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CITY OF EDMONTON ESTIMATES.

For the purposes of comparison with the 1917 estimates against the 1916 estimates, the city of Edmonton can do no better than ask those interested in municipal affairs to look the figures over. Reductions are still in force, and while the list appended only applies to non-revenue producing departments which affect the tax rate, yet it gives a good idea of how the policy of economy is still being carried out.

Besides this list there are the utility estimates and these of the appointed boards of the city, such as Hospital Board, Libraries, Welfare League, School Board, Police Commission and Exhibition board.

Department:	1917.	1916.
Assessor	\$22,894.00	\$21,807.00
Building Inspector	4,776.00	4,362.00
Children's Shelter	14,818.00	14,600.00
Clerk	5,695.00	5,900.00
Commissioners	9,898.00	11,355.00
Comptroller	12,300.00	11,000.00
Purchasing and Freight		
Engineer	11,316.00	16,300.00
Engineer's Stores	4,150.00	5,450.00
Exhibition Grounds	2,500.00	5,640.00
Fire	108,880.50	106,191.50
Farm	2,310.00	5,000.00
Garage		
General Miscellaneous	117,635.00	133,575.00
Health	16,440.00	16,140.00
Legal	7,640.00	10,495.00
Surplus		720
License, Collection and Employment Maintenance, City Offices	2,700.00	2,800.00
Market		1,000.00
Parks	3,375.00	4,000.00
Sewer Maintenance	11,000.00	6,500.00
Streets and Scavenging	103,060.00	103,540.00
Treasurer	6,871.00	6,495.00
	\$468,258.50	\$492,150.50

PEAKS 11,000 FEET HIGH.

The wonderful icefields and eleven-thousand-foot-high peaks of the Purcell range, which the construction of the Kootenay Central branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway has rendered accessible to mountain climbers, are described and illustrated by Mr. C. W. Stone in the Canadian Alpine Journal for 1916. The approach to Mount Ethelbert, a peak which arrests the attention at Spillimacheen Station, seems almost to have overwhelmed the writer with its beauty. "Before us," he says, "lay a lake of exquisite blue color resting like a jewel in a setting between two rugged peaks, which mirrored in the clear water, rose abruptly thousands of feet on either hand like grim guardians of a lovely treasure. Beyond the lake the lifted eyes rested on a terrace stretched across the valley like a giant curtain eighteen hundred feet above the lake, down whose verdant slopes two gleaming cascades traced their foaming course and filled the whole amphitheatre with the sounds of falling water. Still farther and higher in the background, great snow crests appeared, inscrutably looking down upon us."

Three considerable parties of Alpine climbers, numbering nearly forty in all, mostly from the United States, made ascents in this region during the past summer on the invitation of Mr. A. H. MacCarthy, an enthusiastic member of the Canadian Alpine Club, who has a fine ranch at Wilmer in the Windermere district. Under Mr. MacCarthy's leadership important explorations have been made up the various creeks piercing the eastern slopes of the Selkirk and Purcell ranges, Mr. MacCarthy being of the opinion that for interest and variety and spectacular beauty this mountain region is without rival on the North American Continent, and as soon as roads and trails are built will attract many tourists who have hitherto been content with the more beaten path of the C. P. R. main line.