

GRADING CIVIC SALARIES PRINCIPLE IS ADOPTED

City Council so Decide—Permit
for Abattoir is Sustained—
Long Grist of Business.

The principle of grading civic salaries was adopted almost unanimously by the city council yesterday. While the council decided against taking up the subject in detail owing to the printed statement not giving the present salaries of office clerks the board scheme, which was referred back last year, is now approved.

The chief provisions are:
Chief clerks, minimum \$1350, maximum \$1800; 1st class clerks, minimum \$1200, maximum \$1500; 2nd class clerks, minimum \$1050, maximum \$1250; 3rd class clerks, minimum \$850, maximum \$1050. The annual increase in each case is \$50.

Employees other than clerical, including mechanics, are to be paid the union rate of \$2 per day.

The annual increment is to be granted only on the recommendation of the head of the department and with the board of control's approval.

All appointments to positions of or above first year third-class clerks are to be by automatic promotion, except to the position of a head of a department or to a position in which special technical knowledge is necessary.

All applicants for appointment in the civic service to positions above that of junior clerk will be required to pass an examination as to fitness.

The regular hours of work in the city hall are to be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Each official is entitled to two weeks' holidays each year, as well as Saturday afternoons and regular holidays.

All appointments, promotions and increases of salaries are to be made by the board of control on the recommendation of the head of the department, subject to the approval of the city council.

The scale will not result in the reduction of any present salaries.

The annual increment shall become effective Jan. 1, 1910.

Ald. Foster moved to refer the report back so that more information could be had as to the work done by members of the clerical staff.

Ald. Church suggested that the salary question be left to the heads of departments, who know the value of the men.

Its Advantages.
Controller Harrison, who with Controller Hocken prepared the report, said that the great advantage was that it dealt with the position, not the occupant, and would hence eliminate favoritism. The scale would go into effect next year.

Controller Harrison warmly opposed the suggestion to refer back. It would only mean further senseless delay, such as had occurred last year.

Controller Hocken said the scale would do more to stop lobbying and create harmony in the departments than anything ever done before. It was necessary to set a limit on salaries, otherwise civic employees would continue their practice of trying to add a few hundreds more to their salaries. It would train up a corps of young men with special qualifications.

On Ald. Church's amendment to strike out the report the vote was easily counted. Ald. Church alone supported it. Ald. Foster's motion to refer back was voted for by Ald. Foster and Ald. Church.

That Abattoir Permit.
A big deputations, including many ladies, from the northwest section was disappointed over the refusal of the city council to rescind the permit for an abattoir at the corner of Givens and Bruce streets. The permit was granted years ago to the late Wm. Leback, but the business has been discontinued for some time and Frank Hunnisset was granted a permit to renew it at the meeting of council. Much local feeling has developed over the question.

J. W. Curry, K.C., for the objectors, presented a petition with 100 signatures, and another petition from a number of medical men saying that the abattoir would be a public nuisance. He contended that residents lived in a state of terror because of the peril from cattle driven thru the streets, and read the solemn deposition of one Maggie Smith, that a steer had entered her house.

W. F. Johnson and Robert Verral said that as property owners they didn't object.

"We have notice that our tenants are going to leave," indignantly interpolated a lady, ignoring council rules. Another lady warmly challenged Mr. Johnson's statement that there would be no offensive odors from the slaughter-house.

Influenced by Dr. Sheard's recommendation council refused to suspend the rules to allow reconsideration of the permit. The ladies thought they had won their case and vigorously applauded. The mayor had to break the sad news, and they departed in a flutter of indignation.

A Sewer Inspection Jaunt.
It was decided that the board of control should accompany the city engineer on a visit to Boston, Brooklyn and Baltimore to see results of the use of concrete in sewers, in view of a strong fight being made by the brick manufacturers. Ald. Bredin, Dunn and Foster termed the proposed trip a junketing one. This the controllers denied and stoutly maintained that pleasure would be excluded from the trip. The mayor declared himself a strong believer in the system of sending civic deputations abroad to gather information. The board of the general hospital couldn't agree on a plan after two years because they were so negatively that they only sent one investigator away for a day. The city council would have had the hospital half built.

Ald. Dunn complained that the report on the individual trips last year hadn't been given him and declared there was a sinister motive.

Ald. Foster's motion to cut out the trip was defeated as follows:
For—Ald. Foster, Dunn, Welch, McMillin, McMurrich.

Against—Controllers Ward, Geary, Hocken, Harrison, Ald. Hilton, R. H. Graham, J. J. Graham, Adams, Vaughan, O'Neill and Church.—11.

A Superannuation Scheme.
The works committee will report on Controller Geary's motion that they consider the advisability and practicability of a superannuation fund for members of the street cleaning department.

Ald. Maguire was absent thru family bereavement, and a resolution of sympathy was passed.

Ald. Brough moved that the city seek power to enable it to tax improvements at a less rate than land. This



THE TAXICAB IS AT THE SHOW

A Darracq Car, completely equipped, is on exhibition at the Automobile Show in the St. Lawrence Arena, showing the new method of cab service to be operating on the streets of Toronto in two weeks' time.

Inspect this Taxicab while at the Show and ask the attendant to show you how the meter works. Also ask for card giving rates of fare for Toronto and illustrated booklet on the Taxicab.

Berna Motors & Taxicabs, Limited, Toronto

was referred to the legislation committee.

The bylaw for the extension of Temperance street from Bay street to Sheppard street was given its final reading. The extension will cost \$20,000.

Ald. Church wanted council to memorialize the police commissioners to make an arrangement that would allow policemen to attend church, but his colleagues thought it was out of the council's province.

Playground at Moss Park.
Despite the objections of Robt. Gilday and W. R. Rundle, council voted to establish an experimental supervised playground in Moss Park. Ald. Foster, O'Neill, Church and Dunn voted contrary.

City Engineer Rust told the board of control that he would resign if Waterworks Engineer Fellows were required to report to the new assistant engineer when appointed. The board decided to continue Mr. Rust's services.

The city engineer has returned from New York, where he consulted the sewage experts, Rudolph Herring and J. D. Watson, who are to come to Toronto.

City Architect McCallum and Fire Chief Thompson are to inspect all theatres, public buildings and churches as to their number of exits in case of fire.

Ald. Adams was appointed the council's representative of the civic treasury board.

Ald. Bredin gave notice of motion to have the city treasurer report on the amount of taxes paid at the city hall, to tax collectors at branch offices and at the residences of citizens.

Insurance Men's Views.
OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—Messrs. J. K. Macdonald of the Confederation Life and Thomas Bradshaw of the Imperial Life, who presented the views of the life insurance companies last session, in regard to the proposed amendments of the Dominion Insurance Act, are in the city to-day in connection with the same subject.

PRECEDENCE OF MAILS SHOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED

Gowganda City Proper Urgently
Needs Postoffice and
Service.

Yesterday David Copron, storekeeper and trader at Gowganda, arrived in Toronto and said that up to the present no postoffice had been established at Gowganda township. He called on Mr. Maclean, M.P., and asked him what could be done. Mr. Maclean wired the postmaster-general and in the evening got the following reply:

"On Feb. 17, South Gowganda postoffice was established, being served with mails via Selkirk. Department intended to open post-office at Gowganda township, but learned that Ontario Government refused to allow any settlement upon same until proper surveys and formal sale of lots, of which department would receive the notice."

This is the decision of the Bishop of Ottawa, senior bishop, whose duty is to decide this.

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distribute the mail, notwithstanding anything the Ontario Government might do in the matter. Mr. Maclean's contention was that His Majesty's mails took precedence over anything else, and that no local government or anyone could interfere with the forwarding and delivering of mail.

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CANTIN LOSES ONE CASE ARRESTED IN ANOTHER

Action Against Zeba Gallagher
Fails—Now Goderich Promoter.
Faces Charge Involving Stock

Narcisse M. Cantin of Goderich, a promoter, was arrested in the non-jury assize court yesterday after giving evidence in a suit in which he was the plaintiff and Zeba Gallagher, a barrister, and his wife, were the defendants.

The charge against him was for stealing a certificate for 9000 shares of stock in the American Silver Mining Co., and was laid by M. E. Wilber, its president. Cantin was later allowed out on \$2000 bail by Magistrate Lindsay.

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ished. Mr. Gallagher denied charging 400 per cent. interest.

The case was dismissed by Justice Britton.

SUES FOR THE DEED
Nipissing Farmer's Action Against
Veteran Land Co.

Hugh Moore, a Nipissing farmer, entered an action yesterday in the non-jury assize court before Justice Teetzel, against the Ontario veterans Land Co., and asks the court to compel the company to give him a deed for a farm which he claims to have purchased from them.

The land in question is now the centre of MacDougall's Chutes, afterwards renamed Matheson, and the plaintiff claims that on Nov. 29, 1906, the land company agreed to sell him the south half of lot five for \$100. After he had paid \$20 as a first instalment he removed on to the land, on which he maintains he has put \$2000 worth of improvements.

It transpired, however, in August, 1907, that the T. and N. O. Commission, thru its contract with the Ontario Government, laid claim to his property for a townsite, the commission having issued a writ of ejectment. Moore further claims the Ontario Government advised the land company not to accept his application, but the company, nevertheless, concluded the deal.

The case was not concluded.

An estate of \$3000 was left by the late William Green to two his granddaughters, owned 25 Marlborough-avenue, worth \$700 and had \$3000 cash in the bank.

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CAR ROUTES CHANGED TO RELIEVE YONGE ST.

College, Winchester and Bloor—
McCaul Cars Will Be Shifted
as an Experiment.

With a view to decreasing the large number of cars that run on Yonge street R. J. Fleming, manager of the Toronto Street Railway Company, has, at the request of the city, decided to change the routes of the College, Bloor and McCaul and Winchester cars.

This is only a trial change, and the proposed new routes are as follows:

College cars will run down McCaul street, along Queen street, down York, around the Richmond street loop and back up McCaul street.

The Bloor and McCaul cars will follow the old route with the exception of running up Church street and Front to Queen instead of up Yonge street.

The Winchester cars will run down and up Church street to and from Carlton street instead of Yonge street.

A Girl's Mistake.
Dolly Gould, 22 years, a domestic, was arrested yesterday by Detective Tipton on the request of the chief constable of North Bay for theft of \$12 and a feather from her employer in that town.

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