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The government says it is war time and money cannot be had for such purposes. This may be true for the government, it is not true for the municipalities. They know they are getting money on more favorable terms than the government can. They know that it will pay them to get it.

The government should consider the situation, and there should be no hesitation about consenting to a plan which cannot affect the government except favorably, which will benefit the people exceedingly, and which will arouse no opposition except from the corporations which are already lined up against all things hydro-electrical.

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and clear away all obstructions to such a policy.

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South York Member "Breezy and Original" Ottawa Journal's Comment on "New Policies" Voiced in House.

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NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

RUMORED GRANT USED IN OFFICERS' LUXURIES SAID MONEY WAS SPENT IN FITTING EXHIBITION QUARTERS WITH RUGS AND CURTAINS.

MAYOR WAS INDIGNANT Vehemently Denounced Gossip Which Disturbed Peaceful Atmosphere of City Hall.

The peace and quiet of the city hall was considerably disturbed yesterday by a story that got round to the effect that the \$1500 granted by the city to the five batteries stationed at the Exhibition was spent for comforts for the officers instead of the men.

Unfortunately, or otherwise, some of the accounts of money expended by the batteries were presented to the board of control on Monday, and these indicated that the money had been spent for the officers.

In order to set matters right Mayor Church gave out a statement explaining the whole situation. Speaking of the bills that had been mentioned in connection with the affair he said: "The bills referred to are not one lot of the expenses the officers have had to expend on their battery and men. The only grant they got was the \$1000 which they would not drop in the bucket."

In speaking of the matter yesterday Controller O'Neill, Foster and Cameron declared that they would not vote in favor of any more grants unless they were thoroughly investigated and had the endorsement of the officer commanding the division.

MAYOR WILL ENDEAVOR TO STOP OVERCROWDING Says Conditions on Street Cars Indecent and Worse Than on Cattle Trucks.

More criticism was leveled against the Toronto Street Railway Co. by the mayor and members of the board of control yesterday. Flouting his suggestion, made in his inaugural address, Mayor Church attacked the overcrowding on the street cars and said it was nothing less than indecent to crowd human beings in the way it is being done.

"I'm behind anything you do in the way of relieving the situation," said Controller Thompson. At this point it was decided to name the traffic commission, which will be composed of Works Commissioner Harris, E. J. Cousins of the harbor board, the city treasurer, the corporation counsel, a member of the council and the mayor.

Referring again to the overcrowding, the mayor said the conditions allowed were not tolerated in cattle cars. He believed the matter should be taken before the private bills committee.

STREET RAILWAY EARNINGS. Street Railway earnings for the month of January totaled \$474,734.15, the city's percentage being \$65,846.82. In January a year ago the receipts were \$471,226.38 and the city's percentage \$70,465.38.

GREEKS WERE KILLED BY ZEPPELIN BOMBS. SALONIKI, Feb. 2.—Two Greek soldiers, five refugees and seven workmen were killed and fifty civilians were injured by the inflammable bombs dropped early this morning from the Zeppelin in the raid on the city of Salonika.

THE WORKING CIRCULAR. The Working Circular, I.O.D. No. 100, for Feb. 2nd, at 3 East.

WILD GESE IN SAUNDERS' PICTURE. A picture of wild geese in the park, Ontario, will be the subject of a lecture by Mr. Saunders at the North American Club on Saturday evening under the auspices of the city for the protection of the birds.

ANIMAL LOVERS. The annual meeting of the Animal Lovers' Club will be held at the North street, tonight, at 8 o'clock. The speaker will be Miss George Dixon, Dr. Mrs. Clayton Preston of Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss Helen W. Allen of Toronto.

NOT THEIR DUTY TO INTERFERE. There will be no Chief Smith in respect to the matter as far as some were concerned. The principle of protection for Smith they carry out, and they do not mind to interfere with his being appointed.

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