

NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

COUNCIL SORRY, NEEDS ITS SALARY

Generous Alderman Proposes Next Year Colleagues Should Work Gratis.

NO ENTHUSIASM

Scheme Was Received Coldly—Some Members Are Too Poor.

Council wrangled for several hours over Alderman McBride's motion asking this year's council to put itself on record in favor of donating next year's salary to the citizens of Toronto, and finally defeated it by a vote of 14 to 6.

Alderman Maguire declared that some members could not really afford to give so much of their time to the city without remuneration.

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WHAT THE COUNCIL DID

Decided that proposals to construct Lansdowne and North Toronto car lines should be submitted in one by-law.

By a vote of 17 to 4 turned down Ald. McBride's motion to let the people vote on Jan. 1 on the question of "Are you in favor of commission government for the City of Toronto?"

Refused to place themselves on record as favoring donating the salaries of the council of 1915 to the taxpayers.

Refused to submit a by-law to the people to reconstruct the Gerrard street bridge at an additional cost of over \$187,000.

Appropriated \$1000 for purchase of coke to be resold at cost to the city.

Agreed to call for tenders for supply of equipment required for new technical school, estimated to cost \$254,355.

Refused to recon sider site on Don driveway for proposed incinerator.

Decided to call for tenders for the privilege of advertising in civic street cars.

Received from Dr. W. H. Frazer a letter of protest against the M.H.O.'s milk regulations.

Received from ex-Alderman Yeomans a letter withdrawing his name in connection with the fire commissioner's position.

Instructed Parks Commissioner Chambers to proceed with improvements in Exhibition Park.

Instructed Property Commissioner Chisholm to convert the city hall assembly hall into offices.

Awarded to Roger, Miller and Co. contract for 72-inch steel conduit at the Island at a cost of \$109,700.

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NOBODY IN SIGHT FOR FIRE COMMISSIONER

Yeomans Withdraws His Name and Aldermen Quibble About Salary.

SPENCE ASKS AMOUNT

Dunn Suggests Allowing Thompson to Go Ahead With Reorganization.

When the council, at 9.30, reached the board of control's report, Ald. Robbins moved that the recommendation of the Gerrard street bridge, at a cost of over \$200,000, be submitted to a vote of the people on Jan. 1.

McCarthy announced to council the withdrawal of ex-Ald. Yeomans from the candidature for the position of fire commissioner.

Spence asked for a lengthy address opposing the question. The alderman expected the nomination was made without the ex-alderman's consent.

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PRINCE ALEXANDER CALM UNDER FIRE

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Nov. 30.—(Cable) Cook of the Second Life Guards, writing home from the front, incidentally refers to Prince Alexander, governor-general-designate of Canada.

"During the retirement," he says, "with the German rapidly advancing and shells bursting less than 100 yards from him, Prince Alexander stood calmly by, smoking as if no thing was happening."

Willst we were mounting to get away, his serene highness and Col. Ferguson, who accompanied him, were last to leave. In another instance, he the prince was standing near a farm house when a shell burst within about ten yards of him. He merely looked round and took in the situation with remarkable coolness, exhibiting not the slightest fear."

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COMMISSION GOVT NOT FOR TORONTO

City Council Turned Down Ald. McBride's Proposal Flatly.

Spence Says It Would Just Mean an Irresponsible Board of Control.

After spending three hours discussing Ald. McBride's motion, that on Jan. 1 the people be asked to vote on the question: "Are you in favor of a commission form of government for the City of Toronto?" the city council yesterday turned it down by 17 votes to 4.

Some of the members, tho in favor of certain forms of commission government, thought that the question was too great a one to submit on such short notice without consideration; a number of others declared themselves totally opposed to commission government, while Ald. Singer and two others voted against the question being submitted because they did not approve of the form in which the question was to be put.

"I believe the citizens of Toronto are beginning to consider seriously commission government for the city, but there is no more opportunity than the present to put it up to them," declared Ald. McBride in launching the debate.

"Commission government is simply government by board of control without a council," summed up Spence after a lengthy address opposing the question. The alderman expected the nomination was made without the ex-alderman's consent.

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There are two essential functions of government," pointed out the speaker. "One is to legislate—that is to make laws and the other is to carry out the laws. Experience in every country has probably shown that the larger the legislative body the better, and the smaller the administrative body the better."

Therefore, the alderman contended, it would be unwise to do away with the legislative body of Toronto. One of his arguments was that a large body was more likely to carry out the law.

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Resumption of Active Operations Against Russians Suggested by Experts.

Canadian Press Despatch. BERLIN, Nov. 30.—(By Wireless to London.)—The situation at the end of the past week shows, in the opinion of military critics, that the time is ripe for the resumption of active operations against the Russians, which temporarily were hindered by the advance of Russian reinforcements in northern Poland. The German successes, the critics contend, definitely have removed the danger of any invasion of the German provinces.

Further south the Austrians are co-operating to good effect, and the Austrian advance into Serbia affords a reasonable ground for believing that the campaign there soon will be brought to a successful conclusion and thus release troops for action elsewhere. An observer who has just returned from Serbia expresses the opinion that the Serbians are "at the end of their tether."

In the western arena of the war, the situation is not so clear as it is in the east, but reports continue to show that the enemy's attacks have been repulsed. The Germans, it is announced, are gaining ground and thus gradually nearing a final decision.

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