



ALEX GUNN REDUCED TO CAPTAIN'S PLACE

Fire Chief Smith Surprises Board of Control With Summary Order.

DEPUTATION FROM YORK

Ask Better Sewer and Water Connections With the Civic Systems.

Fire Chief Smith has reduced District Chief Gunn to the position of captain, and the first intimation that the board of control had of the matter was a letter it received from the chief giving the information yesterday. It came as a big surprise and might have been kept longer from the public had not Controller Cameron asked for a reading of the letter.

"Captain Gunn" the letter states, "will be assigned to duty in charge of No. 6 hook and ladder section at the Main street station." This is what the chief considers is in the best interests of the department in carrying out his plan of reorganization.

The feeling of the board and council seems to be that they had thought Chief Smith too big a man to reduce the district chief, and what action council will take is problematical at present. When the question of appointing Smith chief was up one of the new aides was heard to say, "Well, if he reduces Gunn in the event of his made chief we will see to that, too."

It was pointed out yesterday at the board meeting that the chief's action means a cut in the district chief's salary of \$900 a year and affects his pension to the extent of \$450 a year. Gunn stated later in the day that the whole transaction means a financial loss to him of approximately \$4800 between now and the time he would retire, which is some five years hence.

No Action Taken.

No action was taken by the board and the letter will be sent on to the chief as information.

According to the law governing such matters it would appear that the chief has gone further than is allowed. It says he may reprimand a subordinate, reduce his pay for a time or dismiss him, but there is no provision for reduction in rank.

When the chief was told this yesterday he was surprised and said, "Well, the only other thing to do is dismiss him."

Deputation Heard.

A deputation from York Township waited upon the board in regard to sewer and sewer matters. J. R. L. Starr, K.C., was spokesman, and stated that an agreement had been prepared between the city and the township, but no action had been taken. He claimed that the main-tenance charges were too high and were more per year than the cost of the sewer. Further reports are to be prepared and the board promised consideration by next Tuesday.

Mayor Church believes the Toronto-Hamilton highway should be taken over by the government for a trunk highway, and stated that he would not favor the payment of another dollar towards it. He will oppose any move to tax Toronto for a share of the \$300,000 extra which the road is to cost. It was decided to discuss the matter with George H. Gooderham, M.L.A.

Soldiers' Insurance was under discussion short while when payments were being passed, the point being raised as to the necessity of paying the \$1000 to rich parents.

Mayor Church thought the money should be paid just the same because of the sacrifice made, and this idea was finally upheld.

WILL CLOSE OFFICES.

In reply to a letter from the harbor board, asking if it was the intention to retain the rooms in the Royal Bank building, the board of control decided in the negative. It was also suggested by the controllers that the 4000 copies of the report of the traffic commission be put in cold storage.

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IT'S YOUR DUTY

NEWS FROM THE CITY HALL

PRESENTED TECHNICAL SCHOOLS ESTIMATES

Amount Asked of Board of Education Almost Fifty Thousand Over Last Year.

INCREASE IN SALARIES

Due Partly to the Agreement Made With Teachers and to Large Staff.

Dr. Alex. C. McKay, principal of the Central Technical School, presented his maintenance estimates for the technical schools for 1916 to the advisory industrial committee of the board of education yesterday. The total amount asked for is \$175,920, being \$47,829 more than the amount required last year, a portion of the increase, however, being accounted for by the fact that the new technical school was only open from September last year, whereas it will be open during the whole of this year. Another condition that has given rise to the increase is the number of pupils attending. Last year's roll showing only 2000 as compared with 6000 at the present time. In this respect, the new technical school is the cheapest institution in the city so far as education is concerned as regards maintenance, the cost of the building and equipment not being taken into consideration.

During the year 1915 salaries paid to teachers amounted to \$26,500, while this year it is estimated that they will amount to \$124,672.

Some of the items other than salaries, that help to swell the total are as follows:

Office staff	1915	1916
Engineers and firemen	\$4,070	\$2,750
Care takers and helpers	2,550	1,000
Fuel	5,000	5,000
Motors for ventilating		2,400
Repairs	1,000	3,000

Reduce if Possible.

Trustee Dineen suggested that a sub-committee be appointed to go carefully thru the estimates with a view to making a reduction if it were possible. He believed that there was considerable dissatisfaction over the expense of the technical schools and suggested that everything possible should be done to reduce the cost. The suggestion was not met with the approval of the committee, however, the general sentiment being expressed in the remarks of the industrial representatives, who declared that he did not believe that a sub-committee, after considering the estimates for ten hours, could take \$10,000 off.

The committee finally decided to consider the report at once, and Principal McKay was asked to explain a number of the items and give the particulars of the increases provided for. The increase in salaries, he stated, was due to the agreement the teachers had with the board and also to the fact that there would be a larger staff this year, dealing with many more pupils. In dealing with the possibility of the school occupying a portion of the school shortly, the principal suggested that this might be the cause of reducing the staff somewhat, but he pointed out that even in this event it would be necessary to keep the plant and building in operation.

Item Was Questioned.

Trustee Dineen, who was in an economical mood, questioned the item of \$1000 for caretaker and helpers, asking: "Is that item for cleaning?" To this Principal McKay replied by stating that a comparison was made between the cost of caretaking the collegiate institutes, taking into consideration the number of rooms and pupils. It would be found that the amount called for in the estimates was not exorbitant.

In making up the figures the principal had not taken into consideration any revenues that might be derived from the various departments, but he explained that he had purposely done this, believing that it was a good way to provide for any contingencies.

It was finally decided to adopt the estimates without amendment and send them on to the board.

CITY HALL NOTES

Contributions of the public schools to the patriotic fund will be brought to the city hall by 300 children on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the money being received by the mayor in the council chamber.

The city is arranging to give a reception to the lake boat captains, who are here in convention, which will include the Canadian marine engineers, who are also in convention in the city.

Hereafter the appointment by the city of experts in arbitration cases will have to be approved by the board of control before the appointment is made.

A grant of \$1000 in lieu of insurance was yesterday made by the board of control to the widow of Corp. John Baker, who was killed while acting as policeman at the Dufferin street bridge.

Mayor Little and a deputation from Owen Sound will talk over cement matters with the board of control today at noon. They wired for an interview and received a favorable reply.

The question of purchasing an oil painting of Hon. G. W. Allan, who donated the Allan Gardens to the city, was referred yesterday to Property Commissioner Chisholm.

Application was made at the city hall yesterday for a permit for the rebuilding of the Princess Theatre, at a cost of \$75,000.

Miss Rebecca Church, the church's sister, and a teacher at Church Street School, has been recommended for leave of absence for one year.

MORE WORRY FOR MAYOR.

The order of the Ontario Railway Board abolishing the use of the summer cars of the Toronto Street Railway has given Mayor Church another subject for worry. He formed himself into an attacking force yesterday and declared that he would take the matter before the private bills committee of the legislature. His worship believes that the abolition of the summer board is "right and proper," but thinks that the Toronto Railway Co. should be made to put on a proper type of car.

Confederation Life Association

44TH ANNUAL REPORT

The 44th Annual Meeting of the Confederation Life Association was held at the Hotel Ontario on Tuesday, Jan. 25, when the Report of the Directors for the year ending Dec. 31, 1915, was presented. Notwithstanding the generally unsettled conditions existing in some parts of the Dominion the statement submitted furnished evidence of substantial growth in the various branches of the Company's business and the continued careful management of its affairs.

NEW BUSINESS.

During 1914 the new insurance written totaled \$10,754,279. Of this amount, \$3,006,542 was secured from Canada and Newfoundland, which creates a record in the history of the Association. The total amount of insurance in force at Dec. 31 was \$72,345,728.

PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS.

There was paid to policyholders and their beneficiaries the vast sum of \$2,062,119.76. Of this amount, \$640,551 was paid to beneficiaries under policies terminated by death. Holders of Endowment Policies received \$567,540, and there was allotted in dividends to holders of participating policies the sum of \$85,148.65. The latter figures show a satisfactory increase over those of any previous year.

INCOME.

The net income from premiums was \$2,600,771; from rents, \$70,647.33, and from interest on investments, \$924,919.64; the total revenue from these sources being \$3,396,438.27.

ASSETS.

The assets, which now amount to \$20,587,570.76, show an increase of \$773,402.24 over the preceding year. All the moneys of the Association are invested in securities earning satisfactory rates of interest, and in strict conformity with the requirements of the Canadian Government.

SURPLUS.

In regard to surplus, another appreciable gain is apparent. During the year this fund was increased by \$243,981.53, and the total amount held at Dec. 31, for the protection of policyholders, over and above all existing liabilities, amounted to \$2,390,183.23.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

The following were re-elected Directors for the ensuing year: Mr. W. D. Matthews, Sir Edmund B. Osler, Mr. J. K. Macdonald, Mr. Joseph Hepburn, Mr. Cawthra Mulock, Mr. John Macdonald, Col. Albert E. Gooderham, Mr. Thomas J. Clark, Lieut.-Col. J. E. Macdonald, Mr. W. C. Macdonald, Lieut.-Col. Frederic Nicholls and Mr. Peleg Howland.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald was re-elected President, Mr. W. D. Matthews Vice-President and Chairman of the Board, and Sir Edmund B. Osler Vice-President.

USE MORE DISCRETION IN SENDING OUT BILLS

Soldiers' Families and Others Have Been Unduly Frightened by Letters for Taxes.

The attention of the board of control was yesterday directed to certain letters which soldiers' wives have received for non-payment of taxes. Other people in difficult circumstances have been frightened by these letters, which intimate that the bailiff will be sent if payment is not made.

Discussion on the subject with Deputy City Treasurer Black revealed the fact that no action such as surmised was intended. The department was to be as lenient as possible, and it was a difficult matter to avoid some dissatisfaction in sending out the bills. Mr. Black was requested to see that discretion is used.

FIREMAN'S BRAVE ACT SHOULD BE REWARDED

The action of Fireman Alex. Dean of aerial truck No. 2, in carrying a young woman down a ladder from the fifth story of the Manning Chambers when that building was on fire recently, has brought considerable credit not only to Fireman Dean, but also to the department. Yesterday two letters were received by the board of control asking that some recognition of the brave act be given to Mr. Dean. The board forwarded the letters to Chief Smith for consideration.

What To Do To Get Fat And Increase Weight

The Real Cause of Thinness

Most people eat from four to six pounds of good solid, digestible food every day and still do not increase in weight one ounce, while on the other hand many of the plump, chunky folk eat very lightly and keep gaining all the time. It's all a matter of the nature of the individual, it isn't Nature's way at all.

Most thin people stay thin because their powers of assimilation are defective. They absorb just enough of the food they eat to maintain life and a semblance of health and strength. Stuffed won't help them. A dozen meals a day won't make them gain a single "away there" pound. All the fat-producing elements of their food just stay there in the intestines until they pass from the body as waste. What such people need is something that will prepare these fatty food elements so that their blood can absorb them and deposit them all about the body—something too, that will multiply red blood corpuscles and increase their blood's carrying power.

For such a condition it is well to recommend eating a Sargol tablet with every meal. Sargol is not, as some believe, a patented drug, but is simply an effective and powerful assimilative and flesh-building element known to chemists as absolutely harmless, yet has been wonderfully effective, and a single tablet eaten with each meal of food, according to reports of users, has the effect of increasing the weight of a thin man or woman three to five pounds a week. Sargol is sold by all good druggists everywhere on a positive guarantee of weight increase or money back. If you find a druggist who is unable to supply you, send \$1 to the National Laboratories, 14 St. Antoine street, Montreal, and a complete ten days' treatment will be sent you, postpaid.



It Often Takes a Heroine to Make a Hero!

(An Appeal to the Women of Canada)

You know a man, perhaps your son, husband, brother or sweetheart, who, deep down in his heart, feels that instead of living his easeful daily life, he should be with the Canadian soldiers in France—fighting for the honor and sacredness of womanhood and the defence of human rights.

It may be because of you, or because he feels your influence upon him that he is holding back.

One word from you will make him go forward. Will you for your womanhood's sake say that word, NOW?

It is hard to part with your loved ones, but when you know the cause for which Canada is fighting, surely, you cannot refuse them your encouragement and blessing.

Canada, with her allies, is engaged in the tremendous fight for human liberty against German tyranny.

Great Britain's defeat will make Germany master of the world, and no "doctrine," no country can save Canada from becoming a German colony.

Murder and pillage will be the common lot, while degradation unspeakable may be the fate of you and every other woman in Canada.

The man you love should realize this. His duty calls him to fight. But perhaps because of you he is holding back. Will you not say the word today that will bring out his heroism?

It often takes a heroine to make a hero. Will YOU rise to the occasion and ask your man to sign the coupon here?

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(169th Battalion, C.E.F.)
Armouries, 73 Pearl Street, Toronto

Dear Sir:

Send a car for me on Name Day.

at to the address below and Name Time.

I'll join up with you.

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Full Address

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109TH REGIMENT OVERSEAS BATTALION

169th Batt., C.E.F., Lieut.-Col. J.G. Wright, O.C.

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TO ORGANIZE SOFIA AS GERMAN MUNICIPALITY

Commission of Kultur to Prod Bulgarians Into Shape on Coercion Lines.

PARIS, Jan. 25, 6:25 p.m.—A despatch to The Temps from Saloniki says a German municipal commission has arrived at Sofia to consult with the authorities in the Bulgarian capital with regard to the measures to be taken for organizing the municipality on German lines.

The Bulgarian Government, the correspondent adds, at the request of Germany, will present a bill in parliament, making the teaching of German obligatory in all the Bulgarian schools.

FRENCH OFFICIALS FREED BY TURK GOVERNMENT

BERLIN, via wireless to Sayville, Jan. 25.—Advices received by the Overseas News Agency, from Constantinople, say that the Turkish Government has released the French embassy officials who, since the outbreak of the war, had been attached to the American embassy in the Turkish capital. The officials had been arrested as a measure of reprisal after the entente powers took into custody the consuls at Saloniki of the central powers.

CHARGED WITH THEFT.

Albert S. Clayton, 364 1/2 Clinton street, was arrested by Detective LeVitt last night on a charge of theft. Louis F. Clayton, same address, was the complainant.

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