### PARKS COMMISSION **ESTIMATES CUT**

Twelve Thousand Extra is Granted for Playgrounds Thruout City.

#### **BASEBALL GRANTS**

Ald. Johnson Moves That Only Amateur Clubs Receive Aid.

for parks, by the committee yester-The estimates now stand at \$515,742, an increase of \$95,596 over last year's. The gross reductions amounted to \$19,008, but \$12,000 more than was asked for in the estimates were allowed for playgrounds.

Commissioner Chambers asked be allowed to make an explanation were launched on Nov. 11. before the revision of the estimates was started. He said that on account of the large increase in wages more money would be required to perform the same amount of labor as last year. A number of the committee pointed out that the expenditures this year were a great deal higher than last. Mr. Chambers reminded them that they could not take last year into consideration when allotting the money, as it was a war year and many branches of the department had deteriorated during the war because of insufficient funds for their

maintenance.

The question of playgrounds for school children was a matter again discussed. A deputation from the vicinity of Rose Avenue and Winchester schools waited on the committee. Rev. E. S. Freeman of St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church, on behalf of the deputation, said that ne had often counted as many as 30 had often counted as many as 30 children playing on the street there. One of the deputation said that if one-half mill was added to the tax has advised the various law societies rate, \$300,000 would be raised for concerned to apply to the Toronto playgrounds in the city. Ald. Ryding told the deputation that the matter of mortgages for the maintenance of of playgrounds was under the con-

sideration of the committee.

No Admission. Ald. F. M. Johnston made a motion that no further baseball permits be given to baseball organizations other than amateurs as designated by the Amateur Athletic Association. Ald. Honeyford declared himself opposed to the motion because games were played on the Beaches, Don Flats and other places by men on Saturday afternoons for recreation and after large crowds gathered to watch the games. These games may be classed by the athletic association semi-pro as often a collection is taken, but

as often a collection is taken, but there is no admission price.

Commissioner Chambers said he was alming to bring sports all under one administrative body. He acknowledged that collections were often taken without authority, but they would not be said to earn a-livelihood for the players. He advised that the matter be left over until it could be discussed with the committee on sports, which he had referred to. Ald. Johnston said that he was willing to allow the matter to stand.

Good Impression.

No reductions were made on the estimates of \$52,767 for Exhibition Park. Ald. Ryding said that this park gave thousands of people who come to Toronto from all over the country for two weeks an impression of the city and he thoughts the conof the city and he thought-the condition of the park should be kept up An amount of \$1,500 for grading the southeast section of Willowvale Park

was struck out.

The appropriation of \$3.886 for the erection of a stone wall on the Hum-ber boulevard was left out. Twenty thousand dollars for park improve-ments on the south of Withrow Park

was also omitted.
An addition of \$2,000 over the estimates for retiring allowances was asked and granted. The appropriation of \$10,000 for a combined lavatory and shelter on the athletic field on the Island Park was moved by Ald. Johnston to be struck out, which was carried.

The appropriation of the sum \$12,000 for school playgrounds over the estimates for this purpose was passed, on the motion of Ald. Mo-

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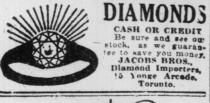
Bishop W. D. Reeve Underwent

Serious Operation Yesterday Bishop W. D. Reeve, the assistant

bishop of Toronto, underwent a serious operation yesterday morning at the General Hospital, and his condition at noon was reported by the attending physicians as being very

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#### HAMILTON FLOODING APPEAL DISMISSED

In the appellate division, Osgoode Hall, yesterday a judgment was given against the city of Hamilton dismissing the city's appeal from the decision of Judge Snider, awarding Thomas and Mary Simm \$200 damage for the flooding of their property. Yesterday seemed to be the unlucky day for the city of Hamilton, for in the weekly court, H. S. White, acting for the executors of Susan Stipe, moved to commit the mayor and city engineer of the Ambitious City for

breach of an injunction granted by the common pleas divisional court in January, 1912. This injunction re-strained the city of Hamilton allow-ing sewage to flow from the Trolley A net cut of \$19,008 was made in Commissioner Chambers' estimates for parks, by the committee yestersewers would soon be constructed to obviate the necessity of using the

inlet. His lordship commented severely on the city's non-compliance with the injunction, but the matter was finaladjourned till the city can proceed with expropriation proceedings, which

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LABOR NEWS

That the elevator men in Toronto are at last seriously considering the advisability of forming a union is evident in the recent information to the effect that John Noble, general organizer of the Electrical Workers' Union, has undertaken to take them in hand. The general opinion in labor circles is that Iew better men could be found for this purpose.

but dwelt entirely in his address upon the general themes of labor organization, trusting to a basis of co-operation, trusting to a basis of co-operation to the linear trustin

Machinists and carpenters are very interested in tonight's mass meeting at the Labor Temple, which will be addressed by the most prominent labor men in Toronto, of whom James Canada, 14 years in the West Indies and seven years in Canada. Simpson will perhaps be the most noteworthy. The une.nployment situ-ation is said to have become more acute, and yesterday afternoon a large number of unemployed men were noted who rarely, if ever, grace the Labor

and was accorded an appreciative vote of thanks by the many present. Mr. Mosher belongs to a rival organization but dwelt entirely in his address upon the general the second or the sec

railroad matters has been

Will Punish the Responsible For Brutality to Prisoners

London, Feb. 20 .- Replying to a A. R. Mosher, president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railroad Employes, in the stirring address to last night's session of the International ill-treatment of British prisoners, but Brotherhood of Freight Handlers and emphasized that action could only be Prescription Optician. 442 Yonge Street, Clerks, dwelt upon the need both of taken in conjunction with the allies



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WHITE GIRLS FOUND IN CHINESE OPIUM DEN

Kong Hong appeared before Magistrate Kingsford yesterday, charged with keeping an opium den. It was sworn to by Plainclothesmen McMahon and Waterhouse, who raided the house at 175 West Richmond street, that when they broke in there were more than 10 devotees of the drug more of less under its influence, and that two white girls were also found in the drugged sleep. Hong was fined \$200 and costs or four months, while the ten Chinese inmates were fined \$10 and costs. The women were tried in the women's court.

Tony Semenoff, charged with molest-

ing a young girl, was fined \$20 and costs or ten days. Charles Colin, according to the evi-dence of a Humane Society inspector. had kicked his horse in the stomach and head. Colin claimed that he had

kicked the horse because it had bitten him. He was fined \$5 and costs orhim. He was fined \$5 and costs or 14 days.

For failing to report under the M.S.A., Albert Flatman paid \$25.

Mike Miklow and Frank Coraski were charged in connection with a disorderly house on Simcoe street, which was recently raided by Plainclothesmen Marshall and Sullivan. According to the officers when they got into

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ing to the officers, when they got is to the house a woman hurled a cup of alcohol into Sullivan's face, while Coraski pulled a knife and threatened to stab Marshall. Miklow was fined \$50 and costs for kéeping the place, and \$200 and costs or three months for having liquor there. Coraski paid \$50 and costs for his little pleasantry, while 13 inmates paid \$5 and costs apiece.

WINNERS AT TELEPHONE MASQUERADE PARTY

The prize-winners at telephone masquerade party were as follows:

Sign of bluebell. M. McGowan;
telephone set. A. M. Bogg, Belmont
exchange; switchboard, Miss Kelly;
living rose, M. Murphy; colored lady,
M. Boland; George and Martha
Washington, Misses Mallandine and
Speight; bride and groem, Mitchell
and McDowell; Dresden shepherdess,
May Munro, 2100 roses on dress;
deck of cards, Miss Pack; Highlander, Miss Ross; gentleman of 1800,
Miss Valentine; old-fashioned comic
costume, Miss Lovell; hard time,
Miss E. Swan; old-fashioned couple,
Misses A. and O. Malloy; Spanish
lady and gentleman, Misses Irene and
Gladys Love; Gold Dust Twins,
Misses Greig and Crease; colored
bride and groom, Misses Robinson
and French; Siamese twins, Misses
Robinson and French.
Twenty information operators made masquerade party were as follows:

Twenty information operators made a striking appearance dressed in white dresses with red question marks, carrying banners, with "Ask Us-We Know"—information depart-

Joseph Henderson, vice-president of the Bank of Toronto, was last night presented with a go'd loving cup by the board of directors, in commer ation of his 50 years' service with the

Russian Bolshev'k hold the town of Olida and the line of the river Niemen. In Lithuania the Poles have passed