

# Council Meeting

The Playgrounds — New Fire Alarms — General City Matters

The council met yesterday afternoon.

The reports of the committee of the whole as amended were presented and passed by the council as follows:

Your committee recommend that the following appropriation be made to be expended by the commissioner of public works, on playgrounds, namely:

Five hundred dollars for work this season on the Queen square, West End, in providing a baseball ground, to be extended and improved next year.

Three hundred dollars in providing a baseball ground between St. James and Britain streets on land not owned by the city. It being understood that the road engineer will guarantee satisfactory results to the extent that the ground will prove satisfactory for the purposes intended.

Two hundred dollars for work on the Victoria square for a playground.

And \$1,000 for work on the Rockwood Park playgrounds provided that the grounds be first conveyed to the city by the St. John Horticultural Association.

Your committee recommend that the action of the commissioner of harbors and public lands and city engineer in accepting the tender of S. Herbert Mayes of \$4,800 for the reconstruction of the ferry approaches, West St. John, be confirmed.

Your committee also recommend that the commissioner of water and sewerage be empowered to call for tenders for the sale and removal of the Mispic mill property, and also for certain buildings owned by the city at Spruce Lake.

Your committee further recommend that the order of common council of April 21, 1918, instructing the chamberlain not to take any rent under the lease which have expired be now cancelled and annulled, and that the chamberlain be instructed to take possession of the collection of all overdue rentals, and that a letter be sent accompanying the next bills for rentals on any property which the commissioner thinks it advisable to dispose of, advising the tenant or lessee that they would be given a chance to purchase the leased property if satisfactory negotiations are completed by September 1 next. The selling price to be arrived at by capitalizing the rental at four per cent.

That agreement has been prepared by the city solicitor, under order of this council of April 15 last in connection with the removal of the tracks from the new pier and the Pettigall and McLeod wharves, it recommends that the change be signed by the mayor and common clerk under the common seal and that it be forwarded to the department of railways for signature.

That the commissioner of harbors, ferries and public lands has reported to your committee the sale of the Smith property in Lancaster to John A. Barry for the sum of \$800 and the Black property (so-called) to Thomas J. Conway for the sum of \$1,000 and your committee recommend that deeds of the lots be given to the respective purchasers under the common seal upon the purchase money being paid over to the chamberlain.

That the bonds issued by the city in Fairville and Yorkville in the parish of Lancaster be sold by tender or otherwise at the discretion of the commissioner of harbors, ferries and public lands, the commissioner of finance and public affairs and the chamberlain.

Finance Report.

The report of the commissioner of finance and public affairs was adopted by council as follows: "Your commissioner recommends that the controller be authorized to issue for payment all accounts coming to him for payment properly certified, not later than July 15."

Protest's Assessment.

A protest from A. B. McIntosh relative to his assessment on property at 247-249 Rockland road was before council. He maintained that last year he was assessed but \$7,000 on this property and that this year he had been jumped to \$8,000. The matter was referred to the board of assessors for attention.

The clerk of the provincial legislature informed the council in a communication that the two memorials presented to the government, one for a portion of the money received from fines under the N. B. prohibition law to be applied to the treasury of the city of St. John and the other that the city police magistrate of St. John be superannuated and replaced, he maintained that last year he was assessed but \$7,000 on this property and that this year he had been jumped to \$8,000. The matter was referred to the board of assessors for attention.

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Tenders were opened for a new stock stack for the ferry steamer Lullow as follows:

Union Foundry & Machine Works, \$800.

St. John Iron Works, \$545.

The contract was awarded to the Union Foundry & Machine Works and the matter left with Commissioner Bullock to proceed with the work.

Fire Matters.

The question of the proper placing of "bells" for the fire alarm apparatus was brought to the attention of the council when a letter from St. David's church was read stating that the trustee board had decided that that body would have to ask the city to discontinue the use of its fire alarm striker on the St. David's church bell.

Commissioner McLellan explained that St. David's church owned the bell and that the city owned the striker and the electrical apparatus. He said that he had been enquiring into the matter of the placing of fire alarm apparatus to the city and pointed out that when this service at St. David's church was discontinued something would have to be arranged to take its place. He suggested that another "bell," a term used by firemen for the large horns adapted for fire alarm purposes, be purchased by the council. One is now on the Cornwall Cotton Mill, and he pointed out that these had to be placed where there was constantly a head of steam of seventy-five pounds. He is now in communication with the Atlantic Sugar Refineries in an effort to obtain permission to place one of these "bells" on the company's refinery. He said that the horn now used by the city cost \$1,340 and he supposed that to purchase one at the present time would require more money.

In order to provide for the North End efficiently he believed that he would place the bell now in Hook and Ladder House No. 3 in No. 5 Engine House with an electrical striker and that this would take care of the demands of that portion of the city.

While discussing fire matters he said that he would have to ask for a new horn for No. 7 fire station at West St.

# CUTICURA

Heals Skin Trouble With One Cake Soap and Two Boxes Ointment.

Terrible itching on back of neck. After three weeks got rid of it and became sore. Was red and scratching caused sleepless nights. Got Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Itching not so bad after using them. Now healed.

From signed statement of Mrs. William Quigley, Windsor, N. S.

If Cuticura did no more than soothe and heal eczema, measles, itching and burnings, bringing speedy comfort to tortured, disfigured men, women and children it would be entitled to the highest praise. But it does more. By using the Soap exclusively for toilet purposes, allowing no other soap to touch your skin, you will in many cases prevent these distressing experiences.

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LEMON JUICE TAKES OFF TAN

Girls! Make bleaching lotion if skin is sunburned, tanned or freckled.

Squeeze the juice of two lemons into a bottle containing three ounces of Orchard White, shake well, and you have a quarter pint of the best freckle, sunburn and tan lotion, which is as beautiful, as at very, very small cost.

Your grocer has the lemons and any drug store or toilet counter will supply three ounces of Orchard White for a few cents. Massage this sweetly fragrant lotion into the face, neck, arms and hands each day and see how freckles, sunburn, windburn and tan disappear and how clear, soft and white the skin becomes. Yes! It is harmless.

John in the near future and one also for No. 1 hook and ladder station. He would recommend the placing of concrete floors in these two stations and this would entail an expenditure of from \$800 to \$1,000. He would bring in a recommendation covering these matters at a future meeting of council.

The New Brunswick Power Company's request to be granted permission to erect two new poles in Vulcan street and one in Sydney street, as well as to change the location of a pole in Sydney street was granted by the council on recommendation of Commissioner Fisher and the street engineer.

The Bill of the New Brunswick Power Company for lighting the streets for the quarter ending July 1, amounting to \$7,281.64, was ordered paid.

The invitation to the mayor and city commissioners to be present at the special meeting to commemorate the dedication of the new theatre, to be held in the Imperial Theatre on August 5, was accepted by the council.

It was decided to hold the master of bylaws governing the licensing of vehicles in the city on Thursday when it will be finally settled.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

Robert Clines, parliamentary secretary to the food control department, has been appointed Great Britain's food controller, to succeed Viscount Rhondda.

The moulders of the Dominion Steel & Coal Company in Sydney are asking for an average increase in their wages of 20 per cent.

Premier Borden visited the Cliveden Canadian Red Cross hospital on Sunday. He addressed the staff of nurses and patients. Premier Lloyd George was also a guest at Cliveden.

The marine court of inquiry into the stranding of the Canadian troopship City of Vienna rendered a finding yesterday afternoon. Captain John Farrington, master of the steamer, was practically exonerated from all blame.

Y. W. P. A. BERRY PICKERS.

Twenty-two members of the Young Women's Patriotic Association left at noon today for Sackville, where they will assist in the work of picking strawberries.

The names of the girls leaving today are: Winifred Ross, Miss Green, Gertrude Green, Ruth Milne, Annie Storm, Florence Climo, Ellen Morrison, Hazel and Gladys Gibson, Leora Patch, Margaret Patch, Anna Estlin, Edna Ruby Isaacs, A. E. Sherwood, Ada Farwell, Marion Cruikshank, Sarah Ring, Stella Allingham, Marie, Miss Nice, Helen Church and Jessie L. P. Church. Ethel and Dora Day, of Oxford (N. B.), will join the party at Sackville and Ermeline Climo and Gladys Howard will leave for Sackville on Saturday.

DROPS OF MAGIC! LIFT OUT CORNS

Sore, troucy corns stop hurting, then lift right out with fingers

For a few cents you can get a small bottle of the magic drug freese recently discovered by a Cincinnati man.

Just ask at any drug store for a small bottle of freese. Apply a few drops upon a tender, aching corn or callus and instantly all soreness disappears and shortly you will find the corn or callus so loose that you lift it off with the fingers.

Just think! Not one bit of pain before applying freese. No corns, soft corns, or corns between the toes, also hardened calluses on bottom of feet, shriveled up and fall off without hurting a particle. It is almost magical.

Ladies! Keep a tiny bottle on the dresser and never let a corn or callus catch you.

# LAST NIGHT'S WAR CABLES

While the fighting on the Macedonian and Albanian frontiers must remain a side issue to the great battles that are expected momentarily in France, and possibly northern Italy, the progress of the French and Italians along the Albanian coast brings them close to the war into consideration.

Rapid strides have been made since the French and Italian assaults were launched north of Avlona on July 8. Strong Austrian positions have been

stormed and it appears that the Allies have been successful in turning the Austrian right wing. An official statement from Rome says that Italian cavalry have gained the Austrian rear and destroyed bridges across the Semina River, which parallels the Voyusa, where the attack was begun. This marks an advance of about fifteen miles.

Dr. Richard Von Kuehlmann, the German foreign minister, has retired from office, it is announced, and the German emperor has accepted his resignation. This has been expected since Von Kuehlmann's address in the German Reichstag on June 25, in the course of

which he said that victory by purely military decisions could hardly be expected.

Czechoslovak forces in Eastern Siberia have extended their sphere of influence up the Amur River to Nikolayevsk, an important naval station. The defeated Bolshevik troops, with their Austro-German allies, are said to have retired toward Khabarovsk, the capital of the maritime province.

General Pershing's official statement of operations along the sectors held by Americans makes special mention of heavy German troop movements near Muthouse, in Alsace. It is also reported

that German airmen were very active in that sector of the front.

London, July 9.—A British submarine was slightly damaged and one officer and five men killed when the craft was attacked by German seaplanes off the east coast of England on July 8, according to an admiralty statement issued today.

Engagement Announced.

Mrs. Lydia Lank of Welshpool announces the engagement of her daughter, Edith, to Sydney H. Harvey of Stanley, N. B. The marriage will take place on July 10.

# Consolidated Financial Statement of the National Council, Y.M.C.A. of Canada (CANADA - ENGLAND - FRANCE)

The National Council of the Y.M.C.A. herewith presents a complete statement of its finances for the year 1917, covering its entire service Overseas and in Canada.

The Executive Committee of the Council arranged last November to have a complete statement for the year 1917 ready for publication before the recent Red Triangle Campaign, but owing to conditions arising out of military operations in France, this has been unavoidably delayed. It is presented now at the earliest date that existing conditions have permitted.

The portion of the following statement which concerns England and France has already been submitted to the Overseas Military authorities. Audited statements of the funds handled have been submitted to the Military Department at Ottawa, and for the past two years regular accounting has been made as well to the authorities in England and in France. In addition to the regular audit in France, the accounts are checked every month by the Military Field cashiers, to determine the amount which is paid to Military units as indicated in the Expenditures. Printed copies of the audited statements are posted up in the huts for the information of the soldiers.

The General Operation Account shows on the one hand the entire receipts of the National Council, first, from the gross sales of its Military canteens in Canada, England and France, and second, the receipts from the sale of goods in the canteens, and, on the other hand, there is shown the entire expenditures for the year, including, first, the cost of the goods sold in the canteens and, second, the expenditures connected with the entire service which is carried on under the direction of the National Council.

The Balance represents the excess of receipts over expenditures. Of this sum of \$118,351.43 was the balance at the National Headquarters at Toronto, and the remainder was Overseas. This balance at the end of the calendar year represents the amount available to carry on operations until the time of the campaign in 1918. While the financial statement is drawn up on the basis of the calendar year, the receipts from the campaign of one year have to serve until the campaign of the next year. The above balance at the National Headquarters was by April 30th, just before the new campaign, not only used up but changed to a deficit of \$237,950.13. This deficit was, however, offset by the balance overseas, which has to be maintained there as a working balance to carry on operations.

The item of \$240,524.56 is a special amount which had to be expended for the purchase of canteen and other supplies in Canada for shipment to France. Beginning with June, 1917, on account of the scarcity of supplies in Great Britain, much of the purchasing formerly done there had to be transferred to Canada. The long period of time required for the shipment of these supplies to France involves the continuous employment of a large staff. The amount expended for this purpose, as at December 31st, has had to be treated as an expenditure and placed in Reserve fund against the campaign in hand. It is, however, a possible asset and will, when realized upon, be devoted to other forms of service to the soldiers, and it is no longer required to maintain the canteen service in France.

It was possible to provide for this expenditure only because the amount asked by the National Council in 1917 was oversubscribed by more than the amount required just at the time the Canadian Purchasing had to be undertaken. But for this it would have been necessary either to borrow this large amount or greatly curtail the service.

It is to be remembered that the goods at the front in France, where the greater part of the stock is carried, are subject to enormous

risks. The English Y.M.C.A. in the German offensive of March and April suffered losses in huts and canteen supplies of nearly one million dollars. In the more recent offensive the American Y.M.C.A. has suffered losses nearly as large, and the National Executive has deemed it a matter of prudence to be prepared to meet a similar loss if it should fall on the Canadian Y.M.C.A.

The National Council has from the first declared the policy of devoting to the service of the soldiers whatever balance remains in the Military Fund at the close of the war. This policy has been made known to and accepted by the Overseas Military authorities. The need for the Y.M.C.A. service will continue all through the period of demobilization, and the plan of the National Council is to use whatever balance then exists to keep up the efficiency of the service to the soldiers during that important period.

The National Council of the Y.M.C.A., under which the Military Work is conducted, is a representative body of the various Y.M.C.A.'s throughout Canada, but it has no authority over or financial responsibility for any local branch. The funds which it handles have no connection with those of any local branch of the regular Y.M.C.A. It wishes to make clear, therefore, that the funds which are acquired by or subscribed for the Y.M.C.A. Military Work have not been and will not be used in connection with the regular work of any of these branches, but will, according to the policy already announced, be kept in the Military Work and devoted exclusively to the service of soldiers.

The service represented in the expenditures of the accompanying statement covered at the opening of the present year, 96 centres of operation in France and 74 in England, including all regular camps and units, base camps, convalescent camps, hospitals, railway troops, cavalry, London and Paris, and forestry units from the north of Scotland to the South of France.

There were on the Overseas staff 133 Secretaries carrying honorary commissions, 59 of whom were at the expense of the Y.M.C.A. for pay and allowances and the remainder at the expense of the Government. There are also a considerable number of other ranks, non-commissioned officers and men, detailed to the Y.M.C.A. staff by the Military authorities. A number of these, who are given non-commissioned rank because of special responsibility, are at the expense of the Y.M.C.A. for the extra pay over that of their regular rank. Civilian help is also employed where required and where circumstances permit.

In Canada the soldiers are served in 38 centres, including camps, barracks, Red Triangle Clubs, hospitals, naval stations and on troop trains. This has required approximately 100 Secretaries, who work on a civilian basis and are entirely at Y.M.C.A. expense. There is also required a considerable staff of employed helpers, exclusive of the committees of ladies who render their service free.

The scope and variety of the entire service, in so far as expenditures can reveal them, are indicated in the following statement.

Signed on behalf of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A.

G. H. WOOD, Chairman.

F. L. RATCLIFF, Chairman of Finance Committee.

CHAS. W. BISHOP, General Secretary.

# General Operations for the Year ended 31st December, 1917

Operating Balances brought forward from 1916:—

(a) In Canada \$ 6,780.22

(b) In England and France 89,863.43

Remittances from Canada in 1916 received Overseas in 1917 123,608.67

Gross Canteen Sales:

In Canada 153,544.03

In England 394,253.21

In France 2,235,990.09

Subscriptions received in Canada:

Ontario and Quebec 765,227.55

Western Provinces 229,820.10

Maritime Provinces 134,736.48

Interest earned 4,601.42

Subscriptions received Overseas:

France 14,328.98

England 8,821.42

Interest earned 2,397.74

Adjustment of Exchange between Canada, England and France 20,548.00

\$ 4,829,658.97

# EXPENDITURES

Cost of Goods sold in Canteens: CANADA ENGLAND FRANCE TOTAL

Transportation and Transport Equipment for Canteen Goods 103,683.67 462,890.46 1,801,912.22 2,368,486.35

Loss from Damaged Goods, Fire, Shell Fire and Submarine 7,753.96 13,168.72 20,922.66

Canteen Equipment 2,131.25 15,202.21 14,159.95 31,493.41

Free Distribution of Canteen Service, including Warehouse expenses 7,214.45 2,340.44 8,058.12 17,613.01

Huts, Hut Equipment, Tents and Decorations 18,312.80 108,418.29 121,031.11 247,762.20

Free Distribution of Canteen Sales given to Military Authorities 14,456.66 4,043.29 21,557.28 40,057.23

Free Distribution of Drinks, etc., including Service to Wounded 3,204.27 84,807.08 84,807.08

Free Distribution of Athletic Supplies and Prizes 12,179.31 39,509.20 51,688.51

Free Distribution of Stationery, Magazines, Religious and other Literature 24,103.92 37,061.81 70,175.18

Free Cinemas, Concerts, Lectures, Pianos, Music and Gramophones 5,100.36 35,019.24 60,254.23 100,373.83

Automobile and Transport Equipment and Maintenance 1,925.85 8,700.35 23,189.34 33,815.54

Supervision of Military Camps (Canadian figures include Salaries, Administration Headquarters, including Office Expenses (Canadian figures include Salaries, Pay and allowances of Overseas Secretaries, not on Government pay; extra pay and rations of non-commissioned officers and men on Y.M.C.A. staff Overseas; wages and board of civilian help Overseas, and salaries of Secretaries in Military branches in Canada.) 40,976.68 47,640.03 33,509.54 122,126.25

Rents, Rates, Heating and Lighting 5,769.82 10,460.43 15,828.34 32,058.59

Office Equipment 3,204.27 84,807.08 84,807.08

General and Sundry Expenses, including Travelling, Postages, Telephones, etc. 16,913.78 7,333.03 2,781.65 26,978.46

Information and Records 874.41 448.85 874.41

Educational Work 7,532.69 7,532.69

Hospitality League Work in London 973.33 973.33

Expenses of sending workers Overseas 5,327.60 5,327.60

Amount paid to the British Y.M.C.A. for work among Canadian Soldiers 35,797.50 35,797.50 71,595.00

For work among troops in Mesopotamia 5,400.00 5,400.00

Cash paid in Canada for Purchases of Canteen and other supplies for France, still in transit. 240,524.56 240,524.56

For work in Military Barracks, Hospitals, Discharge Depots, on Troop Trains, etc.: 28,535.18 28,535.18

In Western Provinces 27,350.31 27,350.31

In Maritime Provinces 15,735.42 15,735.42

For work on Transports, in Munitions Plants and Internment Camps 14,463.25 14,463.25

Naval work at Halifax 9,840.04 9,840.04

For work with Boys on Farm Service 9,573.91 9,573.91

Advertising, Printing, Organization and Collection Expenses in connection with Financial Campaigns 54,243.00 54,243.00

For General Work of National Council, part of which is Military Administration of Territories, Boys' Work, Student, Industrial and Railroad Departments, funds for which were subscribed in conjunction with Military Funds by agreement of regular contributors 64,155.62 64,155.62

Expenses of sending workers Overseas 418,848.87 418,848.87

\$ 4,329,658.97

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

We have audited the books, vouchers and accounts of the National Council Headquarters at Toronto, and of the Central Territorial Division, for the year ended 31st December, 1917, and have been furnished with the audited statements of the Maritime and Western Divisions of the National Council for the same period. We have also been furnished with the Annual Statement for England for 1917, duly audited, and the Annual Statement for France for 1917 with the auditor's Certificate Statement for the month to June 30th. Owing, we understand, to Military restriction on civilian travel between England and France, it was impossible for the auditor to go to France and complete the audit to 31st December, 1917. We have agreed the Canadian and Overseas statements with the above General Statement, which combines them, and, according to the books and statements furnished, the above statement in our opinion, correctly sets forth the operations of the National Council at home and overseas.

OSCAR HUDSON & COMPANY, Chartered Accountants.

Toronto, July 3rd, 1918.

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Men's Suits From \$7.98 to \$24 Worth from \$12 to \$30

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