

# CITY HALL SALARIES BOASTED \$7,000 IN ACTION OF COUNCIL

### Assessment Commissioner Bennett Has His Salary Fixed At \$3,000.

### \$1,040 FOR MARRIED MAN PROTESTED BY COLBERT

### Alderman Says City Auditor Should Be Ousted For Making Such Recommendation.

Amid scenes that could only be compared to a real lively meeting of the private bills committee of the Legislature, under the deceased U. F. O. Government, salary increases to employees of practically all departments under the jurisdiction of No. 1 committee were recommended to the Council by that committee in regular session yesterday afternoon. Assessment Commissioner Bennett's salary was fixed at \$3,000. Miss Toll, as assistant city clerk, was granted \$1,800, while the salary of Assistant Auditor Mills was placed at \$1,200 and other employees of the city clerk's, city auditor's and city treasurer's offices were increased proportionately. The salary of the late S. A. Glass was made \$2,000, this will be paid to his widow for one year, under resolution of the Council passed some time ago, and the assessors were given \$1,800 each.

The remaining employees of the assessment office were given salaries in accord with the other offices. Increases given total approximately \$7,000, according to a statement made by Mayor Wenige during the discussion. They are retroactive to April.

### MAYOR BREAKS SLOGAN.

That slogan which has been heard frequently during the year, "Courtesy To All," was shattered to pieces, Mayor Wenige charged Chairman Wilson with belonging to the same lodge as Assessment Commissioner Bennett, when the chairman declared the motion carried recommending the salary for the commissioner be \$3,000. His worship was promptly called to order by the other members of the committee for this, however. Ald. Greer expressed the opinion that City Auditor Ashplant should be ousted from his position if he recommended \$1,040 as a reasonable salary for a married man in that department.

The committee divided at the outset and throughout the entire meeting there was no semblance of unanimity. There were resolutions in abundance, some with only the mover supporting them and others with two members in their favor.

Mayor Wenige opened the discussion by moving that the salaries as set by a meeting last June be approved as a whole. He insisted that those salaries were recommended by the various department heads. That list placed Commissioner Bennett's salary at \$2,600.

"I move in amendment that Mr. Bennett be given \$3,000," Chairman Wilson submitted.

"We should take this up by department and I would move to that effect," Ald. Greer urged.

"What we want here is the recommendations of the department heads so that we can deal intelligently with the situation," Ald. Drake insisted.

"Mr. Chairman, are you going to ignore my motion?" the mayor wanted to know.

"Just wait a minute, I will put your motion," the chairman promised.

### THE BRITAIN REPORT.

"I thought Britain's report recommended standardization of wages," Ald. Colbert interjected. "That is what we should act upon."

"The salary committee considered the whole question of salaries and bearing in mind that we had only \$4,000 to distribute in all increases, we started at the bottom and divided that equitably," the mayor explained.

"Yes, and we had Bennett up to \$3,000 before we left that night," Ald. Drake interjected.

"When did the Council appoint this special salary committee and who were on it?" Ald. Greer asked.

"I want to move to standardize the salaries," Ald. Colbert interjected.

"I am in favor of standardization if you mean that employees doing similar work should get the same salaries," Ald. Greer agreed.

"We passed the bill in connection with the investigation of the fire department to the Citizens' Research Institute and now that we have the Britain report on all departments we should follow it," Ald. Colbert contended.

"We should undertake to standardize the salaries now," the mayor agreed.

"Do you mean that the city engineer should get the same salary as the assessment commissioner?" Ald. Greer asked.

"The Council should give a great deal of study to the salaries paid department heads in the near future," the mayor replied.

"Don't you think you have done enough talking, Mr. Mayor?" Chairman Wilson interjected. "Let us take a vote on something now."

"Well I cannot support any resolution placing Mr. Bennett's salary at \$2,600 when other department heads are getting \$4,000 and \$5,000," Ald. Colbert declared.

"You are dealing with the \$2,000 a year men first and you are leaving the \$600 and \$800 employees out. You are starting at the wrong end of the list."

"Keep quiet, we will deal with those others in time, the chairman admonished. "We have to take them in order, but they will all get justice whether they are taken first or last."

"We won't have any money left when we come to them," the mayor objected. "We will get the money from your sleeve," was the chairman's retort.

**ALD. COLBERT'S VIEW.**  
"I am not opposed to that, Mr. Mayor, but is \$1,800 too much for any man to get?" Ald. Colbert asked.

"I have not the money to pay all the increases in accord with that," the mayor replied.

"Then I will move that all salaries be cut to \$3,000 a year," Ald. Colbert responded. "Why should the chief of police get a \$600 increase and others get \$1,000 or \$1,500 and continue at the increased rate, while we cannot give them off set to come up to the same level as much for giving the low man a square deal as you are, Mr. Mayor, but we want justice done to all at the same time."

"Well, if we are to give Mr. Bennett \$400 more than was recommended by the salary committee, we should give every employe on the list the same boost over the recommended salaries," the mayor urged. "I would move to that effect."

**ALD. GREER OBJECTS.**  
"You are looking at Mr. Bennett's salary from the wrong angle," Ald. Greer insisted, when he could secure a hearing. "This is not an increase, but he has been promoted from a clerk to a position of a department, and the salary should be in accord with the position. This is entirely different from an ordinary salary increase. If you had gone outside for an assessor you could not have filled the position for anything like \$2,600, but you want Mr. Bennett to accept that."

"I do not know what we could have done," the mayor declared.

Ald. Drake suggested at this stage that the three assessors be given \$1,800 each, the city clerk \$1,200, and the city treasurer \$1,200 and another \$800. This was finally approved.

Ald. Colbert, supported by the mayor, moved a cut in all department heads to \$3,000, but they were the only ones voting for that.

The mayor's motion to give all employes receiving less than \$3,000 a year an extra \$400 increase was voted down.

Attention was next turned to the audit department. Ald. Greer moved for a salary of \$1,100 a year to Assistant Mills.

"Is he a married man?" Ald. Ashplant asked. He was informed that was the case.

"He should get at least \$1,800 a year then," Ald. Colbert replied.

**AUDITOR'S SUGGESTION.**  
The mayor explained, in answer to a query, that Auditor Ashplant had recommended \$1,040 for Mr. Mills.

"If Mr. Ashplant recommended \$1,040 for a married man, while he is drawing \$4,000 a year, he should be ousted from his position," Ald. Colbert declared.

"That position cannot pay the assistant \$1,800 a year," Ald. Greer stated.

Mr. Mills' salary was finally fixed at \$1,100 in suggestion of Ald. Greer.

Mr. Baker's office was fixed up next. Miss Toll was given \$1,800, two others received \$1,500 each and the other clerks were given \$800 while the stenographers will receive \$840 a year.

Salaries in Treasurer Bell's office were settled in accord with the increases granted in other departments.

Mayor Wenige then suggested that all resolutions passed at this meeting be rescinded and the list as recommended by the special salary committee be approved. He pointed out that bonuses could be given at the end of the year to an employee where the salary recommended is not considered adequate.

"You have no objection to bonuses last election," Ald. Drake recalled.

"No, I was not opposed to making the bonuses part of the salaries," the mayor replied.

"A bonus to Mr. Bennett would not be fair to him," Ald. Greer objected.

**RULED OUT OF ORDER.**  
"Your suggestion is out of order, Mr. Mayor," Chairman Wilson ruled.

"You find money for everything else, even to paying nearly \$10,000 to the fair board," Ald. Drake said.

"Surely you can find money to pay decent salaries," the mayor contended.

"We apparently cannot get any where on this question," Ald. Greer submitted.

"I move we adjourn," the chairman interrupted.

## REGULAR CUSTOMER LENIENTLY TREATED

OTTAWA, Oct. 31.—What is thought to be a record number of appearances in police court by a Canadian citizen was set here to-day, when Paul Christie, of this city, faced Magistrate Hopewell on his 108th charge of drunkenness.

Christie was allowed his freedom after a stern reprimand from the magistrate.

and they are the same as were approved by the salary committee.

"Show us the letter," the Missourians requested.

Ald. Greer read the letter and he immediately discovered that the recommendations made by Mr. Bennett were not the same as approved by the salary committee. In practically every instance the salaries recommended by Mr. Bennett for the employes under him had been cut by from \$200 to \$400 or \$600.

"Now do you wonder that we will not accept your word," Mr. Mayor Ald. Greer questioned. "Perhaps you do not intend to mislead, but everyone is liable to make mistakes."

The mayor made no reply to this and the meeting adjourned without having completed all the salary adjustments. The others may be taken up at the Council meeting on Monday night.

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How Turkey may be forced to return to the harem it tried so hard to abolish Sunday's Detroit Free Press. All leading news dealers—Adv.

## THINKS FORD "RUN" WOULD BE FIASCO

Couzens Believes This is Why Candidacy is Not Announced.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 1.—Henry Ford does not announce his candidacy for the presidency because he is afraid it would be "as great a fiasco as his peace ship," United States Senator James Couzens declared last night in an address at a dinner of the Detroit Republican Club.

Referring to the automobile manufacturer, who recently criticized the senator's announced stand for five per cent beer, Mr. Couzens said: "Why does Henry Ford refrain from announcing his candidacy for president of the United States? He is afraid it would be as big a fiasco as his peace ship."

Ford has never recovered from his defeat as a candidate for the Senate in 1918, Senator Couzens asserted, "and for a man so politically ambitious he has made more unfulfilled statements than any other man in America."

## JURY FINDS TRUE BILL IN SEDITION CASE

SYDNEY, N. S., Nov. 1.—The grand jury yesterday returned a true bill in the case of John MacDonald, of Toronto, charged with uttering seditious words.

Sydney Mines some months ago. The grand jury reported "no bill" in the case of John MacLeod, charged with uttering seditious words at Glace Bay. It was announced yesterday afternoon that all the remaining strike cases, including charges of assault, unlawful assembly and so forth, to the number of about 20, will be transferred to the county court, where the accused will plead before Judge Finlayson on Thursday morning.

An exception was made in the case of John R. Blue, reporter for The Maritime Labor Herald, whose trial on a charge of unlawful assembly has been set forward to the next term of the supreme court.

## BIG BARN DESTROYED ON DAY OF THRESHING

TEESWATER, Nov. 1.—While threshing this forenoon on the farm of Joseph McInnes, one-half mile west of the town, a fire broke out in some mysterious way in the straw shed, into which the straw was being blown and the building with all its contents was destroyed. A strong wind was blowing at the time and on this account the doors of the barn were shut. With difficulty the separator was got out of the building, but not before the blower and back of the machine were badly damaged. The silo with its contents was also destroyed. The threshing outfit, belonging to Duncan Kennedy, a neighbor. In the excitement Mr. Kennedy's driver, which was in the stable, was forgotten and perished in the flames. The circumstances are a severe loss to Mr. McInnes, who had an excellent crop stored in a large and convenient barn. It has not been ascertained if he had any insurance.

The pupils of the continuation and public schools had just been let out for their forenoon recess, and on seeing the flames took French leave and in a few minutes were at the scene of the fire.

## "YEOMAN" WHEAT COULD COMPETE WITH CANADA

JERUSALEM, Nov. 1.—Arab laborers excavating near the River Kidron, on the outskirts of Jerusalem, have unearthed a tomb containing four caskets, which, archaeologists declare, contain the remains of Jewish priests of the Maccabean or Hasmonean period. The Hebrew inscriptions on the caskets were deciphered by Elizear, Joshua, Simeon and Shalom-Zion.

Officials of the National Council of Palestine Jews and of the chief rabbinate are anxious to extend an official reinterment of the remains.

## QUEBEC LIQUOR IS CONFISCATED IN HURON

SEAPORTH, Nov. 1.—The first lot of liquor bottled by the Quebec commission to be seized in Huron County was captured on Saturday from E. J. Bristol, of Kitchener, who was caught immediately in the rear of the Commercial Hotel, Seaford, by Constable Fred Welch. His coupe and stock liquor were confiscated. To the inspector Bristol acknowledged bringing the liquor from Kitchener.

A select committee of members of both Houses of Parliament has been considering this complication, but reports it is unable to come to an agreement. The members have directed that their proceedings, with the evidence collected, be laid before the House of Lords and House of Commons.

## SERVE GRAND OPERA WITH MEALS AT LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Grand opera is to be served with meals at one of London's West End restaurants this winter. The producing manager of the Carl Rosa Opera Company has been engaged to conduct the performances, each limited to six singers, which may or may not help the diners to forget the monotony of mutton and beefsteak, brussels sprouts and boiled potatoes, while awaiting the coming of spring and a more varied menu.

A wag has suggested that the best safe aria, especially fitted for closing time, is "Adieu, Ma Petite Table," from "Manon."

## FARM SCHOOLS OPEN ON NOV. 26

### Twelve Agriculture Courses To Be Held In Province.

### SIX IN WESTERN ONTARIO

### School For Middlesex To Be Held At Belmont.

TORONTO, Oct. 31.—November 28 will be the opening date of the 12 courses in agriculture inaugurated throughout the province by the new minister, Hon. J. S. Martin. They will be held, as already announced, at Belmont, Exeter, Essex, Fergus, Ancaster and Caledon, in the western half of Ontario, and at six other points in the East, and will continue until February 25. This period of three months is longer than has hitherto been the practice.

The system was inaugurated in a small way in 1921, when four schools were held, with an average of 87 pupils in attendance. Last year schools were held in eight counties, and the average daily attendance was 58. Twelve counties are included in the plans for the coming winter. There are no fees, and those who wish may attend only the special lectures chiefly of interest to them. The lectures cover a wide field, broadly embraced under the headings "Agriculture" and "Home Economics," and will be delivered by capable speakers of experienced efficiency. The minister is confident that much will be done in this way to supply information which will be of practical use to residents of rural Ontario, and to do it under circumstances most convenient to those interested.

This is not a "short course" in the same sense as the old short course of the past. To a large extent it gives the same practical information taught in the first year at the O. A. C. and the Macdonald Institute at Guelph. In each county it is held under the supervision of the district representative of the department of agriculture as principal. Taking the Essex school as typical of all, the staff and curriculum may be given in detail.

Principal, Justus Miller, B. S. A.; assistants, W. Elgin Senn, B. S. A., Essex, and Miss Florence Reek, Elmhurst.

## AGRICULTURE.

Instructional staff in agriculture: Animal husbandry—Justus Miller, B. S. A., Essex.

Field husbandry—John Buchanan, B. S. A., Guelph.

Poultry husbandry—J. F. Francis, B. S. A., poultry department, O. A. C., Guelph.

Farm dairying—W. F. Jones, B. S. A., dairy instructor and inspector, 117 Victoria avenue, Belleville.

Veterinary science—J. A. Sinclair, V. S., Gannings, Ont.

Horticulture and vegetable growing—Jas. A. Neilson, B. S. A., horticultural experimental station, Vineland, Ont.

Soils and fertilizers, physics and chemistry—C. A. Cline, B. S. A., department of chemistry, O. A. C., Guelph.

Drainage and surveying—W. Elgin Senn, B. S. A., Essex.

Farm mechanics—Edwin Newton, Weston, Ontario.

Gas engines and farm tractors—F. G. Sinclair, 67 Centre street, Toronto.

Agricultural botany, economic entomology, bacteriology—C. A. Galbraith, B. S. A., Hornby, Ont.

Business management, civics, co-operation—W. R. Agar, Brooklin, Ontario.

Farm forestry and birds—Lionel Stevenson, B. S. A., M. S., O. A. C., Guelph.

English and mathematics—To be appointed.

## HOME ECONOMICS.

Household science—Foods and cooking, laundering, household administration, house planning and decoration—Miss Agnes Elmhurst.

Home nursing and first aid—Miss Ida Westman, 52 Craig street, London, Ont.

Sewing—Mrs. M. L. Woelard, 426 Bloor street, Toronto.

Millinery—Miss Lily Petty, 213 Roxton road, Toronto.

## UNKNOWN POLIU HONORED ON ALL SAINTS' DAY

PARIS, Nov. 1.—Two cressets were lighted at the tomb of the unknown Poliu at 6 o'clock last night. They will burn throughout the night and to-morrow night to mark All Saints' Day, which is observed throughout France by visiting the cemeteries and honoring the dead.

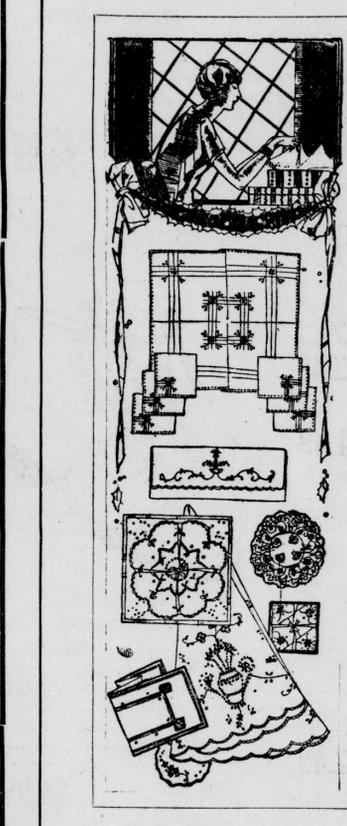
The cressets, which are 10 feet high, date from the time of the empire and belong to the state, which loaned them to the Municipal Council as the organizers of the manifestation.

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