INCREASE IN WATER RATES AND HYDRANT CHARGES IS MR. BUCHANAN'S PROPOSAL

To Private Users and 33 1-3 Per Cent For Fire Protection-Mayor Little Opposed-No Action Yet.

An increase in the water rates of about 17 per cent and in the charge to E. R. Dennis Urges Limited LOCAL COUNCIL MEETS the city for fire protection of 33 1-3 per cent was suggested at a meeting of the public utilities commission Thursday afternoon. The commission was unable to come to a unanimous decision on the matter and decided to arrange a meeting with the finance committee of the city council to discuss the proposition.

The charge to the city for each fire ydrant is at present \$15. Last year to commission wanted to raise this to 15, but the city council absolutely rethe commission wanted to raise this to the commission wanted to raise this to \$31, but the city council absolutely refused to pay this sum.

In a statement presented to the commission Thursday, General Manager E. V. Buchanan estimated the operating expenses of the waterworks department expenses of the waterworks department at \$208,160. He suggested that this review to the entire the waterworks department at \$208,160. He suggested that this review to the count on water rates from 40 per cent to 30 per cent, which in effect would be an increase of 16 2-3 per cent, yielding an additional \$175,000, and by increasing the count of the count

This, by no means, met with the approval of Mayor Little and other members of the commission were also opposed. The debate which followed was nightly. The mayor moved that the ydrant charges be increased to only 18, but this was defeated. No other notion was submitted until the suggestion was made to confer with the compilers of the council. no means, met with the ap-

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Too Discriminating.

Mayor Little contended that the suggestion of Mr. Buchanan was not fair inasmuch as it meant an increase of more than 100 per cent on the hydrants and only about 17 per cent on the general water rates. eral water rates.
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Commissioner Jared Vining said he did not consider the proposition fair to the city, although he thought the present rates were too low.

Mr. Buchanan contended that supplying fire protection demanded an expenditure of \$320,000 additional in the waterworks department which would not be reded if the water were supplied only for ordinary uses. This additional cost resulted from larger mains and additional pumping machinery being required. He thought the city should pay for the fire protection, and staigd that Londen's hydrant charges were low compared to other cities.

"Any utility should high to reduce the tax rate. It doesn't hurt to increase the prices if the general tax rate is brought down," said Mayor Little "I don't agree with you," said Commissioner Philip Pocock. "The waterworks has always been a donkey engine for the rest of the city departments. Any surplus it has made has been used to help out the other departments."

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"We should charge cost, arrived at on a business basis" said Commissioner Vining. "It is all a question of what you mean by cost." He contended hat no sinking fund was being provided, and that this was one factor in preventing a definite cost basis being secured.

Mr. Buchanan and Commissioner Pocock claimed that the expenditure of revenue in the capital account was equivalent to supplying a sinking fund as the property became that much more valuable and was security for money was security for money be needed. Should Pay Taxes.

"To carry it out to its logical con-lusion, taxes ought to be charged gainst the buildings," said Mayor Litness would have to pay taxes," agreed Mr. Vining. "Cost should be determined same plane as a private company ing the same utility." The commission reappointed the 1919 arks board, consisting of Commissioner Vining and Frank Woods, Mr. Hamil-64. W. T. Lawrence and W. E. Sauncommunication was received from the city council stating that the suggestion to have the city pay half of certain damage claims was not acceptable. A meeting will be arranged with the board of works to consider a general basis of settling such claims. In this case a water pipe burst. The water carried away earth and the pavement above collapsed. The utilities commission claimed the bursting of the pipe was due to a fault in the street. The city denied the allegation, Even technical opinion differed.

LEGAL QUERIES

Will you kindly answer the following will you kindly answer the following question for me in your legal column? The Government owes me the sum of over a thousand dollars, as separation allowance not yet paid, and no sign of a settlement. How can I go about it to sue them for this, and oblige.

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER AND RETURNED SOLDIER.

ANS.—Consult a lawyer.

STOMACH TROUBLES

Gas distends the stomach and causes that fuil, oppressive, burning feeling sometimes known as heartburn, while the acid irritates and inflames the delicate lining of the stomach. The trouble lies entirely in the excess development or secretion of acid.

An antiacid, such as bisurated mag-aesia, which can be obtained from any druggist, in either powder or tablet form, enables the stomach to do its

work properly without the aid of arti-ficial digestants. Magnesia comes in several forms, so be certain to ask for and take only Bisurated Magnesia, which is especially prepared. which is especially prepared for the above purpose.—Advt.

GOT A CHILD'S COAT

'Diamond Dyes' Help Make New Outfits for Young-

Urges Advance of 17 Per Cent | WOULD STANDARIZE HOUSES ERECTED BY

LOCAL COMMISSION

Number of Designs. EIGHTY APPLICANTS

City Clerk Baker Reports That Number Received Up To

clothing and sheiter," said Mrs. Dennis.
"Owing to the period of deferred building, there is a serious shortage of houses throughout the world. The function of this committee is not to provide a house on easy terms, but to increase and better the municipality's housing facilities with a view to promoting the larger and general welfare of the whole city, to insure its adstructurally and received. vancement industrially and socially, and in matters relating to the health and efficiency of its population. We must go further than exercising the functions of a mere loan society.

"The commission's experience and the advice of competent authorities point to one poplicy for us. After being assured of a considerable demand for houses by bona fide prospective purchasers, we should carefully proceed with the erection of a stated number of houses of a few different standard de-signs. We should make full use of the advantages of time for preparation, of wholesale buying, quantity production, standardization and efficient manage-City Clerk Baker stated that there were about 80 applicants for houses at the present time.

DOG SHOW ATTRACTS FINE ENTRIES IN ALL THE CLASSES

Revoli Mazie, J. C. Lunan's Boston Terrier, First-Globe Robbin, Owned by V. Perry, Second.

Revilo Mazie, owned by J. C. Lunan, won the prize for the best Boston terrier in the show, and for the best in the open class, and Globe Robbin, owned by Vincent G. Perry, won the prize for the best Boston male in the dog show, which was held in the Struthers building at the corner of York and Richmond street on Thursday night. Globe Robbin carried away two other first prizes and three special prizes. It is nine al prizes. It is nine Other dogs owned by Perry also came high in the prize Records showed that there were more entries in the Boston terrier class than in any other. Wire terriers, foxterriers, and bulldogs, came next in the order mentioned. The toy class was one

HAMILTON SINGER IS **GIVEN ENTHUSIASTIC** RECEPTION BY CLUB

W. M. C. Provides Fine Concert With Entirely French Program.

Into the circle of the London Women's Music Club last night came Mrs. Bertha Carey Morrow of Hamilton, who possesses an unusually beautiful mezzocontralto voice. And her numbers, constitution of the control of the co ARE DUE TO ACIDITY

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Sisting of three groups of French songs, formed a large portion of the entirely French program given under the convenership of Mrs. Edwin Pauli and Miss Mabel Stevens. The concert was one of the finest yet given this season. With a voice rlch, pure and flexible, and a manner characterized by simple dignity, Mrs. Morrow rendered her numbers with the skill of an artist, using coloratura effects which are unusual in an artist with her quality of voice. Mrs. Morrow is doubly gifted, in that she possesses a contralto voice is taking place in the stomach, causing the formation of gas and acid indigestion.

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rano. Her numbers included a group of old Her numbers included a group of oid French folk songs, which were admirably suited to her, among them "Robin M'aime," from the first French opera by Adam de la Hale. She also gave a most exquisite interpretation of the "Song of Spring," from "Samson and Delilah," and another group including Debussy, Faure, Chaminade and Gounod numbers. She is able to interpret an impressionistic song like Debussy, "Marchallet". Hes entirely in the excess development or secretion of acid.

To stop or prevent this souring of the food contents of the stomach, and to neutralize the acid, and make it bland and harmless, a tenapoonful of bisurated magnesia, a good and effective corrector of acid stomach, should be taken in a quarter of a glass of hot or cold water after eating, or whenever gas, sourness or acidity is felt. This sweetens the stomach and neutralizes the acidity in a few moments, and is a perfectly harmless and inexpensive remedy to use.

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he orchestral parts on a second pie nd Miss Minnie Raymond and A and Miss Minnie Raymond and A. D. Jordan, who opened the evening with a Saint-Saens. "Scherzo," for two pianos, setting a high standard of execution at the beginning of the program. Miss Regan and A. D. Jordan acted as accompanists. Miss Miriam Edminston, pianist, of St. Thomas, who was to have appeared on the program, was unable to be present.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Stops Irri-tation; Soothes and Heals. You can get restful sleep after the first application.

BRADSTREET'S REPORTS

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SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER URGES CHILD WELFARE

Says Every Child Is Entitled To Chance To Be Good Citizen.

James Gray Is Elected President-Speakers Discuss Vital Problems.

James Gray was elected president of the Social Service Council of this city at the annual meeting held in the Y.
M. C. A. last night, and Dean N. L.
Tucker honorary president. The other
officers named were: First vice-president, Rev. W. Peever; second vicepresident, Miss B. Smith; secretary, T.
D. McCullough; treasurer, J. Egan
Marce.

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Twenty were elected to the executive committee. They are: J. Laughton, Rev. G. Quintin Warner, Rev. H. T. Ferguson, Rev. G. A. Leichliter, Adjutant H. C. Ritchie of the Salvation Army, Miss M. Hanson, Raymond Smith. Mrs. H. Ashplant, Dr. D. A. Craig, Lleut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore, E. H. Russell, Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae, W. E. Kelly, G. H. McKay, Mrs. H. S. Blackburn, Rev. D. C. MacGregor, Mrs. Gemmel, Mr. Nash and Rev. J. G. Stuart.

Stuart.
The meeting, which was largely attended, was addressed by Gilbert Agar of Toronto, general secretary of the Provincial Social Service Council. He outlined the work of the council throughout the province for the coming

He said that great stress was to be laid upon child welfare work. Every child had the right to be well reared as well as to be well born. No matter into what home a child was born, and under what circumstances, it was not responsible for its birth, and therefore had the right to be siven were the the right to be given every aid and op-portunity to grow up to be a good citizen.

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To Fight Venereal.

He spoke also of the fight which is to be made against venereal disease throughout the province. The Dominion Covernment had promised a gift of \$57,000 to aid in the fight, provided the Provincial Government would give an equal amount. This would bring the total amount of money to finance the campaign up to \$114,000. The council in Ontario was considering means by which it could bring home to the people the vital value of this problem, and was ready to back the work to its fullest power. Community work was important. The speaker said that the local councils should aim to take in the whole community, and should avoid leaving out any section of it. Social matters should occupy their attention rather than religious ones.

Mr. Agar said that the provincial council would carry on its work in child welfare this year by holding two-day conferences in all centres, small as well as large, throughout the province. Lectures on every phase of child life would be given, and these lectures would be illustrated by motion pictures. The aim was to conserve the human resources of the nation.

F. N. Stapleford, president of the Neighborhood Workers' Association of Toronto, spoke on "Neighborhood Work." He showed that while the association was not in reality a part of the Social Service Council, yet it worked hand in hand with it. He added: "In order that the work may be a success, the condition of the community must be known to those who form the association. They should not theorize and take as examples the conditions prevailing in other cities."

The Neighborhood Association he

The Neighborhood Association, he said, was valuable, in that it did away with overlapping. He strongly advised that a clearing house or centre be established in every city, from which branch depots might be operated. To illustrate the work of the association as a whole, he took for example the activities of the work of the association as a whole, he took for example the activities of the one in Toronto.

In that city there was a centre from which nine depots were operated and directed. Each of these had an executive. The citizens of Toronto had awakened to the necessity of such an establishment, and had given it as strong backing. In eighteen months the organization had grown so that the amount of expenditure shown by the budget had increased from \$5,000 to \$33,000 within eighteen months.

The work of the association included family problems, problems presented by dilegitimate births, which he claimed were increasing rapidly; the question of the family broken.

dilegitimate births, which he claimed were increasing rapidly, the question of the family budget, housing problems, desertions, supplying aid during sickness in needy cases, supplying fresh air outings to the children of the poor, and many other miscellaneous problems.

While it was necessary to have trained workers, and while the members of the staff in Toronto were all graduates of Toronto University who had specialized in social service work, the service of volunteer workers was not to be despised. Mr. Stapleford told of the great pised. Mr. Stapleford told of the great work of volunteers during the "flu" epi-demic of last winter, when the organi-zation carried out a perfectly-planned campaign to give assistance to the

POVERTY POND RINK ALONE HAS DRAWN 28,000 THIS YEAR

Wonderful Season for Skaters -Checking Brings \$700.

This has been a wonderful season for the open air skating flends. Some idea of the number of people that use the big "Poverty Pond" rink in Victoria Park may be gained from the fact that over \$700 has been taken in by the authorities for the checking of shoes and overcoats. and overcoats.

The checking rates are 10 cents a bundle, and at this rate over 7,000 people have handed over their belongings to the park officials for safe keeping. It is stated by the men in charge that for every person who checks an overcoat and shoes there are three that don't, which would bring the total attendance at the Victoria Park rink to date at some 28,000 persons, and winter about half over

half over.

The biggest day financially was one beautiful Saturday, when over \$50 was taken in by the rink caretakers. BEST YEAR IN HISTORY

OF NEW ST. JAMES' CHURCH Annual Congregational Meeting Held

BRADSTREET'S REPORTS

LACK OF WORKERS HERE

The annual congregational meeting of the members and adherents of the Members and adherents of the New St. Jame's Church was held on Wednesday evening in the Sunday on A. L. Fletcher, J. E. McConneil, J. dustry continues very brisk. There are the school room.

Last Saturday Before Stocktaking Clearances

The above announcement is significant as stocktaking is an annual event and furnishes opportunities such as are unheard of at any other time. Many departments will make their final appeal tomorrow in their endeavor to reduce stocks to the minimum and square up all lines for a clean sheet on day of inventory. A big list of sales for Saturday:

Saturday Morning Sale of Gloves 39c, 89c, \$1.19

About 400 pairs of Ladies' and Children's Gloves to be cleared Saturday at about half price, some less than

About 25 dozen Fleece-Lined Cotton Gloves, in white or black, sizes 6 to 71/6, also a few size 8, in grey, brown, white or black. Sale price 39c pair Children's Woolen Gloves, in white or grey, assorted sizes, fancy knit. Sale price 39c pair 19 pairs only Children's Doeskin

Gloves, in white or natural, assorted sizes. Sale price89c pair 6 pairs only Ladies' Cape Gloves, tan, sizes 61/4. Sale price 89c pair About 90 pairs of Cape and Doeskin Gloves, mostly white, broken lines, some less than half price, limited quantities, in sizes from 51% to 63%. Clearing at \$1.19 pair

At Stationery Counter

Holland Linen Papeteries in good quality notepaper and envelopes, some envelopes with square flap, diamond flap, round and fancy flap. Special 50c box Frontenac Bordered Papeteries, in the white with narrow blue edge, pale blue paper with darker blue edge and grey with white edge, in good quality linen. Special 75c box Best Quality Kid-Finish Notepaper 25c quire Best Quality Envelopes to match 25c package Best Quality Linen Lawn Notepaper 25c quire Best Quality Envelopes, to match 25c package Ladies' Holland Linen Visiting Cards 40c box Misses' Holland Linen Visiting Cards 35c box Envelopes in Holland linen to fit cards, 25 in package 20c package Sanitary Table Napkins, 100 in package 25c package Para-Sani Heavy Wax Paper, 20 sheets in each roll ... 3 rolls for 25c New assortment of Birthday Booklets and Birthday Post Cards 3 for 5c View Cards of London . . . 10c dozen Oak Cabinet and 1-lb. roll of Heavy Para-Sani Wax Paper, Special \$1.10

Imported Tweed Suitings, Coatings and Sealettes

TOMORROW AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES FOR QUICK CLEARANCE

Opportunities such as these are very rare these days, and we advise taking advantage of these pre-stocktaking clearing prices early in the morning before the best are snapped up. You cannot go amiss on these Saturday, even though you do not require them for some time. The savings are worthy of your consideration.

See Dundas Street Window Display of These Lines.

HALF PRICE SALE TWEEDS, 82c YARD-Four pieces of 40-inch tweeds, in light mixed colors of grey, taupe, dark blue and brown, splendid weight and quality for children's school wear and ladies' suits. Half price, 82c yard

TWO PIECES COLORED TWEEDS, HALF PRICE, \$1.37 YARD—Just two pieces to clear of dark grounds, one overcast with tufts of jade green and the other with burnt orange. These are very smart styles and color mixtures for ladies' suits, separate skirts, ulsters, also for girls' coats and school dresses; 50 inches wide...... \$1.37 yard

TWO PIECES TWEED (HOPSACK WEAVE), \$1.87 YARD-Neat, fine weave for serviceable wear, one in mixture of brown and black and the other in grey and brown, wide width, 56 inches, for suits, coats and also for boys'

THREE PIECES PLAIN, HEAVY COATINGS TO CLEAR AT \$2.95 YARD-For men's and women's wear; here are four pieces of coatings of that heavy, soft wool finish, warm and cosy for the coldest weather; a chance for men and women to secure a coat length that will save you many dollars; three shades of grey, medium to dark, also one piece of blue; at half and nearly half price; 58 and 56 inches wide, \$2.95 yard

Final Clearance of All Sealette Coatings, Saturday

We are determined not to carry these over, and if reductions are any inducement, tomorrow should see these cleared out very quickly. These plushes and sealettes were purchased when prices were far below today's quotations; the qualities are such as to resemble nearly the real skins. Buying your coat length tomorrow will save you from at least \$20.00 to \$25.00 on future purchases. Come early for these. All are about 50 inches wide,

\$3.68 YARD FOR FLEECE SKIN SQUIRREL-Just a half piece to clear of this new imitation of squirrel in fleece skin finish, smart and cosy for children's and misses' coats. One-third off regular price\$3.68 yard

\$5.45 YARD FOR BLACK OR GREY PLUSH-One piece of rich plain black plush, of heavy, long pile, imitation seal, for fine coats; also one piece of grey plush, in fancy design (crush effect), fine quality for serviceable and warm coats, about 50 inches wide; reduced more than one-third off regular prices. To clear Saturday \$5.45 yard

\$6.95 YARD BLACK CRUSH-EFFECT SILK PLUSH SEALETTE-One-third off regular price of this superior quality imported silk plush sealette, rich silk, long pile, best black, just a limited quantity in the piece for early buyers; about 50 inches wide; one-third off regular price. For \$6.95 yard

Wool Challies 39c

About five or six small pieces to be cleared up at this sacrifice price, the remains of our season's ranges, designs for waists, dresses, kimonos, etc., Paisley stripe, navy and white stripe and floral effects, all for quick clearance at about half regular

Ginghams and Chambray, 35c Yd

PUT GINGHAMS ON YOUR SHOP PING LIST, then come and see this big value in plaids and plain chambray weaves; the cloth is strong and durable, and we have received repeated testimony of its good washing

PLAIDS in pretty blues, pinks, fawns, mauve and green, for dresses and children's wear; 27 inches wide. A good value for 35c yard PLAIN CHAMBRAY for trimmings or dresses and a popular cloth for kiddies garments, in pink, sky, delph, lawn, lan, mauve, grey; 27 inches wide 35c yard

Special White Goods

Every Saturday is of importance to housewives who need whitewear or bed linen during this month of January. Look over this list, and we have other special values, some too small in quantity to advertiseyou will see them on the counters. 42-INCH PILLOW CASES, 35c EACH-We have sold hundreds of this quality at this price. You have the opportunity of sharing in the last of this quality. You will need to be early. Special 35c each BRIDAL CLOTH is one of the daintiest of whitewear fabrics, launders perfectly; this quality is extra special; lay in a stock for your future needs and save money thereby; 36 inches wide. White Sale price

.... 39c yard ENGLISH FLANNELETTE, a soft, firm weave and a great wearing quality, just about 5 or 6 stripes left, a great favorite for pyiamas and children's wear; 32 inches wide. Verv

Saturday Stocktaking Clearings in Men's Section

A final rounding up of many odds and ends in the men's and boys' section of underwear, gloves, mitts and a clearing of men's trousers. The prices in these lots ar e in every case far below actual values.

A Big Clearance of Men's Underwear

Men's Shirts and Drawers, elastic ribbed, natural shade, Watson's unshrinkable, medium winter weight, a mill clearance, and priced much below regular; all sizes in shirts; only a few drawers in this lot. Price . \$1.19 garment

Men's Odd Drawers, \$1.69

Men's Odd Drawers, in white and natural shade, all sizes up to 46, elastic ribbed, good winter weight. Get a few extra pairs of these drawers Saturday, they are a great value. A few shirts included with this lot. Price \$1.69 garment

Men's Combinations

Odd lines of Combinations for Saturday, natural wool and elastic ribbed. broken sizes. Real value in this lot. Prices \$2.65, \$2.95 and \$3.50 suit

Mitts Saturday Men's Lined Gloves, genuine leather, well tanned, soft and pliable, with cord fastener at wrist; a splendid work glove. Special at95c pair Men's Unlined Muleskin Mitts, one finger, a very durable line. Price 50c pair

Clearance of Men' and Boys' Gloves and

Boys' Leather Mitts, lined, knitted wool wrist, in all sizes, a line that will Boys' Mitts, lined, mocha and cape leather, wool wrist. Price.... 25c pair Men's Tan Cape Gloves, wool lined, elastic wrist, sizes 8 to 10, a good, warm, serviceable glove. Price\$1.50 pair

Men's Odd Pants, \$5.95

Do you need an extra pair of pants? Here are some special values for Saturday, tweeds and worsteds, in medium and dark shades of grey and Men's Grey Worsted Pants, in a very neat pattern, fine stripe effects, choice quality and well made, all sizes. Price

January White Sale

Grill Service, Restaurant-Planked Steaks, etc.

at Noon Luncheon, 12 to 2. PROGRESS RECORDED IN

VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Annual Meeting at First Church Heare

Good Reports.

Reports from the various sections were invariably favorable, and recorded progress in every case: Membership had increased considerably, income and expenditure larger, all claims met, the building free of debt, and a balance in hand for the coming year. The Sunday school in particular was noted for its progress, with special emphasis on the young men's Bible class, conducted by the pastor, and the mission—Mrs. G. S. Anundson.

Ushers—S. M. Jepson.

Trustees—Messrs. Bock, Creighton, PROGRESS RECORDED IN Auditors-S. M. Jeppson and F. G. Organist-J. L. MacAlpine.

January White Sale

Cortese Orchestra-Restaurant,