ANNUAL MEETING

Of Citizens Held in the City Hall on Monday Evening—Mayor and Aldermen Give Report of the Work Done During the Year.

There was only a fair attendance at the annual meeting of citizens and ratepayers held in the city hall on Monday evening.

Mayor Smith occupied the chair and in his opening address replied to the criticisms made at the meeting held the Monday previous. He upheld what the council of 1908 had done, and claimed that the council had held the expenditure down to as low a level as possible. He did not think that the salaries paid to officials was too high. The taxation was high but not too high for the conveniences enjoyed by the citizens. He advocated the building of a trunk sewer and the enlargement of the water mains from the springs to the city. He also favored a change in the manner of electing aldermen and thought that there should be one alderman from each ward as well as five others from the city as a whole.

In conclusion he claimed that while he might have made mistakes, he had tried to do his duty and hoped he retired with the goodwill, confidence and respect of the citizens.

Each of the aldermen then made their reports dealing with the departments of which each was a head. Ald. Peverett for Finance; Ald. McDonald for waterworks; Ald. Ball for fire and light; Ald. Thomson for health and relief; Ald. Wright for parks and boulevards; Ald. Gillespie for works; Ald. Sinton for reception, Ald. Kramer for markets; Ald. Wilkinson for city hall, and Ald. Kusch for cemeteries.

The financial statement presented appears elsewhere in this issue.

Living Increased with Wages

The average wages per hour in the principal manufacturing and mechanical industries of the country were 3.7 per cent. higher in 1907 than in 1906, while retail prices for food were 4.2 per cent higher, according to the July report of the United States Bureau of Labor. The regular hours of labor per week were four-tenths of 1 per cent. lower, and the number of employees in the establishments investigated by the bureau showed an increase of 1 per cent. The purchasing power of an hour's wage, as measured by food, was less in 1907 than in 1906, the decrease being one-half of 1 per cent.

The report shows that, as compared with the average for the ten year period 1890 to 1899, the average wage per hour in 1907 was 28.8 per cent higher, the number of employees 44.4 per cent. greater and a decrease of 5 per cent. in the average working hours per week. The retail price of principle articles of food was 20.6 per cent. higher in 1907 than for the period 1890 to 1899. Compared with the average for the same ten year's period the food purchasing power of an hour's wage in 1907 was 6.8 per cent. greater.

The report adds that the greatest increase in wages per hour in the manufacture of cotton goods, the increase being 12.9 per cent. In the paper and wood pulp industry there was an increase in wages per hour of 10.1 per cent; in silk, woolen and worsted goods industry 6.4 per cent.; in glass industry and street and sewer work, increase of 5.6 per cent. Of the establishments investigated two showed an increase of 19 per cent. in hourly wages, eight industries an increase of 5 per cent., and thirty industries an increase of less than 5 per cent. In one industry—iron and steel—there was a decrease of 0.9 per cent. in wages. The investigation made by the Bureau covers those industries in which the wages paid in one year were $10,000,000 or more.

The report represents the retail price of thirty staple commodities as sold in sixty-eight localities in the United States by 1,014 dealers. Retail prices of food in 1907 were higher than in any other year of the eighteen year period above named.—Exchange.

Calendars for 1909.

The presentation work of art which The Regina Steam Laundry is presenting to their patrons this Christmas is certainly well worth receiving It is well known that the calendars which this firm presents to their patrons are always the best, this year The Regina Steam Laundry have gone even better and in their work of art "Sysonby" they are presenting a subject which will appeal to all. "Sysonby" was the king of American race horses. To make the gift more acceptable a well written career of this great horse accompanies each calendar.

For their many patrons having offices, another subject has been secured. A beautiful reproduction of Gaston Roulett's clever painting "In the Harbor. Venice." This is a very large calendar, specially designed for office use.

You will be able to see a display of these calendard in the windows of the Regina Pharmacy, 1719 Scarth St. on Dec. 7th, 8th, 9th. Immediately after, patrons will receive orders entitling them to their calendar.

THE CITY OF REGINA

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

November 16, 1908.

To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Regina:

GENTLEMEN,—

I beg to submit herewith an Abstract Statement of the Receipts and Expenditures from January 1 to October 31, 1908:

	Dr.	Cr.
Cash on hand January 1, 1908		$ 22,778 21
Cheque returned and receipt afterwards cancelled		458 48
Overdraft and Cheques outstanding January 1, 1908	$497,236 92	
Finance	286,117 87	$934,723 46
Works	51,621 93	1,402 10
Markets	7,046 40	5,947 35
City Hall	61,622 45	2,299 25
Health and Relief	105,799 55	9,324 28
Fire, Light and Power	92,409 68	44,482 34
Cemeteries	4,828 70	778 00
Parks and Boulevards	14,128 90	
Waterworks	65,271 11	14,318 20
Reception	1,239 15	
Cash on Hand October 31, 1908	3,620 04	
Overdraft and Cheques outstanding October 31, 1908		154,436 03
	$1,190,942 70	$1,190,942 70

Yours faithfully,
FENTON MUNRO,
City Treasurer.

I have examined the above Statement with the Books and Vouchers in the City Treasurer's Office and find the same to be correct.

Yours truly,
F. G. WHEAT,
City Auditor.

Capital Assets and Liabilities to October 31, 1908

ASSETS

Sewerage	$280,251 28
Waterworks	405,130 60
Electric Light	152,122 32
Exhibition Site and Buildings	110,241 71
New City Hall Site and Buildings	201,220 60
New City Hall Furnishings	11,953 75
Old City Hall	48,000 00
Fire Appliances	18,853 30
Fire Hall, Hamilton Street	41,004 78
Wooden Sidewalks	27,000 00
Tool House	4,200 00
Pavements	400,000 00
Concrete Sidewalks	115,000 00
C. P. R. Siding	2,062 47
Mortuary Chapel	7,833 15
Cemetery and Building	6,324 25
Part N ½ 30 17-19 W.2, 262.5 acres	52,500 00
Wascana Park	8,000 00
Incinerator	40,968 20
Regina Municipal Hospital, Site and Furnishings	35,300 00
Part Proceeds B-L 427 in Bank (Hospital)	42,432 32
Hospital Capital Account	7,484 17
Hospital Debentures, balance due	50,083 51
City Property Unsold, assessed value	766,205 00
Sinking Fund in Bank	24,261 14
City Property Sales, installments to collect	140,000 00
1908 Taxes and Arrears	200,000 00
Inventories of Tools, etc., for Works, Electric Light, Parks, City Hall and Health Departments	15,000 00
Electric Light and Water, rentals to collect	12,000 00
Stable, block 199	1,268 90
Fire Hall Furnishings	877 35
Fire Alarm System	1,099 00

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT

Pavements	$14,790 44	
Sidewalks (cement)	5,738 28	
Waterworks	29,051 23	
Sewerage	18,396 03	
Electric Light	29,334 86	
	$97,310 79	
Cash on Hand	3,620 04	
		$3,329,608 63

LIABILITIES

Debentures	$1,576,135 84	
Drawbacks	34,776 13	
Balance Due to Hospital, Capital Account for Proceeds Debentures, By-law 427	50,083 51	
Public School (from 08 taxes)	44,000 00	
Gratton School (from 08 taxes)	8,400 00	
High School (from 08 taxes)	11,800 00	
Current Accounts Unpaid	20,000 00	
Bank of Montreal, overdraft October 31, 1908	154,436 03	
Surplus	1,429,977 12	
		$3,329,608 63

DEBENTURES OUTSTANDING

By-law No.	Issued	Purpose		Amount of Debentures	Rate of Interest	Date of Maturity
105	1891	Drainage		$ 20,000 00	6	1921
122	1892	Drainage		15,000 00	5	1912
156	1894	Fire Hall Apparatus	$ 9,400 00			
		Drainage	2,900 00			
		Reservoir Dam	3,500 00			
		Park and Cement	3,500 00			
		Street Grading	1,200 00	20,000 00	6	1914
165	1895	Exhibition		10,000 00	5	1915
274	1902	Street Improvements	10,000 00			
		Less redeemed	2,227 47	7,772 53	4	1902-1922
288	1903	Sewerage	27,115 28			
		Waterworks	70,991 60			
		Electric Light	36,893 12	135,000 00	4½	1909-1953
332	1906	Sewerage	32,136 00			
		Less redeemed	3,213 00	28,923 00	4½	1907-1953
		Waterworks	84,139 00			
		Less redeemed	8,415 99	75,723 01	4½	1907-1953
		Electric Light	43,725 00			
		Less redeemed	4,371 00	39,354 00	4½	1907-1953
359	1906	Waterworks	130,000 00			
		Less redeemed	2,130 00	127,869 10	4½	1907-1936
360	1906	Sewerage	50,000 00			
		Less redeemed	819 57	49,180 43	4½	1907-1936
361	1907	Sidewalks	60 000 00			
		Less redeemed	1,912 57	58,087 43	4½	1907-1921
		Pavements	120,000 00			
		Less redeemed	5,773 66	114,226 34	4½	1907-1926
428	1908	Pavements		255,000 00	5	15 years
429	1908	Sidewalks (granolithic)		50,000 00	5	20 "
430	1908	Waterworks		30,000 00	5	30 "
431	1908	Sewerage		60,000 00	5	30 "
432	1908	Electric Light		60,000 00	5	30 "
427	1908	Hospital		100,000 00	5	30 "
442	1908	Pavements		25,000 00	5	15 "
443	1908	Sidewalks		5,000 00	5	20 "
444	1908	Sewerage		70,000 00	5	30 "
445	1908	Waterworks		90,000 00	5	30 "
446	1908	Electric Light		10,000 00	5	30 "
447	1908	Collegiate Institute		120,000 00	5	30 "
				$1,567,135 84		

Acclamation for Armstrong

Portage la Prairie, Man., Nov. 28.—A heated meeting of a group of Portage Liberals was held tonight, when the decision of the last meeting was reversed, and it was decided not to oppose Hugh Armstrong. Edward Brown refused absolutely to stand, and no one else could be induced to take the field. Hugh Armstrong was thus allowed to go in by acclamation at the bye-election.

Pardon Came Too Late

Edmonton, Nov. 26.—Neville F. Harbottle, who was last summer sentenced to two years' imprisonment in Alberta penitentiary for the use of funds of the inland revenue department, Edmonton, died at the general hospital this morning at 9 o'clock.

A petition had been in circulation and was being largely signed, asking for his release. The pardon had been granted and reached the penitentiary officials at 12 o'clock today, but was too late. The funeral takes place on Saturday from his residence in Edmonton.

He leaves a wife in Edmonton, his mother in Toronto and one brother serving a term of imprisonment for a similar offence in Kingston penitentiary.

MR. CYR IS NUMBER 81

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to declare their patronage lists abolished.

A POSSIBLE CLAIM

Supporters of the government may however, justly claim that many of these reforms are not serious. In the late election the amount of fraud and corruption was not reduced, and the government campaign funds raised by corporations and contractors doing business with the government was the largest on record. Up to the present time, months after the act became law, appointments to the civil service are still made by patronage and not by merit, and we shall have scores of salaries voted "notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Civil Service Act." Rural mail delivery has made little progress since the election. The railway commission as enlarged has never got organized and is one member short. In the Marine enquiry every question referring to campaign contributions by marine contractors is shut out. While the patronage list is said to be abolished, the people whose names are on it continue to do business with the government.

But while the government is not honestly carrying out the principles of the Conservative platform, it has paid Mr. Borden and his party the high compliment of trying to make people believe that this policy is enforced.

SINECURE MINISTERS

The proposed establishment of the Department of Labor as a separate portfolio recalls the pledge of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's party in opposition to reduce the number of departments and abolish several cabinet offices. Instead of doing this the government has already increased the establishment by restoring the heads of customs and excise department to cabinet rank with full salaries, while retaining the department of commerce to which port of their work has been assigned by the previous government. The net result was an increase of $4,000 in ministers' salaries and the creation of a sinecure office for Sir Richard Cartwright which he has held for twelve years. Three departments, namely the State, the Privy Council and Trade and Commerce give practically no work to their chiefs, yet the government is creating a new one with a salaried minister, whereas anyone of the above three might be tacked to the department of labor without sensibly increasing its work.

The appointment of an additional minister means much more than his salary. Each minister has his retinue of private secretaries, typewriters, messengers and door keepers; his travelling expenses, his private car expeditions.

MARINE DISCLOSURES AT ST. JOHN.

As a result of Commissioner Cassel's inquiry at St. John, New Brunswick, the agent of the Marine Department for that district, the engineer of a government cruiser, and the New Brunswick inspector of light have been suspended for taking presents and obtaining loans from contractors with the department. It may be noted that the contractors who gave these favors are all active party men. Charles Macdonald of the St. John Iron Works, who made several advances to the agent, and gave presents to the engineer, was one of the campaign speakers in the recent election for the Minister of Public Works, and his colleague in St. John. B. Macaulay, who made some presents to the agent and frequently exchanged cheques with him, was one of the platform speakers for the government candihate in Queens-Sunbury. John E. Moore, who also made advances to the officials, is one of the contractors who just before the late election purchased the St. John Telegraph, a Conservative journal, and transferred its support to the government party. George McAvity, whose loans to officials amounted to the best of his recollection to $25,000, swore that he had burned his chequebook because it contained election accounts. He was associated with Mr. Moore in the purchase of the Daily Telegraph. But he is a man who receives from contractors as well as pays, for it was he who got the ten per cent. rake off amounting to $35,933 from the Mays derdging contract. John McAvity, who also made many advances to Marine officers, is a brother and partner of George. The family obtain from the government $100,000 a year in patronage, chiefly from the railway department.

Mr. Vroom, another of the leaders is or has been one of the inner circle of the government campaign organization in St. John.

If these men were willing to make large and continuous advances to the local officers, for the sake of the business with the government, how much more generously they must have contributed to the campaign funds of the minister who gave them the patronage? But the commission will not investigate this. It is a matter for parliament to take up.

SAME OLD MACHINE

James Conmee, M.P., is the only government supporter declared elected in New Ontario. He was one of the chief promoters of the Aylesworth Bill to give the federal authorities control of the lists in the unorganized portions of that province. How the lists were stuffed before the election was made public at that time. The same tricks were attempted in Algoma, but were partially frustrated in the west riding.

But the sensational evidence of the Port Arthur personation trial just closed shows that more than one conspiracy was needed to elect Mr. Conmee. The uncontradicted evidence shows that the returning officer appointed by the government, moved a poll 15 miles by an order made two days before the election, giving no public notice of the change. Thus no Conservative scrutineer or voter reached the new voting place. The men whose votes were polled there were youngsters picked up at Port Arthur, shipped by special Sunday train to the designated spot, made drunk on the road, and induced to vote from two to nine times each in the names of men who were on the list, but who were not in the neighborhood. The deputy returning officer and poll clerk, were of course, suitable persons to hold such a poll, and no Conservative knew that polling was going on till after noon, when one happened to visit the place.

The whole program is in line with the "Minnie M" affair, and the other election frauds which killed the Ross government and which have disgraced Ontario Liberalism. It shows that there is no repentance and no reform, that the old machine is still engaged in its old practices, and has the confidence and protection of the government of Canada.

A GROWING LIST

Mr. Parmalee, former member for Shefford, was number 79 of the Liberal members or recently retired members, who have taken office. Number 80 was Mr. Finlayson, who represented Richmond, N.S., in the last house, and is now a judge. Number 81 is Mr. Cyr, late member for Provencher, Man., now appointed immigration agent in France.

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3 only Sunny Empire, No. 40, regular $8.50..... Sale Price 4.50
2 only Sunny Empire, No. 20, regular 6.00..... Sale Price 3.00

A few odd lines, and to clear we will sell at 20 per cent. below wholesale.

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H. Boker's Hockey Club, nickle-plate. Regular $1.25. On sale 85c.
H. Boker's Favorite, nickle-plate. Regular $1.25. On sale 85c.
Perfect Hockey, steel. Regular $1.75. On sale $1.20.
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Also Tubes, Mic-Macs, genuine Acme, etc., at reduced prices.

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5 dozen Ladies' Cardigans, assorted sizes, regular $1.50, on sale 95c.

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Ladies' Felt Shoes, regular $3.50, on sale $1.75; regular 2.00, on sale 90c; regular $1.25, on sale 65c.

Ladies' Fall and Winter Coats

1 only, Lady's Jacket, navy blue, smooth cloth; regular $12.00; on sale $8.00.

1 only, Lady's Jacket, light tweed, smooth cloth; regular $15.00; on sale $10.00.

1 only, Lady's Jacket, dark navy, beaver cloth; $12.50; on sale $8.00.

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Best Rice, 3 pounds for 25c.
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Soda Biscuits, in tins, 25c.
Malta Vita, 2 packages for 25c.
Orange Meat, 2 packages for 25c.
Force, 2 packages for 25c.
Essence, regular 25c, on sale 15c.
Ginger Snaps, 10c a pound.
Sweet Mixed Biscuits, 10c a pound.
Granulated Sugar, 18 pounds for $1.00.
Tetley Tea, 3 pound tin $1.00.
Wagstaff Jam, 5 pound pail 75c.
Smith's Jam, 5 pound pail 75c.
White Star Jam, 5 pound pail 65c.
Canned Tomatoes, 1908; on sale at 10c tin
Canned Corn, 1908; on sale at 10c tin.
Canned Peas, 1908; on sale at 10c tin.
Canned Salmon, on sale 2 tins for 25c.
Prunes, large size, 10c lb.
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