

ESTIMATES SHOW 24-MILL RATE WILL PROBABLY BE 22 MILLS

Finance Committee Yesterday Wrestled With Tax Problem.

WILL APPEAL TO REASON

Effort Will Be Made To Have Board of Education Reduce Its Figures.

A tax rate of 24 mills on the dollar is what the finance committee of the city council found to be possible under the estimates to date.

An effort was made to prune them Friday afternoon, but the task was given up until a later date when they will be thoroughly considered.

Several items were chopped out in the very short consideration of the figures. The total struck off aggregated \$18,510, or about two-thirds of a mill.

This included the following items: Storm sewer, Adelaide street, \$6,000. Broken stone for the market, \$600. Weigh scales and public conveniences, \$5,000.

It was estimated that it would take approximately \$25,500 to cut a mill off the rate.

There are several other items that will be examined closely before they are passed.

Schools Increase.
The increase from the schools alone amounts to about a mill and a half," said Mayor Stevely.

The chairman of the board of education will be called into consultation on Wednesday night, when an effort will be made to reduce the great increase in the board's estimates. The heads of all committees and boards will be summoned before the finance committee on Thursday night, when the committee will hold another special session, and will endeavor to get the tax rate down.

It was hinted that the water commission will reduce the sum of \$15,000 debentures, rather than take this sum out of the current revenue. This money will be spent for main extensions, etc.

The Revenue.
The estimated revenue for the year is placed at \$19,859.12. Of this sum, \$565,904.56 is from taxes and the sum of \$153,954.56 is from other sources.

The total revenue last year amounted to \$646,434.98, an increase this year of \$73,454.14.

Of this sum, the board of education is asking nearly \$24,000 in increases in salaries and current expenditure.

Those present of the committee were Ald. Beattie, chairman; Ald. Ferguson, Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Parsons, Mayor Stevely, Auditor Jewell and Secretary Pope.

Looks Like 22-Mill Rate.
If the board of education estimates are not whittled considerably, the tax rate will not be less than 22 1/2 mills on the dollar.

That is the impression around the city hall this afternoon.

A 22-mill tax rate is a possibility, of course, but it is not considered a probability.

The rate last year was 21 1/2 mills. This year the school estimates are nearly \$34,000 greater than last year, or practically 1 1/2 mills.

However, Mayor Stevely is hopeful that it will be cut down to 22 mills.

"If the board of education and other boards insist on keeping the estimates up so high, it will be very hard to keep the tax rate down," said Mayor Stevely.

The board of education alone is asking for 1 1/2 mills increase over last year. There is also a considerable amount of extraordinary expenditure that we must meet. I have no idea what the tax rate will be, but we will bring it down as low as possible."

**PRETTY WEDDING
IN SOUTH LONDON**

Miss Margaret C. Erwin becomes Mrs. Joshua Westbrook.

Miss Margaret C. Erwin and Mr. Joshua Westbrook were united in marriage last night at the home of Mr. Charles Stewart, 21 Beaconsfield avenue, by the Rev. A. K. Bickel, of the Askin Street Methodist Church.

The ceremony was attended only by the immediate friends of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook left at midnight for Elmira, N. Y., where they will make their residence.

BOWINS AT WOODVILLE.
Woodville, April 11.—Percy Bowins, the Woodville youth who was tried at Detroit and acquitted on the charge of murder, arrived here last night on the 8 o'clock train from Toronto, accompanied by his mother, the two immediately proceeding to their home.

Very little interest appears to have been taken in the return of the Bowins. A number of persons went to the station, but more out of curiosity.

HEAVIEST GALE OF SEASON WORRIED LONDONERS TODAY

Work Stopped On the New Smallman & Ingram Building as the Result of the Wind—Bank of Toronto Corner a Bad One for Hats.

The heaviest gale of the season blew into town this morning, and ever since things have been flying around at a great rate.

The merchants who sell hats have a smile like a breakfast food ad., and report that they have sold more hats today than in the previous two weeks. It was quite a common thing this morning to see dignified businessmen, and men of all sorts, stepping down the middle of the road, after an elusive piece of headgear, at a pace that

would make Tom Longboat turn a pale green with envy. Sometimes the hat would be recovered inside of a few yards, at other times it would scurry along for a whole block before being recovered.

A man on a street car lost his hat at noon. It blew off over the back, rolled under an ice wagon, stuck to the iron rim of the wheel, and when finally the man got the street car stopped, and had caught up to the ice wagon and got it stopped, there was not much left of what was once (Continued on Page Eight.)

BISHOP M'EVAY TO LEAVE CITY RUMOR IS AGAIN REPEATED

'Tis Said His Grace, the Bishop of Toronto, Will Retire and His Lordship, of London, Will Take His Place—Nothing Official at the Palace Here.

The Toronto Globe says: There is a well-defined rumor in Roman Catholic circles that his Grace Archbishop O'Connor has forwarded his resignation to Rome, and that it has been accepted by Pope Pius X.

This action, it is understood, has been contemplated by Archbishop O'Connor for some time past, and it is expected that if the resignation is accepted he will retire to one of the houses of the Basilian Order, of which he is a member. The resignation of an archbishop is of a most unusual occurrence in this country. The last archbishop, it is believed, who took this course was Archbishop Charbonnel, who was a French count before he entered the church, and who upon his retirement entered a monastery in France.

Bishop McEvay Mentioned.
The name of Bishop McEvay, of London, is prominently mentioned in connection with the resignation of Archbishop O'Connor.

While the names of two of the other priests of the city are also mentioned.

At the palace here it was stated that nothing official on the subject is known.

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No Demand for the Change at Toronto Liberals Point Out.

THE GOV'T MAJORITY REDUCED

Members for Essex Unite to Ask for Another Representative—The Toronto City Bill Up.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, April 11.—The Legislature showed no abatement of zeal yesterday in its effort to speedily conclude the session, but despite all its industry the end is not yet. The afternoon was partly taken up with the Toronto bill, which was amended to put the city back in the position occupied by the control of its streets, and the ordering of extensions of car lines. The balance of the day was devoted to the redistribution bill, and especially the Toronto representation. Mr. Preston's amendment, providing for six members and six ridings for Toronto, was voted down by 48 to 19, leaving the Government majority only 29.

The Redistribution.
The House went into committee on the redistribution bill, and several amendments were inserted by the Premier. The Lanark was changed, the township of Beckwith being placed in North Lanark, and replaced in North Lanark by the township of North Sherbrooke. At the last election Beckwith gave 57 Conservative and 28 Liberal votes, while Sherbrooke polled 38 Liberal and 32 Conservative votes.

The riding of West Nipissing was changed to Sturgeon Falls. A clause was inserted to provide for the coming into effect of the act only on the dissolution of the Legislature, as if brought into force immediately the new constituencies would be without representatives until after the election, which, said the Premier, "might be delayed until the fall."

The Premier then moved the third reading of the bill.

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A "BELT LINE" AROUND WORLD PLANNED BY RAILWAY KING

Acquisition of the Erie Part of Harriman's Plan To Control Railroads of United States and Russia—Standard Oil In On Deal With a Capital of \$2,000,000,000.

Chicago, April 10.—The acquisition of control of the Erie Railroad by E. H. Harriman and his associates, announced to have occurred in the refunding of the interest notes of that line yesterday, is accepted by Chicago magnates as evidence of Harriman's consummation of the first part of his plan to build a world empire of railways.

Harriman's Chicago associates confirm a report that has substantial verification from Wall street sources to the effect that the Vanderbilt, Goetz, Astor and Standard Oil interests in New York and Illinois capitalists represented by John J. Mitchell, are marshaled under the Harriman banner for the purpose of gaining control of the American Railway system and acquiring as much interest as possible in the trans-Siberian road being built by the Russian Government.

Around the World.
This connection of continental lines with American-European steamships controlled by J. P. Morgan and his associates, and the Seattle-Japanese steamers owned by Harriman, will establish a belt line around the world. With the Illinois Central tapping the United States transversely in its richest sections this will give the combination control of the principal railroads of Russia and the American continent.

The Continental American systems already controlled by the Harriman forces are the Erie, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific and Illinois Central.

Those who have heard Harriman discuss his ambitions are not surprised at the immense project. They declare all of it is manipulations in America and the growth of control of great interests in Russia by Rockefeller and Morgan are but steps in the consummation of the entire plan.

In order to make the route encircle the world it will only be necessary to make traffic arrangements with steamship companies already under the influence of the promoters for the carriage of freight and passengers from Vladivostok and the Orient either through the Suez Canal or around Africa to the starting point in Europe.

Standard Oil Company, Rockefeller and the Russian Government are the principal factors in the Trans-Siberian Railway, which is being built from Bering Straits to Vladivostok.

With this great stretch of rail and steamship routes through the wheat areas, tundra and mining regions, industrial and commercial centers, the largest countries of the world will be under the control of the railway minister of Russia and a coterie of American capitalists.

With the world belt line in operation, a passenger may travel from any German or English port across the Atlantic across the American continent from Seattle or San Francisco to Bering Straits and thence to Vladivostok within 20 days. Over 20,000 miles of rails, 10,000 miles of steamship routes and \$2,000,000,000 capital are the possibilities of the great combination.

City Stands Out For the Extension
In Return for Use of the "T" Rail

Finance Committee of Council Holds a Conference With Manager King.

At the special meeting of No. 1 committee yesterday afternoon, Manager King of the London Street Railway, discussed "T" rails and the committee, but the matter was left over until Mr. King has consulted with the directors as to what they will do. He pointed out that the street railway would want more than the "T" rail as compensation for the North End extension, but was not prepared to state what the company really wanted.

What the City Wants.
Ald. Beattie explained to Manager King what the city wanted. When the question was brought up, last year, the committee was given to understand that if "T" rails were allowed the company for the Dundas street pavement, the old girder rails would be used in the North End extension. The city had done its part regarding the "T" rails and was now ready to hear what the street railway had to offer. It was now up to the company.

Manager King's View.
Manager King replied that he did (Continued on Page Four.)

Chief Williams Speaks of the "Reds" Thirst For Notoriety He Declares

Interest Centers in the War Being Waged By the U. S. On Anarchists.

"If Emma Goldman were to come to London to live, as far as the police are concerned she would be left strictly alone as long as she behaved herself," said Chief Williams to The Advertiser this morning.

"The worst thing that can be done is to take any notice of people of that kind. Publicity is what they want, and what they strive in every way to obtain. The London, England, police long ago recognized that fact. I have often seen Anarchist gatherings in Trafalgar Square at which probably 100,000 people would be present. They would be addressed by the most fiery orators. These meetings were only allowed on Sunday afternoons, as they would impede the traffic on week days.

"The police took not the slightest notice whatever of the people, and there was never the slightest trouble. If they had interfered, it would have attracted attention to the Anarchists and instead of 100,000 people, there (Continued on Page Nine.)

U. S. LOSES HUGE SUM TO CANADA

Ottawa, April 11.—It is estimated that of the 211,859 immigrants who came to Canada in the seven months of last year, for which official returns are available, 39,000 were from the United States. At least 5,000 of these sold their farms in the south to buy others in the north, and they carried on an average \$8,000 each.

Collectively, they thus brought into Canada \$400,000,000.

Then there was also \$1,900,000 from the 19,000 artisans, tradesmen, and laborers, who had \$100 each in savings.

These emigrants altogether brought at least \$41,000,000 into Canada. The Dominion spent \$600,000 to assist immigration last year.

Mayor Didn't Delay Water Question

"I have been charged with delaying the settlement of the water question," said Mayor Stevely this afternoon, "but such is not the case. We have had several meetings arranged, but they have nearly all been postponed on account of the illness of Chairman Jones. I am not the whole commission and we could not do any work without him. Just as soon as we got together, we drew up a plan. We will settle the problem, but it cannot be settled in a minute."

Re Stothers' Estate—Motion for payment of income from estate to widow for maintenance of children. Order granted. Alex. Stuart, K.C., for applicant; F. P. Betts, for official guardian.

Re Isolation Hospital land—Application by the city of London for order to ascertain who are the parties entitled to the purchase price of lands expropriated by the city. The property is on Waterloo street, and is

claimed by Margaret D. Scott, who admits that an infant might have an interest in the property. There are several claimants to the property. Reference was made to his honor Judge Edwards Elliott to make necessary inquiries, with power of high court judge.

T. G. Meredith, K.C., for city; F. P. Betts and J. E. Jeffery, for other parties.

Board of Health.
The board of health will meet Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock for regular meeting.