

FIRE DEPT. ESTIMATES GO THRU WITH A RUSH

Accepted Without Amendment—
Island Committee Makes But
Few Changes.

MEETINGS TO-DAY.

Board of control—11 a. m.
Property committee—3 p. m.
Parks and exhibition committee,
4 p. m.

The fire and light committee was not in critical mood yesterday in considering the fire department and street lighting estimates. The former total \$306,074, as against \$285,588.18 spent last year, and the latter \$123,061, as against \$119,147 expended in 1906. Combined estimates are \$429,135, or an advance over the 1906 expenditure of \$44,788.18, an advance of \$23,439.82; yet the committee required a sitting of less than 15 minutes to pass the estimates in entirety, leaving it to the board of control to do any slashing that may be thought necessary.

Chief Thompson had the satisfaction of seeing passed his various recommendations for new equipment, including \$2000 for alterations to No. 2 truck and quick-holding device asked for last year and sidetracked. For new hose \$1,000 is required, \$6000 being for 4000 feet of 1 1/2-inch hose for high-pressure system.

Ald. McMurrich is not satisfied with the progress or rate of it. In the evening the system, and he moved for a report from the city engineer on the subject.

The estimate for gas lighting of \$25,574 shows a prospective saving of \$2019 over the outlay of last year, due to municipal control of the lighting. And the reduction in the price of gas from 80¢ to 75¢ per 1000 feet. Electric lighting of the streets is figured at cost \$94,074, or \$687 more than was expended in 1906, due to the increased number of lights in operation, while \$724 is set aside for prospective additions.

Island Committee.

The island committee took a fall out of the park commissioner's estimates at yesterday's special meeting. There was little real pruning done, however, W. G. MacKendrick and William Evans of the Island Association, who form the advisory council for the year, were present.

The estimates of \$10,012 for Island Park maintenance were approved, and \$100 was added for additional seats. Ald. McBride objected to an item of \$750 under permanent improvement for grading and top-dressing land between Hamilton-road and Clarendon-avenue, and it was struck out. An estimate of \$1350 for earth for doing like work on land south of Long Pond was cut to \$800, making a total cut of \$1200 from Mr. Chambers' total estimate of \$7080 for permanent improvements.

In the absence of Mr. Rust, his estimates of \$15,025 were laid over till Monday.

It was agreed, on suggestion of the park commissioner, that the sand pump should devote attention to filling in the marshy land to the west of Centre Island ferry dock, for athletic ground purposes.

Some discussion arose involving the question of public privileges on the eastern shore of Ward's. Last year's committee approved the suggestion that a 20-foot public roadway should flank the breakwater, and that the adjoining low-lying land should be filled in and offered for rental as lots, with a depth of 20 feet, leaseholders to agree not to build within 50 feet of the roadway.

Roadway at Ward's.
The application of Fred Armstrong to be given a 21 years' renewal lease of one of the lots, opened up the question. All. Keeler thought the 20-foot roadway not wide enough, and suggested that the width be increased by 10 feet, to be taken out of the depth of the lots. It was agreed that Mr. Forman should report at Monday's meeting.

Last fall the government engineer sent to investigate the island protection reported in favor of a breakwater on the eastern shore, and farther out. Should the government sanction the work, there will be no need of curtailing the depth of the lots.

Mayor Coatsworth sounded a note of warning at yesterday's board of control meeting against manufacturers and other consumers of electricity being led into signing five-year contracts with the Toronto Electric Light Co., as the city would be materially hampered in carrying out its program for supplying power at the hydro-electric commission's plan. He pointed out that the contracts, he opined, were drawn up in terms to make one's hair stand on end.

On the advice of the board, Industries Commissioner Thompson will confer with C. B. Smith and obtain the exact figures which he will be empowered to quote to prospective subscribers.

Mayor is Converted.

Mayor Collins has undergone a change of front regarding the Winchester, Bathurst, and Arthur-street routes. He told the board of control that he had decided the company's routes were better than the city's. The assurance of Hon. R. W. Scott, secretary of state, that only relief for building purposes was needed in Jamaica decided the board to withdraw the city's grant of \$5000.

The city's surveyors are still at work drafting plans for an entrance of the railways from the east, to be submitted to the railway commission on March 13. It is said that the proposed route, which Mr. Rust believes will be satisfactory to all concerned, will cross the Don at Cherry-street and follow the routes desired by the Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern along Ashbridge's Bay, will then

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CASH DIVIDEND

Repeating its generous action of the last eight years and doubling the amount of the annual bonus, there has been declared by the Company this year a cash dividend estimated at one million dollars. This dividend has been declared on all Industrial Whole Life policies issued prior to January 1, 1903. As has been the Company's practice heretofore, there will be included in these benefits the Whole Life Industrial policies of all these companies whose business has been assumed by the Metropolitan.

A MORTUARY DIVIDEND

has been declared in the Industrial Department, applicable to all death claims incurred during the current year, where policies on the day of death had been in force over five years. The scale of dividends is as follows: Where death occurs after policy has been in force

Over 5 years, a Dividend of 5 per cent.	Over 15 years, a Dividend of 15 per cent.
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INCREASE IN BENEFITS

New Tables with large increases of benefits in Industrial policies have been adopted. The payment of premiums on all new Industrial policies will cease at age 75. Reductions have been made in the premiums charged for Ordinary policies.

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In Its Ordinary Department the Company Wrote More Paid-for Business Than Any Other Company Save One
It Gained More Ordinary Business Than Any Other Company Save One

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diverge to the northeast and will cross Eastern-avenue and Queen-street several hundred yards west of Kingston-road, using viaducts in both cases. Some 200 yards north of Queen-street a direct easterly route is to be struck till east of Victoria Park, when it will turn southward and will strike the Scarborough bluffs about 100 feet above the water's edge. Some cutting will be required to enable the cliff to be surmounted, and the route will then follow the shore to Port Union.

Mr. Rust's alternative plan for street car entrance into the exhibition grounds from the east is for car tracks down Tecumseh-street, crossing the railway tracks and proceeding along Garrison-road to the grounds. It will be considered by the works committee shortly. Without counting land damage the cost is estimated at \$135,000.

Have'st Had Holiday.
The city scavengers and "white wings" are complaining because the holiday of two weeks asked for by them has not been granted. Dr. Sheard will investigate.

A personal interview by the city engineer with Manager Fleming regarding the grievances of the traveling public is requested by the mayor in a letter in which he declares the state of affairs to be unbearable.

Letters were received by the mayor yesterday from John Findlay, 374 Bathurst-street, complaining of inadequate service on that route, and from R. A. Wharton, 168 Dowling-avenue, who says he is ready to testify before the railway board as to "disgraceful crowding" on West King-street cars.

The city will not allow the ferry company the rebate of \$1000 asked on the rental of \$3000 for last year's occupancy of the new Bay-street dock because the shed wasn't ready early in the season. The city solicitor says the company has no claim on the city.

Controller Hubbard, who had been visiting Washington and other United States cities, is back in Toronto again and jumps into the street railway controversy with the suggestion that the company be required to furnish a one-minute car service in the centre of the city.

The Canadian Northern desire to get from the city 16 acres of land immediately north of Winchester-street bridge, with the aim of constructing an 80-foot roadway.

The draft form of an application to legislature for power to issue debentures to cover the cost of the new exhibition grand stand and buildings will be drawn up by the board of control and executive committee for the Exhibition Association to-day.

PRISON GOVERNOR SHOT.

Boy of 18 Assassinated Russian Official on Street.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 30.—M. Guidema, governor of the political prison on Vasil Ostroff (Bastille), a suburb of this city, was shot in the main street of the island to-day, and died almost immediately.

The assassin, who was a youth of 18, dressed as a workman, emerged from a tea house as Mr. Guidema was passing on his way home, and shot him twice in the stomach. The terrorist also shot and mortally wounded a prison warden who accompanied Mr. Guidema, and who pursued the assassin. The latter disappeared and the police have been unable to find any trace of him.

STRATTON FOR SENATE.

A Peterboro politician says Hon. J. R. Stratton will be the new senator from the Peterboro district, in place of the late Senator Dobson of Lindsay.

At the time of the last Dominion election it was stated that Mr. Stratton was to go to the senate, as if he captured West Peterboro for Hall, the Liberal candidate.

E. J. B. Pense, M.L.A., has no intention of abandoning his Kingston constituency for office under the Dominion government.

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP LEAGUE NOW IS THE TIME TO JOIN

What World Readers Say in Support of the Desirability of Organization.

The Public Ownership League movement is not confined to Toronto. While the great majority of subscribers are from Toronto, The World is receiving the names of many from provincial towns who enthusiastically approve of the idea.

For instance, T. J. Reardon, Weston, writes: "Just a line to say I am with you. I think we have reached a stage that all sensible people will agree that something must be done to check this ever-increasing octopus, the monopoly of public franchises. I also notice that some of the paid officials of the city talk and act as tho they were paid by the Toronto Railway Company. Dr. Sheard, for instance, thinks with James Gunn that it is the people's fault that the cars are so crowded."

Allan Studholme, the Labor member in the legislature, in handing in his name, assured The World of his hearty support.

From Brighton, Charles M. Hodges writes: "I am much pleased with the courage taken by The World in regard to municipal ownership of all public utilities. And also in regard to the course taken

by W. F. Maclean, M.P., in the house at Ottawa in regard to his railway bills. It is too bad that the country hadn't a few more representatives like him at Ottawa. I believe that railway rate legislation is more important than the tariff, and I hope that he will keep hammering at them for two cents a mile, and also force the Grand Trunk to live up to its charter and give a penny-a-mile service. In regard to the refunds on railway tickets I had some experience with one of the great railways. I waited just about nine weeks for a refund."

W. H. Waring, 126 Victoria-avenue, writes: "I am greatly pleased at having the opportunity of being a charter member of a Toronto Public Ownership League. Public ownership is not a fad, a fancy, or other evanescent phase of the desire of the human mind for change or amusement. On the contrary, it is a recognition of the fact that what the people create they must enjoy; that the state is superior to the individual; that never again must a small group of capitalists be permitted to control the necessities of the world; that never again must the whim of a Wall-street financier be allowed to deal out suffering, starvation and even death to millions of his fellow beings. So, hoping that your hands will be greatly strengthened in the laborious and often thankless, but yet noble and glorious, fight for the liberties and rights of the people of Canada and the world, I promise you my hearty and loyal support."

J. E. Stewart, 643 Brock-avenue, Toronto, writes: "I am in favor of the advanced position taken by The World. And it must be recognized by fair-minded persons that The World is the true leader of the public ownership movement in Canada. Yours for Public Ownership League and a higher civilization."

Controller J. J. Ward supports the formation of a public ownership league with enthusiasm. The World is glad to have the controller identify himself with the movement, and hopes that his example will be followed by many others in municipal life, as well as by federal and provincial legislators.

One of the first names received was that of ex-Controller S. Alfred Jones. He wishes the new league succeed.

Allan Studholme, M.L.A., handed in

his name with the remark that he was heartily in favor of an organization of the kind. He is a firm friend of public ownership, and as such was elected by the labor men of East Hamilton to represent them in the legislature.

Controller Ward writes: "My Dear World: May your efforts to form a public ownership league be crowned with success is my best wish. I most willingly become a member. I joined the Knights of Labor nearly twenty-five years ago, when a boy, and one of the leading planks in the platform of that good old organization was 'public ownership,' and I have been a sound and firm believer in it ever since, and during my nine years of public life have supported and advocated every measure introduced, tending to municipal ownership and operation of public utilities. If Toronto had the profits of the street railway, gas, electric light, telephone, water, exhibition, etc., the tax rate would dwindle, and, in time, disappear."

An Uxbridge subscriber, forwarding his name, said it was not clear to him whether the league was to include people living outside of Toronto. The league is not confined to Toronto. Everyone who believes in public ownership is invited to join.

U. C. Bible Society.
In another column will be noticed the call to the 67th annual meeting of the Upper Canada Bible Society. It will be held in Carlton-street Methodist Church, when Mr. N. W. Hoyles, K. C., LL.D., will take the chair at 8 o'clock. Addresses will be given by Revs. George Jackson and John McNeill. His honor the lieutenant-governor and Premier Whitney have promised to be present.

The first of a series of open meetings for the purpose of organizing several new branches of the Painters' and Decorators' Union in the city will be held in the Labor Temple Tuesday evening, Feb. 5.

A COREAN DECORATION.

Bestowed Upon Former Torontonians by the Emperor Himself.

London, Jan. 30.—The King has granted permission to Oliver Avison of Toronto to wear the insignia of the fourth class order, Taikouk, conferred by the Emperor of Korea.

Oliver R. Avison, physician, was born in Yorkshire, Eng., in 1860. Coming to Canada at an early age, he was educated at Almonde and at the normal school, Ottawa. He graduated in 1884, gold medalist at the Ontario College of Pharmacy, and in 1887 received the degree of M.D. from Toronto University. For several years he was professor of materia medica at the Toronto College of Medicine, and in 1899 resigned to go to Korea as a medical missionary under the American Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board. At the end of the year he became physician to the Korean royal family. He married a daughter of S. M. Barnes of Smith's Falls. His present address is Seoul, Korea.

MAIL ROBBERY.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—An amount of \$500 is involved in the robbery of the Upton Que. mail, and the police are after Daigle, the mail courier at Upton, who is suspected of having cut open the mail bag and abstracted the packages.

It was directed from Upton to headquarters of the department at Ottawa.

Haus Himself in Cell.
New York, Jan. 30.—Julius Cominsky of Coxsackie, N. Y., committed suicide in a cell in the Tombs Prison to-day, where he was being held on a charge of a felonious assault in shooting Patrolman Seelig.

Cominsky made a rope of strips of his shirt and hanged himself to his cell door.

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