## **COUNCIL SPENDS HOURS ARGUING** OVER CITY'S FINANCIAL PROBLEMS

Charges That Members Are Seeking Votes Thru Various Policies Backed Cause Considerable Discussion While Important Questions Drag Along Waiting for Gallery Play to Cease.

Expectation that yesterday's meeting of the city council would be of short tion for Social Survey Commission duration proved groundless within a very short time. An hour and a half

The meeting was to a considerable degree a repetition of the meeting of two weeks ago, in that a discussion of statement of City Treasurer Patterson was not at all satisfactory to Ald. Wickett, who characterized it as no-

the service done by those aldermen who had voted against its recommendation to exclude the local improvement debentures when computing the borrowing power of the city.

City Treasurer Patterson came in for some hard knocks, much criticism being directed towards him aritiment the computing that it would.

Aldermen McBride and Maguire, speakers for the affirmative, won out over Controller Spence, Ald. Roden and others, and the bylaw was allowed to pass.

Hydro Stell.

partment, the mayor going so far as to say that he thought the treasurer should be relieved by being made comptroller of the city's finances, and another man appointed to do the detail work. "The department is too big for Mr. Patterson." declared the mayor.

No Payement Now.

lay the matter over for two weeks The city's share of the cost would request. amount to \$397. Charges of wanting to protect the poor man to secure his vote and counter-charges were behalf of all the property owners with the exception of two, and stated that they did not want the improve-

Centroller Foster upheld him. He believed improvements should not forced upon the owners at this time He referred to the Farmer's Dairy big corporation could well afford to fix a road for itself if it was a necessity.

Mayor Church n support of this contention suggested that a policy of ret enchment be adhered to in view of the financial situation. Such improvements should mark time. There was already a big load of taxation. Controller Spence called for British fair play. The small owners who oband forced into an expenditure. All was just the curtain-raiser. Ald. McBride left the chair and the

trying to get votes. It's near election time, and that's all they are trything for our critical controller to do I'm surprised that a man drawing \$2500 a year would display such little e. My two learned friends, who looking for votes, would look after the poor workingman.

"We're going to force improvements upon heavy land owners and make them sell their property instead of waiting for big prices. Mayor Wauhah comes here and tells the mayor they have closed down on local improvements. Winnipeg was always closed down, but thank God, Toronto plied that there was other information provided that there was other information provided that there was other information provided the provided that the provided that there was other information provided the provided that there was other provided that the provided that there was not provided that the provided that th

Ald H. H. Pall admitted that it was not often Ald. McBride influenced the published reports. but he had come to the conviction that as there were only two residents objecting the work ought to go that every citizen has not the right cued it out of the chaos and darkness involved, but when he heard the real figures he was surprised at any argu-

Then Ald. Singer said his piece, which had to do with the state of the money chest, and he held that no improvements of any nature should be gone on with just now, in view of situation.

About Br s: Bands. Controller Foster: I do not think either Controller Spence or myself need to send a brass band over the city to get votes. The mayor's con-tention is right, notwithstanding the statements of an alderman who is not responsible for what he says in this council. He comes here

### WHAT CITY COUNCIL DID.

Approved an additional grant of \$400 for band concerts Accepted tender for Don incinerator at \$84,500.

Decided not to go on with paving and grading of Yonge street hill. Endorsed an expenditure of \$9,800 for additional cold storage equip-

ent at the civic abattoir. Sent back for further consideration a recommendation that the legislature be asked to grant the city permission to sell a portion of its

Refused to rescind appointment of fire commissioner. Decided not to ask for names of investigators who gathered informa-

Again reviewed and discussed financial situation.

Heard a deputation representing the striking employes of the Hydro-Electric System, but refused to discuss the situation, the mayor

Charged that it was the most damning, blasphemous charge that could be laid against a city and questioned those who made it. He urged strongly that the names be made public, but in this was overruled.

Financial Discussion.

The meeting was to a considerable degree a repetition of the meeting of two weeks ago, in that a discussion of the council chamber, argued that the controversy regarding Walmer road. Heath street was mentioned. The bylaw calls for an asphalt pavement from Spadina road west 118 feet. On first vote the scheme failed because of the lack of a two-thirds majority. Then those who wanted it carried hustled around until Ald. Cameron was located, brought him into the council chamber, argued that two weeks ago, in that a discussion of the city's finances was a feature. The statement of City Treasurer Patterson the question should be reopened, won, another vote was taken and the by-law carried.

Considerable discussion arose as

thing but a collection of figures and only a bluff. Ald. Maguire raised objection to the amateur advice that had been given to the department for months past, and eulogized the city time was taken up on the subject. University avenue. A great deal of time was taken up on the subject, some members holding that it would be no disfigurement, and others saying that it would.

He thought that the 10 or 11 members who threatened to resign last meeting if it was decided to exclude the local improvement debt should be gratified, because the board had not sent on the recommendation.

James, Richards, president of the la-bor council; John Sutherland, repre-senting the building trades, and James Simpson spoke for a deputation re-

After arguing for an hour, and a better arguing for an hour, and a balf as to whether a brick block pavement should be laid on Walmer road from Bridgeman street to Day-enport road, the council decided to

protect the poor man to secure of the poor man to secure of the counter-charges were in the exception of two, and stated they did not want the improve-sider its decision. "The men have sed improvements should not be in upon the owners at this time. The secure of the exception of two and stated that the improve-sider its decision. "The men have sought to settle differences thru the principle of arbitration," he said. Responsible to settle differences in wages paid by the hydro and the Toronto Electric of real estate agents, who were endeavoring to get annexations thru, end that these loaded the city up with debt. He declared that the criticisms were being directed against Mr. Patterson more than the finances, and thought that if he was not the man for the job, another one should be put in his place. He objected to the criticisms of the department by the Bu-

only in one case did the hydro pay more than the T. E. L. His reading of the menu suggested by General Manager Couzens, of the hydro provoked laughter. He requested that council pass a resolution ask-ing for a reconsideration of the question by the commission

Nothing But Bluff. "This collection of figures is nothing but bluff. It doesn't touch the point at all. It doesn't reply to our motion of last meeting," declared Ald Wickett in opening the discussion on the statement of City Treasurer Pattermotion passed at the last meeting of council asking for a complete statement, following the controversy be

tween Controller Spence and Ald. Wickett. In these terms Ald. Wickett critifession on the part of the controllers that they don't know what to do, or it is a deliberate slight of council. Controller Spence was asked if the report contained all the information

Ald. Wickett again declared that if the city treasurer's report was correct Ald, Maguire entered the stage from a front door He supported the the former city treasurer. Mr. Coady, "hero" who champ oned the dairy's and Mr. Patterson both included the the city had exceeded its borrowing city's share of local improvements when computing the city's borrowing power, and wanted to know if there was any reason why it should not be.
"It is part and parcel of the city
debt to all intents and purposes. The city treasurer has refused to re-arrange his bookkeeping accounts, and he will not leave out the city's share of local improvements in com-

puting the borrowing power. if the council advises it he will not. "The board of control, knowing the this council. He comes here and the city treasurer, 'You shall follow toots his horn. He has more to say than all the other 24 men in the countries the treasurer was not going to be caught in that trap, 'The city solicitor

very short time. An hour and a half was spent in arguing whether a short distance on Waimer road should be paved. During the controversy Ald. McBride became wrathy and spoke of such things as trying to secure votes in the coming election. He shot broad sides which in some cases had but little effect.

Among the big matters taken up was the hearing of a deputation from the part of the aldermen and controller Spence, caim and quiet, which urged action on the part of the aldermen and controllers in favor of the strikers. The final word was not heard on this subject until adjournment, when the mayor promised that he would take the matter chard up today with a view to arriving a settlement. At a late hour the mention of fire department matters caused a sit, but it ended there.

More than criticism was leveled at the Social Service Commission. Ald, Wickett was the most damning, the Social Service Commission.

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Controller Spence indicated that in a short time the board would take steps to clear up the whole question as to whether the city's share of local as to whether the city's share of local improvements should be included in computing the borrowing limit.

"If the tax rate is to be judged by its size this year, then it is honest," said Ald. Maguire.

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report, and characterized it as giving all the information.

To Define Policy.

"The controllers wanted to define a olicy for Mr. Patterson, and the re-commedation was struck out and recommnedation was struck out and referred back for a full report, and I think the board should have been men enough to admit that those who voted to refer back were right," declared the aldermen. He then referred to an amendment made to the Municipal Act in 1911, in which it was stated that not only the city's share, but also the Act in 1911, in which it was stated that not only the city's share, but also the Church made the statement that he ing the borrowing powers.

Ald. Maguire believed that there has

been too much amateur financing.
In debating the subject, Mayor
Church harked back over the past to council to use its influence on the hydrocommission to accede to the workmen's show why city finances had got into the present condition. He declared that when he became a member of the board the city hall was the headquarby the hydro and the Toronto Electric Light respectively he showed that there was very little difference, and only in one case did the hydro pay teen heard of the city's borrowing rower because the bureau was friendly to the then existing administrations. "Where was Ald. Wickett then?" he asked. He referred to the chart issued by the bureau showing the division of the city finances as a "phonory" chart.

finances as a "phoney" chart.
"If anything is wrong, the thing to do is to remove Mr. Patterson," continued the mayor. "He is the man responsible for the department. It has got too large for him, and if I had my way I would make Mr. Patterson ble.

Other Brains Also.

unicipal research, the mayor said: who know as much and probably forgot more than Dr. Brittain ever knew. All clised the report pre-ared for council the brains are not at the bureau of by the treasury board. "The figures are only excerpts from a more detailed are only excerpts. way deal had gone thru? If there was somebody in the department that had authority says a person would have to a little more experience in the bond drink 48 gallons a day for three years business it would take a little responsibility off the treasurer and off the board of control. If council says so, a new head will be appointed in a

plied that there was other had tion, but that the treasurer had thought it wise to withhold it from what he has said on a number of occasions about the present board have ing received the city's finances in a

> it was in." "This discussion reminds me of the old saying: It is not the figures that lie, but the liars that figure. This carping criticism is only idle talk, and injures the city's financial standing," said Ald. Ball, in referring to those aldermen who thought themselves the "saviours' 'of the situation. He pointed out that if the statement before council was taken in conjunction with the one presented at last meeting it would be found to be a complete state

ment. Ald. Cameron claimed that the city's indebtedness should not only include the city's share of local improvements, but also the ratepayers' share, and that the amount to be paid by the rate-payers should be shown on the other side of the account.

Cowardly Act. "I do hate the cowardly act of laying the blame on Mr. Patterson," said Ald. Wickett in replying. "I am not a supporter of Mr. Patterson as a bond man, but the only thing an ald-

We are discussing a big issue; an issue not to be stamped on; matters that mean heavy items for the taxpayers

of this city,
Objection was taken by the alderman to the guarantee of the bonds of the harbor board, on which he said the city loses from 1-2 to 5-8 per cent. debentures it will cost the city hun-ireds of chousanus of dollars more than it should, and we will have to foot

"I am absolutely impatient with a situation you can get nowhere with. You can't clean the thing up because you are contradic ed.

Back to Committee

Lengthy arguments for and against a recommendation to ask for legisla-tion permitting the sale of park lands resulted in the matter being referred back to the committee.

A motion of Ald. Ball that the report of the board of control be set aside and that Yonge street from Summerhill avenue to a point beyond Farnham avenue be granite block

Again the report of the Social Service Commission came up. This time Ald. McFride moved that the names

It was decided to ask the city treasurer to give an accounting of the work of the give an accounting of the work of the give-a-man-a-job committee at the next meeting. A motion by Ald. McBride, seconded by Ald. Yeomans, that the council go on record, that if elected in 1916, they will abolish aldermanic salaries, and cut that of members of the board of control to \$1500, was lost.

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In an effect to bring about a settle-ment between the hydro employes on strike and the commission, a notice of effect that the men meet the com sioners in conference with a view to such settlement.

On the same subject Ald. Robbins moved that the council concur in the action of the mayor, and that it was council's opinion that the commission should settle the strike. This stands as a notice of motion

Considerable discussion arose when Ald. Maguire asked for greater scope

ratepayers' share of local improve-ments should be included in comput-garding a settlement between the hydro

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bother a mosquito.

Dr. Hastings backs up his contenbefore he would get a medicinal dose, "and," Dr. Hastings added, "they use at Cambridge twice as much chlorine as we do in Toronto."

The trouble with most people in Toonto who complain about the chlorinated water, they have a bad attack of "imaginitus" said the doctor. The M.O.H. has just returned from ttending the convention of the Na-

held in Philadelphia. Every day there gest men on the continent matters. spoke. The intense interest impressed itself upon the mind of Dr. Hastings and he reports that the autterday inspected by may terday inspec were three conferences when the bigwell it is wrapped.

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People are too prone, it was stated, tee be reappointed. either have the house bottled up in City's Debt.
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city's debt has decreased since September from \$90,420,261 to \$83.783,847, and the amount not affecting the borrowing power from \$42,830,887 to \$36,-774.278. The reason for this decline is that the city treasurer his method of figuring. Heretofore all

crete with devil strip would cost \$128,- cil the National Council of Women ex-

attending the convention of the Na-tional Association for the prevention and control of infant mortality. It was \$100,734, making a total of \$1,450,883. per annum. Commission states that receipts for the period ending Oct. 20 amounted to \$199.479. There was a deficit to be

accounted for which amounted to \$29, Miles on College street awaiting identi-279. Expenditures aggregated \$143, fication. A life preserver was round 667. leaving in the Bank of Toronto a the body when it was found bearing 667. leaving in the Bank of Toronto a balance of \$26,532. In the Bank of Nova Scotia there is a balance of \$27 .-375. making a total balance of \$58,907.
Controller Spence will go to Dayton.
Ohio, next week, where he will represent the city at the annual meeting of the National Municipal League. The

were received at the city hall last week, the value of same being \$97,-390. Eighty permits were issued dur-Tupper.

BODY FROM FOUNDERED TUG BARNES FOUND

Brought to City Last Evening-Had Life-Preserver On.

The body of one of the members of the crew of the tug "Barnes," which was lost in Laké Ontario two weeks ago, was brought into the city yesterday and is now at the undertaking parlors of A. W. the body when it was found, bearing the name of the tug and at first it was thought to be F. Houghton of Collingweed. Relatives of the man Houghton were telegraphed, but on examination, failed to recognize the man, who is about 35 years of age, clean shaven and well preserved.

league met in Toronto two years ago.

A two-storey brick garage, to cost \$5000, will be erected on Melgun road by R. Connable, the building permit having been issued yesterday by the city architect's department.

The flag of Belgium, held an honorary position on the city hall flast pole yesterday. It was the annivers ary of the birthday of King Albert. Today the flags will fly at half-mast the memory of Sir Charles.

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