your officers were instructed to negotiate with the Toronto & York Radial Railway Company for the acquisition of that portion of their Metropolitan division lying within the city limits, according to the terms of the legislation relative thereto, enacted at the last session of the Ontario Legislature.

"From that date forward, we have had various conferences, and much correspondence, with the railway company, but did not succeed until Nov. 29th in procuring a statement of account. Upon the last-mentioned date, they forwarded the following:

"(1) Value of the franchise, rights and privileges to be taken, that is to say, the company's exclusive right to operate a street railway on Yonge street within the city limits for a period of 95 years from the 3rd Feb., 1894, with rights of renewal for further periods, and compensation for the taking thereof pursuant to the provisions of the Ontario Statute, 1917, Chapter 92, Section 4, less value of running rights to be granted by the city to the railway in return.

"(2) Value of the physical property to be taken, being structures, substations and superstructures of the highway, according to inventory already prepared and delivered to the city, \$1,800,000.

"The foregoing was accompanied by certain explanations and figures, insufficient to enable us to form a fair judgment as to the reasonableness of the company's demands. We, therefore, repeatedly requested information as to the basis upon which the statement was compiled, but have not succeeded in procuring same. We know that the value set upon the physical assets of the city which the company is negotiating, approximately \$1,750,000, which leaves a valuation of \$150,000 for the franchises, rights and privileges which the railway proposes to sell, as set out in section 1 of their statement. This amount, they claim, gives credit for the running rights which the city proposes to accord. It is essential to a fair consideration of their claim that we should be acquainted with the details and reasons upon which it is based.

"Having regard for the foregoing, we beg to recommend that the question be submitted to the judgment of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, as per the terms of the special legislation in that behalf."

SPORTSMEN ENTERTAIN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

Controller Cameron and Hon. N. W. Rowell Address Gathering at Massey Hall.

To provide seven shows, covering three days and entertaining about 200 persons, most of them little children; send them home happy with gifts, was the work accomplished at the annual meeting of the Sportsmen's Patriotic Association, in its annual gathering in Massey Hall, for the dependents of overseas soldiers.

Mrs. J. P. Fitzgerald, who was in charge of the enormous supplies required to meet this demand, presented by Miss Church, on behalf of the women's committee, associated with the S.P.A. in the work with a gold bracelet which, in appreciation of the skillful management of her arduous share of the labor, she efficiently was her task performed that every visitor was supplied and a generous contribution of gifts forwarded to the daughters of the Protestant Orphan Home, Sunningdale Orphanage, Sick Children's Hospital and British Imperial Association.

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CHRISTMAS BOX TO PROMINENT ITALIAN CITIZEN

John B. Ciceri, Sr., Decorated by the King of Italy.

Rome, Dec. 24.—John B. Ciceri, Sr., Toronto, Canada, has been awarded the Order of the Crown of Italy by King Victor Emanuel in recognition of his splendid work in cementing good relations between Canada and the Italian fatherland.

Mr. John B. Ciceri, Sr., president of Chas. Ciceri Co., 88 Church street, Toronto, has long been noted for his active work in Italian Canadian circles and his connection with the Italian Red Cross work, especially noted, so much so that the Italian Red Cross authorities are specially indebted to Canada above any of the other countries outside of Italy.

Members of the Italian colony and a wide circle of friends are quick to extend their congratulations to Mr. John B. Ciceri, Sr.

RUNS ON HIS RECORD OF PAST SERVICES

Ald. Russell Nesbitt Points to What He Has Accomplished During His Term.

Ald. Russell Nesbitt, who has represented ward 4 as an alderman for the past two years, is one of the best known public men in the city, where he has followed his profession of barrister for the past seven years. During the recent trouble between Street Commissioner Wilson and the men of the street cleaning department he was one of those who supported the commissioner, as he says, "I believe the head of a department should be supreme."

It was he who last year took up the matter of the juvenile court, as he was of the opinion that too much money was being wasted in that department, and as the result of his energetic management the estimates were reduced to the amount that was allowed by the provincial government. One of the things in which he interested himself for the welfare of the citizens was the matter of the Rathurst street car line, and as a result a record was kept as to the cause of the various delays, and the matter will be further dealt with when it comes before the Dominion Railway Board. He also advocated the appointment of a steward for the jail farm, which has since been done. He was one of those who supported the resolution petitioning the Dominion Government to disfranchise Austrians and Germans, and in speaking of this matter he says, "One has only to look at Kitchener to see if this was needed."

Other matters that he has been vitally interested in was the matter of the soldiers' insurance and public ownership. In connection with the latter he has always advocated the public car lines be placed on a paying basis, and he introduced a motion in the council in which it was his motion of his that was the foundation of the report by the transportation commission, and Commissioner Bradshaw that the civic lines should be placed on a proper paying basis. He is again running this year to represent the ward to which he has in the past given so much energy and time, and his promise for the future is "that everything pertaining to the welfare of the ratepayers will be further dealt with when it comes before the Dominion Railway Board. He also advocated the appointment of a steward for the jail farm, which has since been done. He was one of those who supported the resolution petitioning the Dominion Government to disfranchise Austrians and Germans, and in speaking of this matter he says, "One has only to look at Kitchener to see if this was needed."

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The City of Toronto now has a clear title to the Bloor street viaduct. The Don section, which was completed by the contractors some weeks ago, was taken over by the city a few days ago. No ceremony was attached to this step in the history of the great east-end bridge. Just when the viaduct came into the city's possession is a matter of some mystery. Works Commissioner Harris has "forgotten the exact date," but he thinks that it was some time during the past week. Mayor Church was equally non-committal, and when Controller Cameron was asked he was not sure whether or not the viaduct had really passed into the city's hands.

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"Have the contractors entirely finished their part of the work?" Works Commissioner Harris was asked. "They have," replied Mr. Harris. "All that remains to be done is for the city to pave the roadway and lay the street car tracks."

"How soon will that be done?" he was asked.

But on this point the commissioner said nothing.

Both candidates for the mayoralty expressed themselves as unequivocally in favor of proceeding with the work of finishing up the viaduct without delay.

"I am in favor of the immediate opening of the viaduct," said his worst enemy, J. G. Cornell. "I do not know exactly what remains for the city to do, but whatever it is we should do it now."

"We should go ahead with the work of the viaduct as soon as weather permits," said Controller Cameron. "I am in favor of finishing the work as soon as possible so that the citizens can make full use of the viaduct. What's more," added the controller, "if I am elected I will see to it that the work is completed as soon as the weather breaks up."