

Controller Characterizes Letter Published by Ald.

matter was a serious one, inasmuch as a great many statements had been made regarding the city's financial condition.

"open letters." "No man is so blind as the man who will not see," declared the alderman. He referred to Controller Spence as the wizard of finance "He says we can afford to disregard buyers of bonds. Can this city afford to ignore the legality of its issues?" The alderman was for the "safety first" principle in civic financing. Two Standpoints.

Controller Spence dealt at some length with Toronto's financial situa-"There are two standpoints which the question of limitation of the city's debt may be considered," declared the controller. "One is that of the undesirability of carrying

that of the undesirability of carrying tax burdens unless compensating ben-efit is to be derived from the expendi-ture which caused the debt. The other is the actual technical legislative re-quirement." A Strong Defence. The alderman put up a strong defence on behalf of his "open letter." "Those re-letters have been reviewed by several on behalf of his "open letter." "Those re-departmental heads, and they have they have been fix-ed by legislation, declaring that the city had outgrown an arrangement that was suitable for a smaller muni-cipality. One thing that helped to limit the debt was money expended for school purposes, a second being the debentures issued but not yet sold. Attention was also drawn to the large

ed, remains part of the debt. "It is desirable to keep the city's indebtedness as low as possible, but when the gross figures of about \$92, 000,000 of debt are talked of, it must be remembered that this includes waterworks' debt, the charges for which are paid for by water users; the hydro-electric debt, on which the hydro customers pay all charges and be destrict the destribution of the city." waterworks' debt, the charges for which are paid for by water users; the hydro customers pay all charges and hydro customers pay all charges and with laundry licenses thus giving them a chance to do something for the city." Would Please People. In again speaking to the question, Ald. hydro customers pay all charges, and

These Not Included.

"The debt which the city is permit-ted to incur by the limiting law does not include waterworks, hydro and street railway debts, which produce revenue, but it does include the school debt, and is not diminished by the

under the state of local improvement ought to be included in the debt that is limited, unless there be a special legal requirement to so include.it." The controller's interpretation of the act is that it was not intended to same conclusion."

the act is that it was not intended to provements in the general debenture debt. He expressed the opinion that the city was exceptionally strong and safe financially, and thought it only fair that something should be said in contradiction of misrepresentations the recommendation meant the absolute elimination of the local improvement debt, and that the board would not have contradiction of misrepresentations

Before Controller Spence had time would be use to be an opinion. to get settled in his scat Ald. Wickett an opinion. Referring to the remarks of Controller when the alderman staid: "He can

. Wickett an opinion. efend his bilnd as declared to Con-disregard ty afford samble with the people's money and in-terests but I won't. I think the board to Con-and bilnd as declared to Con-disregard ty afford ssues?" e "safety ncing. at some ial situa-and points ilimitation "One is carrying ting ben-expendi-"The alderman thought that Controller "No one can deny the fact that we have been going it blind in regard to the estimates, letting the public pay the shot." A Strong Defence.

In again speaking to the question, Ald. invore; the ratepayers' share of the local improvement debt, on which the bentures unsold which are no debt at all, and debentures represented by sinking funds on hand.

that would use up any added borrowing f power we might get." Referring to requests that have been made for improvements in certain sec-tions this year, the alderman thought they were something like this: "See to it that taxes are not increased in my particular district, but give-me every-thing I want. This is the sort of thing we have to contend with. Just imagine the impertinence of anyone to come down debt, and is not diminished by the sinking fund, as it reasonably ought to be. "There can be no argument from the standpoint of reasonable limitation of debt, for the theory that liability for the city's share of local improvement withdraw his motion to strike out after. Strike out after withdraw his motion to strike out after

same conclusion." Ald. Wickett asked that this statement be-withdrawn, but Ald. Ball persisted, declaring that all bond buyers have legal officers, "and if you think you could sell Toronto bonds by subterfuge you are mistaken." commission on assessment

made in certain "open letters" recent-by published, which have evoked com-ment prejudicial to the city's interests on account of being misleading. Referring further to the "open let-tion of high finance, and this council is solud to leave it as it is, and then we there be verified nor justified. In deal-ing with a portion of the letter re-sarding the city's borrowing power, wherein it is stated that the limit has been exceeded by \$407,411, the con-troller declares that the statute does

perintendent of sleeping and dining cars; J. M. Gibson, general publicity agent; J. Millins, city passenger agent, Ottawa; L. G. Rogers, assistant su-perintendent; M. G. Murph. district passenger agent, Toronto; S. Wertheim, superintendent of sleeping and dining cars, and W. T. Docknill, travelling passen agent.

HALLOWE'EN PRANKS **ANNOY RESIDENTS**

Police Headquarters Kept Busy Answering Calls From Citizens.

Many complaints were received last night at police headquarters from residents of the outlying districts of the city the actual technical legislative re-guirement." The explained how and when the city's borrowing powers had been fix-departmental heads, and they have city's borrowing powers had been fix-ed by legislation, declaring that the city had outgrown an arrangement that was suitable for a smaller muni-cipality. One thing that helped to limit the debt was money expended for school purposes, a second being the debentures issued but not yet sold. Attention was also drawn to the large sinking fund which, altho accumulat-ed, remains part of the debt. "Th is desirable to keep the city's

tents. In a street in North Toronto a horse and buggy was left standing while the owner went into a store. Soon a num-ber of boys came along, and jumping 'n the wagon, drove off. A mounted officier started in pursuit and caught four of the miscreants. They were taken to No. 5 police station. The police at No. 6 sta-tion arrested a number of boys for vari-ous offences.

Charge of Stealing.

Detective Archibald yesterday ar-rested Harold Selbigner, 40 Alice street, on a charge of stealing from the J. J. Ryan Company, 64 Colborne street. Selbigner was a collector in the employ of the firm, and

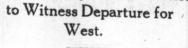
t is alleged that he received money from different customers and spent it. Injured by Bullet. Injured by Bullet. While examining a pistol in the hands of Percy Taylor, 79 Balsam avenue, on Sunday night, Dr. John Galliger of Egan-ville. Ont., sustained serious injuries to the tractines when the gun was dis-

was illegal. This Ald, Maguire character. and as one of the most absurd legal opinions he had ever heard. "We don't want to evade anything; we want to show just what we owe." A communication was received from R. Home Smith, in which he stated that he could not accept an appointment to the

could not accept an appointment to Ald. Maguire was of the opinion that Ald, Ryding presented a petition from he Toronto Motor 'Bus Company asking or a license or franchise to operate a

end there will be double this number quartered at the camp. Col. Lang, C.E., is administrative camp commandant. Inspected the 109th. Col. Logie, divisional commandant, in-spected the 109th Regiment at the Pearl street armories last night. Major Hors-fall was in command, and 674 members were on parade, including 34 cadets. Col. Logie complimented the regiment on its smart appearance, its steadiness and on the large number of overseas troops it had sent to the Niagara camp. He knew it would not fail when called on for more. Organization of a section of cyclists for the 109th is being arranged. How to quickly organize a trumpet band was shown yesterday by the 9th Battery, C.F.A. The bandsmen, five trumpeters and five drummers met for practice the first time in the morning. By the afternoon Bandmaster C. Patter-son had trained the men so rapdily that the band was able to march out and play the 170 overseas men of the Artillery down University avenue. the 170 overseas men of down University avenue. **NEW THRU TRAINS**





Marbleton, Que. Fifteenth Battalion The inauguration of a new thru service to Winnipeg by the Canadian Northern Railway took place last night, when a handsomely equipped train left the Union Station at 10.45, bound for the middle west, where it is timed to arrive at 5.45 p.m. on Wednesday. En route the train will pass thru Parry Sound, Sudbury, Port Arthur. Fort William and Fort Frances. Fifteenth Battalion. Wounded-Walter J. Pavey, England. Sixteenth Battalion. Wounded-Patrick- Murphy, Ireland. Slightly wounded-Corp. James M Pherson Johnston, Scotland. Pherson Johnston, Scotland. Twenty-Fourth Battalion. Wounded – Archibald McLeod, Mont-real; John Balloch, Scotland. Twenty-Fifth Battalion. Wounded-Leo Bartlett, Sydney, N.S.; Alfred Cormier, Amherst, N.S. Killed in action-John S. Beaton, New Waterford, N.S. Twenty-Seventh Battalion. Died of wounds-Walter Vanatta, Des-moines, Iowa. TwentySecond Battalion

will pass thru Parry Sound, Sudbury, Port Arthur, Fort William and Fort Frances. A large number of the officials of the company were on the platform, including Sir Donald Mann; D. B. Hanna, 3rd vice-president; L. C. Fritch, general manager of the eastern lines; S. J. Hungerford, superintendent of rolling stock, and Wal-ter Pratt, general superintendent of din-ing cars. The train, which consisted of five cars, was all steel and electrically lighted thruout, and was in charge of molnes, Iowa. TwentySecond Battalion. Wounded-Oscar A. LaFerrier, Mont-real; Henri Parrett, LaFerrier, Mont-Died of wounds-Lance-Corp. Lawrence A. Nixon, Silveston, Ore. Killed in action-Abner Kay, Moose Jaw, Sask. Twenty-Ninth Battalion. Killed in action-Lance-Corp. Harmony five cars, was all steel and electrically lighted thruout, and was in charge of Conductor W. Burke. The remainder of the train crew were: Engineer A. Grain-ger, Fireman F. Thomas, Brakeman O. Keeley and Baggageman W. Fitzsimmons. There were a good number of passen-gers, many being hunters bound for in-termediate points in Northern Ontario, and a few going right thru. The first train coming east left Win-nibeg last night at 5.15 and will arrive in Toronto at 2.30 Wečnesday afternoon. The two trains will meet at Hornepayne at 6.40 tonight.

Twenty-Ninth Battalion. Killed in action-Lance-Corp. Harry Walker, Scotland. Wounded-Alex. McLaren, Scotland. Thirty-First Battalion. Killed in action-Stanley Sheridan, Sprug, Wash. Wounded-Henry Frederick Rolfe, Eng-land.

land. Forty-Second Battailon. Killed in action—William Sanders. Terra Cotta, Ont. Forty-Eighth Sattailon. Seriously ill—Hugh Kelly, Holland. Princess Pats. Wounded—Earle Merritt Phillips, Hoos-ick Falls. N.Y. ick Falls, N.Y. No. 2 Canadian Field Ambulance. Dangerously wounded A. E. Lawign, England.

pany. The damage to the contents was slight. The Sterling Coffee Company, on the The sterning correct company, on the ground floor, suffered a loss of \$200 thru-smoke and water. The top flat was used by Hoffman & Green, clothlers, and a large quantity of the stock belonged to the T. Eaton Company. Fifty dollars' damage was caused to a machine. The loss is covered by insurance visited Hamilton. Simpson said none of his help remembered selling to in-textcated soldiers. "I hope you will take into account my past good record," he said, as the board prepared to give judgment. "We certainly will," replied the loss is covered by insurance. ACCIDENT HURRIED DEATH.

ACCIDENT HURRIED DEATH. The jury under Coroner W. A. Young at the morgue last night at the inquest into the death of R. A. Sewrey, who was injured in a collision between two cars, returned a verdict that death was caused from general tuberculosis, which disseminated as the result of the acci-dent. Sewrey was employed as motor-man on a radial car of the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto Railway Com-pany. On the morning of Oct. 5, the car which he was driving collided with the rear of another radial car at the switch near stop 60, three and one-half miles from Niagara. Sewrey was slightly in-jured, but according to doctor's evidence would have recovered had it not been for the tuberculosis in his system. Af-ter being taken to the military camp hospital at Niagara Sewrey was brought to the Toronto General Hospital, where he died on Oct. 24. hairman.

GIFTS TO SOLDIERS' CLUB.

Yesterday the Soldiers' Club received a number of gifts, one being a plano from Heintzman Co., Ltd., while the Pathescope Company has given a mo-tion picture machine with the promise to supply films and an operator when

Root Was Carelss.

URGING RECRUITS

General Ministerial Association Behind All Legitimate

Enterprises.

CONSIDER PRIVILEGES

Enlist and Do Their

Duty.

chairman. Root Was Carelss. O. A. Root said he had never sold fiquor on Sumdays, but had, on occa-stons, given it to friends. Asked by Commissioner Dane what about the jug of whiskey left on the desk one Sunday, Root admitted that he placed it there for friends. "I don't believe you are telling us all the facts," commented Commissioner Dingman. Do you mean to say you give this stuff away?" "Oh, sometimes the boys give me a quarter," replied the hotelman, "but I never do it to make money." "No man is your friend who takes it due chairman. "When it gets thoroly understood around Ontario, the board is going to penalize infractions of the incense permanently."

DRIVER NOT COMPETENT.

the conflict on the part of the British nation; And realizing, in the event of the vic-tory of the central powers, all that would be involved as regards the principles of government, the liberty of the individual and the integrity of the nation; And at the same time earnestly con-scious of the serious responsibility in-volved in this present appeal to the youth of our nation to place themselves at the disposal of King and country for what-ever service at home or abroad; Behind Movements. We would, without rešerve, place our-

After a deliberation of nearly an hour and a half at the morgue last night the jury under Coroner F. J. Snelgrove, con-ducting the inquest into the death of 8-year-old Albert Fletcher, 40 Redmond av-ence, who was killed by a motor car near the corner of Gerrard street and Highland avenue on Oct. 20, at 1.20 this morning returned a verdict that he came to his death as the result of the acci-dent. The jury also added that it was of the opinion that Albert Horsey, 69 Bernard avenue, the driver of the car, was not competent.

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