



# NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

## CONTROLLERS DISCUSSED THE TRAFFIC PROPOSALS

Report Printed Exclusively by The Toronto World Was Considered at Private Session.

## SPEND EIGHTEEN MILLIONS

Scheme Drawn Up by Experts Involves Tremendous Expenditures and Changes.

The joint report of Works Commissioner R. C. Harris, E. L. Cousin, chief engineer of the Toronto Harbor Board, and E. A. Gaby, chief engineer of the Provincial Hydro-Electric Commission, regarding a hydro radial system for the city, announced exclusively in The World yesterday, was discussed at a private session of the board of control yesterday afternoon, Sir Adam Beck and the engineers being present.

The cost of the system, which amounts to \$18,517,000, is made up as follows: West line from terminal to west focal point, 6.2 miles, \$4,076,000; East line from terminal to east focal point, Coakwell and Danforth aves., 4.7 miles, \$3,120,000; North line, Queen street to north focal point, Duplex ave. and Beir Line, 3.2 miles, 7,698,000; East and west yards and freight facilities, 1,365,000; Terminal station, 2,560,000; Yonge street and car house, \$18,817,000.

The conclusion is that the existing surface system, if provided with more cars and operated with greater efficiency, will adequately serve within the city limits which existed in 1911. It is maintained that the best entrance for the new system is at College street, and that the entrance from the north can be effected by means of tunnels.

An additional expense of \$8,000,000 will provide a four-track subway from the water front to College street, and with a terminal at College street one further north, is hardly thought feasible. The idea of a terminal at the water front is to provide for connection with water traffic, and that a trunk line will eventually provide a semi-rapid transit system.

Street Railway Purchase. Among the recommendations made in the purchase of the Toronto Street Railway system at the expiration of its franchise in 1921, is the building of a transportation commission composed of representatives of the city, the Harbor Commission and the Provincial Hydro Commission, to be authorized to give the city a majority, and which will have everything in readiness for the taking over of the present lines.

There will be constructed three trunk radial entrance lines, with the necessary terminal areas, and that the east line will come from a point near Coakwell and Danforth avenues, running south, then west to the main terminal in the center of the city, until the G.T.R. is reached, and from that point elevated. The focusing point in the north is the intersection of Duplex avenue and the old G.T.R. belt line, from where the line runs southerly, elevated over Barnard Park, from where it crosses the line of the G.T.R. and runs south, then west to the main terminal in the center of the city, until the G.T.R. is reached, and from that point elevated.

No Rapid Transit. A rapid transit system at present is not recommended and the engineer believes that no portion of the system should be given over to the use of any other company without the consent of the Ontario Hydro Power Commission. No suggestions are made as to how the scheme can be financed. A reworking of the present street car laws would relieve conditions which exist now, and further the change of the tracks in use should be made standard. It is also recommended that a plan be taken at once towards the 1911 purchase.

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## ANOTHER HONORARY COLONEL

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., has been granted the honorary rank of lieutenant-colonel. Capt. John Cameron has been made a major temporarily while commanding the Dalhousie University contingent. Rev. Ambrose Madden, Rev. C. Henry Buckland and Rev. Daniel Oliver are appointed chaplains with the honorary rank of captain.

## CITY HALL NOTES

Tax arrears for 1914 were reduced during November by \$39,979, the balance still outstanding being \$1,053,000.

Insurance of \$1000 each on the lives of seven Toronto soldiers who have been killed in action will be paid to the beneficiaries.

It has been decided not to employ a superintendent at the civic employment bureau and as a result, P. L. Brown will not secure the position.

A suitable number of copies of Sir Adam Beck's provincial hydro radial proposition will be printed, according to the decision of the board of control yesterday.

Mayor Church announced yesterday that as a result of his visit to Ottawa the military authorities will pay the cost of erecting proper huts at the Exhibition camp for the soldiers.

Attendance at the new technical school, including the evening classes, is well over 6000, according to Trustee Fairbairn, who believes that branches will have to be built eventually to care for the increased growth.

Three building permits, representing a total value of \$30,000, were yesterday issued by City Architect Pearce. He has issued two permits for a pair of dwellings at the corner of Felstead and Bathgate at a cost of \$9000. H. C. Long will build two detached dwellings on Keele street, costing \$10,000 and N. Hicks received a permit for two pairs of semi-detached dwellings on Oakwood, the cost being \$11,000.

John Edwards stated before Official Arbitrator Drayton yesterday that his property at 1319 Bathurst street was worth \$16,000 before the Bathurst street hill improvement had been made, and that in his opinion the work had depreciated the value by \$3225. The claim for this amount of damages from the city is made on the ground that the grading lowered the street level and made the house more inaccessible.

## SEEKS CONSTRUCTION OF HUMBER BOULEVARD

Home Smith Requests Parks Committee to Fulfill City's Contract With Him.

R. Home Smith appeared before the parks committee yesterday to urge that the city keep its agreement regarding the construction of the Humber boulevard. Parks Commissioner Chambers recommended that the boulevard be constructed on the high ground instead of the ravine, as at first proposed, favoring the change in the location of the boulevard. He called for a driveway thru the ravine, and because the building of the boulevard on the high level would mean the opening up of a lot of building property with a road that would have to be maintained at the expense of the city. Mr. Smith admitted that it would be better to follow the original scheme, as the ravine drive would be more picturesque than any that could be built on the high land.

Aid Ball, who thought it was hardly proper to bring on a recommendation so much at such a late date, asked if the new proposal would increase the value of property on the route. He was told that while this might be so, owners would be required to dedicate part of the frontage to the city for widening purposes. Mr. Smith said that the city was under contract with him to build the boulevard, which was estimated to cost \$125,000, and that the city was under a conditional land valued at \$6000.

The committee decided to inspect the district on Friday afternoon, in order that they might be better able to come to a decision.

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The only result of yesterday's meeting was a decision to call another and larger meeting for this morning at 10 o'clock, when at an informal session, which it is said will be rather contentious, the whole matter will be laid before the members of the city council by Sir Adam Beck and the engineers of the Hydro-Electric and Harbor Commissions.

The special meeting of the city council announced for today has been postponed until tomorrow on this account, as it is hoped that the information obtained at today's informal meeting will enable the aldermen to decide the policy to be adopted and to say whether the hydro-radial bylaw shall go to the people on Jan. 1 or not.

## BUS SERVICE PLAN IS TURNED DOWN BY CITY

Mayor is Not in Favor of Granting Rights to Any Person.

## BOARD OF CONTROL MEET

Express Service to Cover Greater Toronto is to Be Considered.

The question of allowing a bus franchise to Robert McBride came up yesterday before the board of control yesterday, and it was explained that the company McBride represents proposes to spend \$25,000 on the scheme at North Yonge street, and maintain a five-mile service 18 hours a day, including Sunday. At night they would operate a half-hour service if it was required, and the books of the company would be open to the city auditor once a month.

Controller O'Neill observed that the idea would adjust the present situation, but Mayor Church is not in favor of giving such rights to any person. He thinks the city should operate the buses, the "my policy." The matter was held over for another conference, and finally refused.

An express service for a greater Toronto was advocated by the mayor, who moved that an application be made to the railway board for Canada, for a service which would give equality of service to all parts of the city. For some time past this question has been the cause of discussion, particularly in the Eastcourt district, and the second clause in the motion relates to that section in which the railway board is asked to furnish a copy of the report of their engineer regarding Earlscourt.

The works commissioner will also be asked to make a report on the improvements made on the roads in Earlscourt, with a view to securing an express service. All three clauses were carried.

A communication from the Toronto Hydro-Electric System, regarding an application for an additional expropriation of \$1,375,000, was referred to the next meeting of the treasury board. The works commissioner now has an expenditure of \$242 for fire extinguishers and hose in the process building at the Exhibition, now being carried by the city, and the recommendation carried.

It appears that some of the rifle clubs, which were very abundant at the beginning of the war, have disbanded and in view of that the city is taking over a saving of \$43,000. Some of them are missing, however, and those who have not yet come to pay up. Yesterday the property commissioner was given authority to use what means are necessary to get either the rifles or their value in money.

## SCORES

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## GAS COMPANY DIVIDEND DREW ON THE RESERVE

City Auditor Issues Report on the Year's Business.

City Auditor Sterling has finished his annual audit of the Consumers' Gas Company books and states, in connection with the report, that it was necessary to transfer \$150,256.38 from the reserve fund in order to pay the usual 10 per cent. dividend. This was charged against earnings as a reserve for repairs, etc., whereas these costs aggregated \$143,054.89 less than that amount. The company is entitled, however, to charge the full amount regardless of the actual figures.

With the addition made during the year the plant and renewals fund is \$1,242,067, and this fund now is 27.49 per cent. of the total capital stock, which is \$10,900,583. The reserve fund is \$3,284,275. Gross earnings in 1915 amounted to \$2,440,088, a decrease of \$17,973 and the net earnings were \$892,305, as compared to \$1,719,952 last year.

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## WILSON WAS BITTER IN ATTACKING HYPHENS

President Called for Legislation to End Reign of Anarchy.

## HEARTILY APPLAUDED

Republicans Joined Democrats in Manifesting Approval of Sentiments.

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administration plan for the army and navy passed without a ripple of applause, and his references to pan-Americanism were only punctuated with evidences of approval. Republicans and Democrats alike joined in an emphatic demonstration at his words of condemnation for those he assailed so unreservedly.

Poison of Disloyalty. "There are citizens of the United States, I blush to admit," he declared, "born under other flags, but welcome under our generous naturalization laws to the full freedom and opportunity of Americans, who have poured the poison of disloyalty into the very arteries of our national life; who have sought to bring the authority and good name of our government into contempt; to destroy our industries wherever they thought it effective for their vindictive purposes to strike at them; and to devote our politics to the uses of foreign intrigue. No federal laws exist to meet this situation because such a thing would have seemed incredible in the past. Such creatures of passion, disloyalty and anarchy must be crushed out. They are not many, but they are infinitely malignant, and their infestation must be closed over them at once."

The president took up pan-Americanism at the very outset of his message, and all the governments of America, he said, "stand so far as we are concerned, on a footing of genuine equality and unquestioned independence. We retain unabated the spirit which was so frankly embodied by President Monroe. We still mean to make a common cause of national independence and of political liberty in America, but that purpose is now better understood, so far as it concerns ourselves."

The moral, the president said, was that the states of America were not hostile rivals, but co-operating friends, and that their association was likely to give them a new significance in world affairs. "Separated, they are subject to all the cross-currents of the confused politics of a world of hostile rivalries," he said. "United in spirit and purpose, they can be a potent force in their peaceful and tiny. This is pan-Americanism. It has none of the spirit of empire in it. It is the spirit of national development, of the spirit of law, and independence, and liberty, and mutual service."

Stand Firmly on Rights. Great democracies, the president said, are peaceful, not seeking war, and without thought of conquest or domination. "But just because we demand unobstructed development and the unobscured principles of right and liberty," he declared, "we resent from whatever source it may come, the suggestion of a common cause with all partisans of liberty on this side of the sea, and have deemed it an important duty to make definition as to what ourselves should be; have seen America made as a whole for the independent nations and political freedom."

National Training. From that point, the president emphasized the need of a national training for the youth of America, to "remain justly neutral" toward the warring nations abroad, his assertion of friendship for Mexico, and his vigorous recommendations for an increased merchant marine. But chief attention centered about the definition of the plans for national defense, the proclamation of pan-Americanism, and the virility of the president's attack upon Americans who, he said, had brought the good name of the government into contempt. He delivered his denunciation in crisp phrases, and congress seemed to hang on every word. Cheers arose from every part of the hall when he concluded it, and the demonstration reached its climax when the president urged enactment of laws to purge the nation of its internal "evil."

Army of 140,000. He endorsed the program already announced by the secretary of war, and in brief for a standing army of 140,000 men, a militia more directly under general control of 400,000 men, and a strong and better balanced navy. To meet the increased expenditures this program will entail the president recommended internal revenue taxes of various kinds, including an additional tax upon income stamps used on commercial paper, and a stamp upon the iron and steel industries. Evidently he does not desire any tariff tinkering for the purpose of increasing the revenue of the government from customs.

introduced with some modifications as an administrative measure. To it will provide for ocean fleets under government ownership and control, the president declares that no obstacles will be thrown in the way of private capital entering the shipping business. On the contrary he recommended that all laws which have heretofore prevented vessels seeking American registry be repealed, and he intimated that the government will gladly retire from the steamship business whenever private capital shows itself ready to build up an American merchant marine. His policy, he declared, will open up trade routes, especially with the Americas.

Mr. Wilson was much less definite in handling the railway situation. He admitted that the roads would soon be unable to deal adequately with the problems of transportation, and recommended that a commission be appointed to study the situation. While trying to believe that the roads had some ground for complaint, he declared that the work done by the Interstate Commerce Commission was admirable.

## BENEFIT FOR NINETY-SEVENTH.

Cecil Fanning Will Sing at Massey Hall on Saturday.

Cecil Fanning, the celebrated baritone, who is coming to Massey Hall Saturday, Dec. 11, to give a recital, assisted by H. R. Turpin at the piano, has stated that he will donate the proceeds of the concert to the 97th Battalion, the new battalion that is being formed by Americans in Canada. The concert is being held under the auspices of the American Club, and judging from the program, should be one of the best recitals of the season.

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## MILITARY CROSS GIVEN LIEUTENANT COSGROVE

Canadian Officer Demolished Advanced Enemy Post on Messines Road.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Dec. 7.—A military cross has been awarded to Lieut. John Robert Cosgrove, 1st Field Company, Canadian Engineers, "for conspicuous gallantry and ability near Wulverghem, Messines road, on the night of the 20th and 21st of October. He prepared for demolition and completely destroyed a house about 300 yards in advance of our firing line. This house had been an advanced enemy post."

Capt. A. E. Myatt, 31st Battalion, is at Le Touquet Hospital with a shoulder wound in the head. Lieut. Benson of the Horse Artillery is in London. Lieut. Muirhead of the 8th Battalion, is in Le Touquet Hospital, with bullet wounds in the arm and back.

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