



NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

CITY SHOULD GET SEPARATE CHARTER

Alderman Wickett's Motion Referred to Board of Control for Action.

Ald. Wanless put thru a motion at council meeting yesterday that Commissioner Harris investigate and report upon the alleged conveyance of inflammable or explosive gases, liquids or other substances into the sewers, with a view to the prevention of loss of life and property. It put thru another motion that Commissioner Harris report upon the provision for transportation to the island the year round.

Ald. Wickett moved that henceforth the annual budget be brought down in November. The motion was referred to the board of control.

Ald. Wickett put thru two motions, one that the city auditor report as soon as possible upon a revised system of account-keeping and a standardized budget form; the other that the department heads be notified that no liability shall be incurred not provided for by council.

Ald. Wickett moved that the city get a charter. Controller Church objected. Then Controller Simpson called attention to the Gooderham bill to prove that members of the council who fail to carry their fight in the council rush to the legislature for reinforcements. He declared that it was time Toronto obtained a charter.

"The Gooderham bill is pernicious interference with municipal autonomy," he said.

"The council should so approve or disapprove of the motion that the board of control will feel certain that if they draft a charter it will not be deemed to a hostile vote," Controller McCarthy said.

Ald. Maguire supported the Gooderham bill and Ald. Singer poked fun at him. Ald. Wickett's motion for a charter was unanimously referred to the board of control. "That means a charter," Ald. McBride remarked.

Replying to a query from Ald. Singer, City Solicitor Johnston stated that a vote upon the street railway purchase on any other day than Jan. 1 would cost \$3000 more.

MAYOR LEAVES FOR ATLANTA.

Atlanta, Ga., claims to have an odorless sewage disposal works. As two sewage disposal works have to be placed in the Don Valley in connection with the new drainage system for North Toronto district, and there will be trouble over establishing them there unless they are guaranteed odorless, Mayor Hocken and Commissioner Harris leave for Atlanta today to inspect the works there.

During the week's absence of Mayor Hocken, Controller McCarthy will be acting mayor of Toronto.

ONE ARCHBISHOP ENOUGH FOR CANADA

Bishop Du Vernet Says Common Use of Title Cheapens It.

Bishop DuVernet of Caledonia is taking the lead in a movement to have only one archbishop in Canada, instead of several. He is in opposition to the action to be taken here on Thursday, when the upper house of the Ontario Anglican Synod has been summoned to elect a new archbishop of Ontario, in succession to Archbishop Hamilton. He argues that the metropolitan of the General Synod of Canada should be the only member of the Anglican episcopate to be entitled archbishop, as the present common use of the title cheapens it.

The Ontario house of bishops will meet in St. James' Parish Hall on Thursday morning. It is understood that Bishop Hamilton is the choice of the Trinity men for the succession to Archbishop Hamilton.

FIVE HUNDRED AT CONCERT.

About 500 people attended a concert and dance given last night in the Assembly Hall of the Labor Temple by the Women's Auxiliary of Typographical Union No. 42. Mr. D. A. McDougall, president of Local 42, acted as chairman, and the following took part in the concert: R. Wilson, J. S. McGuire, W. Hopkins, Harold Pattison, Miss M. Munro, Miss Edna Steep, Miss Mura Pattison, Miss Thelma Palmer and Miss Kathleen Davis and J. A. and Nelson Kelly.

AYKROYD RECOVERED BODY.

The body of Manson Porter Shaw, who was drowned in the Severn River, Muskoka, was recovered by Matt Aykroyd yesterday.

ESTIMATES PASSED ALMOST UNCHANGED

Ald. Frank Spence, However, Indulged in Long-Winded Criticism.

CIVIC CAR EXPENSES

Despite Deficit, Fares on Municipal Lines Will Not Be Increased.

Before the estimates were finally disposed of in the city council yesterday Ald. F. Spence had indulged in criticism that ran for several hours. Controller McCarthy met all criticism with the result that no material change was made in the estimates. From beginning to end the estimates ran the gamut, and came out practically unchanged. This is high tribute to those who prepared the estimates.

In the discussion upon the accounts of the Canadian National Exhibition it came out that a bill of \$1500 for electric light for the National Fat Stock Show last November was charged by the C. N. E. to the city and the bill was paid by the city.

"Is that \$1500 additional to the \$37,000 deficit of the fat stock show?" Ald. McBride asked, and he groaned when Controller McCarthy replied in the affirmative.

Ald. Maguire made an onslaught upon the expenses in operating the civic car lines to make the opportunity to insinuate that the intention is to drive the city into purchasing the Toronto Railway Company's system. He was generally challenged on this insinuation, but he stuck to it. He quoted from a detailed statement to emphasize that the cost of repairing and painting the civic cars had been \$10,000. So many in the council owned automobiles that \$10,000 for repairing and painting 20 cars during one year did not seem an enormity.

Ald. Wanless asked if the rates on the civic cars are to be increased and Controller McCarthy replied in the negative.

"It will be a great relief when the car lines are managed by a commission," Ald. Dunn said. "We may then have no deficits."

"If we looked up our civic street cars and ran motor bus lines in place there would not be such a big deficit," Ald. Wickett declared. The civic car deficit, is estimated at \$163,317 this year.

"Each civic car we run has a deficit of \$80 a day," Ald. Hiltz said. "But we will have to grin and bear it."

"It would be an outrage to ask the people whom the civic car lines serve to pay a higher rate," Ald. Maybee contended. "In time the deficit will lessen to nothing."

Controller McCarthy gave a new turn to the debate when he pointed out that the civic car lines had developed so much extra business for the Toronto Railway Company that the commission to the city from the company largely met the deficit of the civic car lines.

Commissioner Harris informed Ald. Wickett that a motor bus service could not be operated in the suburbs in the spring and fall on account of the mud, nor in the winter on account of the snow.

Ald. Maguire moved that \$15,000 be struck off the estimate for maintenance and operation of the civic car lines, but the motion did not carry.

The estimate of \$110,000 additional revenue thru increasing the water rates 25 per cent. was adopted.

Ald. Singer moved that the waterworks deficit for 1913 of \$141,511, and for 1914 of \$173,000, be taken out of the suspense account and put in the general tax rate. The motion was lost.

Controller McCarthy explained that under the Public Utilities Act the city has the right to carry forward deficits in the waterworks account in order to equalize the rates to consumers while the deficits are being overtaken. He said that the deficits had been accumulating for a number of years.

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