

MEETING THAT WASN'T HELD

THANKS TO THE MAYOR, AID CARLE AND JOLLIFFE.

Through the obstructive tactics of this Trio Hundreds of Men Must Remain Out of Work For Another Indefinite Period—When Will This Business End?

The ratifiers of the city of Toronto fully expected that yesterday would have proved a memorable day in the history of the City Council. After the long and vexatious, and in many cases unnecessary, delays in getting matters into shape so that civic works could be commenced, it was thought that the "obstructionists" had at last seen the error of their ways and that the welcome news that work would go on at once would be heralded in the press this morning.

This is how it came about. When the Executive Committee met at 2 o'clock the members present were Ald. Shaw in the chair, Mayor Fleming, Ald. Crawford, Leslie, Jolliffe, Carle and Lamb. Ald. Davies came in before the meeting was over. The committee had only 30 minutes in which to transact its small amount of business before the council met. This would have been ample time had not the Mayor, Ald. Jolliffe and Carle taken up valuable time by squabbling over the appointment of some fictitious collectors and endeavoring to put through a motion in reference to Sunday cars.

When this was made known the men in search of work filed out of the hall and joined their fellows in the street, where in low and earnest tones they came more and more to realize the outlook. They finally decided to wait until the Mayor came out, when some of their number intended to speak to him. In the meantime, while the men stood in the street, they were being continually "moved" by the policemen, who had been summoned to the hall by the Mayor.

After the Mayor adjourned the council meeting for want of a quorum, Ald. Bell insisted around with a requisition asking the Mayor to call the council to-night. After 11 signatures had been secured it was learned that the Mayor would not be present, as he had a Sunday car meeting to attend.

BEFORE THE EXECUTIVE

The Mayor's Scheme So Do Away With All Tax Collectors. The first business taken up at the meeting of the Executive was the appointment of the tax-collectors. As has already been published, it had been decided some days ago to make some changes in the personnel of the collectors. Formerly 13 were engaged to do the work, and the Mayor had a total cost of \$13,000. The city is now divided into six wards, with a total of 10 assessors, "sub-divisions" of the city.

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Another scheme for delay. When this question was settled if the committee had adjourned as it should have done the council meeting would have been held. But it was not to be; when Ald. Carle moved that the collectors be left as last year. Much to Treasurer Coody's disappointment and against his advice this motion carried.

From that time until today they have been changed by moisture into auriferous. The coins were only slightly rusted the night before last, but now they are almost unrecognizable.

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The report prepared by the statistical bureau at Washington on the condition of the crops was issued yesterday afternoon. It shows that the prospect of a fair yield of spring wheat in the United States is dimmed. The condition of the crop on Aug. 1 was 87 against 77 on July 1 and 82 on Aug. 1, 1938. The recent drought has seriously damaged the corn crop according to the report. The condition of corn is 73.3 compared with 88.5 on July 1 and 87.5 on July 1, 1938.

Put on September wheat in Chicago were quoted yesterday afternoon at 90c and calls at 90c. The market was steady.

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