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Report of Citizens'

ON THE MUNICIPAL BILL.

In the month of February, 1914, a petition was presented to the House III Defined Powers of Council: of Assembly which was signed by a large number of citizens of St. John's This petition called attention to the defined where the rights of individual The fund should be looked upon high death rate, the antiquated system of sanitation, and the congested state of certain sections of the City. It showed that such problems as the and fire protection, disposal of sewerage and garbage, street repairing, powerless to interfere. cleaning and lighting, demand immediate and thorough consideration. It pointed out that by the present law the Council is restricted in powers. and hamnered for funds. It asked that a Commission be appointed so that with powers in the exercise of which should devote his whole time to earncivic problems should be studied at no discretion whatever is allowed ing his salary, and that salary should first hand by a comparatively large either to the officials themselves, or cover all his services to the City body of electors. In answer to the re- to the Council. It should be made There should be some provision in

tion on the lines asked for. Barris and Edward M. Jackman were formance of their duties, the Commit-

of the City In the spring of 1916 the Board tee cannot endorse. sent in its report in the form of a Life Appointments Unwise: Bill to amend and consolidate the

laws in relation to Municipal affairs. As, however, citizens generally had received no intimation of the changes proposed to be made in the law, except through newspaper criticism, the Representatives of the Electoral District of St. John's, (including the Premier and the Colonial Secretary) called a public meeting of the ratepayers of the City. At this meeting. held on April 6th, 1916, a Committee known as the Citizens' Committee. Pensions: was appointed to deal with the Bill The Pension Scheme provides for prepared by the Civic Commissioners. the payment of a premium of four pe

Every Section Discussed:-

This Committee, after having renested that consideration of the Bill by the Legislature be deferred, has to over a year been engaged in for over a year been engaged in studying the proposed dity Charter." Over sixty meetings were held (not ncluding Sub-Committee meetings) t which every section of the Bill was read and discussed. The Committee appointed a deputation to present its views on said Bill before a Joint Select Commission of the Legislature. The Committee has further directed me, its Secretary, to set forth in writing the amendments which it considers should be made to the Bill. Charter Good-but Needs Amendment:

The Citizens' Committee considers the Municipal Bill, in many respects. an advance on previous legislation, to appreciate the difficulties with cent. of the yearly salary of each em which the framers of the Bill had to plovee. All payments will be lost in contend. At the same time it is the case of serious misconduct, but will

No Discretionary Power: will not be able to exercise discre-Committee tionary powers in certain cases. The be more or less at the mercy of the

to sue in the courts, and sometime property may be confiscated without compensation, on the orders of one official with whom the Council is

the proposal to endue officials, not di- extra services. Outside his hours of quest of the citizens signing the peti- clear and beyond dispute that the the Act relative to this subject, Council, as a corporate body, is whol- Officials to be Bonded: tion, a Board of twelve Commissionly and solely responsible for the eners was appointed to govern the City, and at the same time prepare legisla- forcement of the Act. The Committee protests against bureaucratic rule. The Board of Commissioners took With the proposal that individual councillors should abstain from in-Two of its members, Messrs. John terference with officials in the perremoved by death, and one member tee is in hearty agreement; but that resigned. The Board thus lost the the Council shall not, by formal resohelp of three men versed in public lution or otherwise, have the right to affairs, one of whom had been a for- call officials to account for the manmet Councillor, and another a Mayor ner in which they perform their duties, is a principle which the Commit-

While the Committee would strongly object to the introduction of the "Spoils System" it does not see the necessity of appointing certain officials for life, and deprecates the idea of distinguishing one set of officials from another in the mode of their apnointment and tenure of office: not does it like the proposal to drop any but purely temporary employees at the end of every year.

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On the other hand the Council's (except when discharged for serious powers are purposely vague and un- misconduct) interest at three per cent.

Extra Pay to Certain Employees: The Committee is of opinion tha every employee should receive a wage the same time it strongly objects to the payment of sums of money, in ac The Committee strongly objects to dition to the stipends, for so-called rectly responsible to the electorate, rest and recreation, every official

The Committee considers that some provision should be made in the Act relative to fidelity bonds for officials who handle the City's money. The Secretary-Treasurer should be bonded at least in the sum of two thous and dollars, and each of the collect tors in the sum of one thousand dol

Variable Rates of Taxation:

The Committee does not think wise that the Council should have the right, without any check upon it, to vary from time to time the rates of cil should give sufficient public notice of its intention to increase the rates, much can be done with the expendiand that there should be no increase

strongly urges that there be no indistress; but that the Council, by re- a professional manicurist. trenchment and strict economy, endeavor to obtain the funds necessary for the many crying needs of the City.

Fines and Penalties too Drastic: Minimum fines and penalties should not appear in this Act. The Magistrates should be given the right to inflict nominal penalties where breaches of the Act are not due to wilful acts of omission or commis-The Committee recommends that only maximum penalties should

be embodied in the Act. Appeals:

The right of every citizen to appeal to the courts should be safeguarded in every instance. Building Prohibited:

tend to increase the cost of building, through which the water and sewerage pipes do not pass. If the times were prosperous and the City well each nail. off financially, this could be remedied water and sewerage pipes. Congesion must be relieved and as soon as pad of chamois leather. ossible, but this will not be done by tying up building lots on existing streets. Further, no new street should be opened up before present recog-

nized streets have had the water and sewerage mains laid in them. (To be Continued.)

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. ROME, June 9. Over the whole front yesterday ac-

divity on both sides was confined to

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Funeral of Private Hulan.

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BURIED WITH MILITARY HONORS. The military funeral of the late Private Gerald Hulan took place yesterday afternoon from Oke's Mortuary Rooms, Prescott Street, to the C. of E. Cemetery, where interment took place.

Firing Party with reversed arms. Men of the Nfld. Regiment drawing un carriage with the casket.

Nfld. Regiment and Nfld. Forestry ompany.

Officers of the Regiment and Forstry Company The general public

Upwards of two thousand people attended the funeral, which was the ppinion of the Committee that the be returned to the official without in- third of its kind within the present Civic Commissioners, in their endeav- terest if he is laid off for any other month. Along the route of march the or to perfect the administration of cause before being pensioned, and to band played selected hymns and the Municipal affairs, have introduced in- his widow or children, in case of Dead March in Saul. The services at to the Bill some principles which are death. If he leaves the service he the Mortuary Chapel and at the pposed to the best interests of the receives half the amount paid in. graveside were conducted by Capt. After ten years he becomes entitled (Rev.) Clayton, who recently returned to a pension, if medically unfit for from the front, and was strictly of a duty. This pension is based on two military character, the order of the some respects, and too much so in others, to work well. The Council years. The maximum pension is six- dier Guards. At the conclusion of the ty per cent. of the average salary. prayers the firing squad under Sergt.-The Committee regards this as a Instructor Hussey, fired three farewell rules are absolute, and citizens will thrift fund, and recommends that if volleys and with fixed bayonets prefor any reason an employee is not sented arms, while bugler L.-Corp. T. pensioned he shall receive the whole McGrath sounded the "Last Post." Inof his contribution to the fund and cluded in the number of beautiful wreaths were one each from the officers, the Warrant and Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the somewhat as a Tontine Policy with an Regiment and Forestry Companies. All three were retained by Mr. Hulan, father of the late Pte. Hulan, who at

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Milady's Boudoir.



Nothing adds more to the beauty a person's hands than well kept nails taxation. It suggests that the Coun- While it is almost impossible to im prove the shape of the hand itself ture of a very little time and trouble without the consent of the House of to improve the shape of the nails. No matter how rough your work, your In this connection the Committee hands and nails can be kept in good condition. With a little study and crease in the City Tax, (water and practice you can care for them yoursewerage rates), during the present self as well and almost as quickly as

> Your manicuring outfit should in clude a sharp pair of scissors, an ivory cuticle knife, a bundle of orange sticks, a bundle of emery boards and a little polishing powder. Before starting to treat the nails soak the fingers in a little soapy warm water. This is to soften the cuticle and make it more pliable. Next cut the nails, if necessary, following the shape of each finger and cutting so that the tip of the finger and the top of the nail may be level. Long and pointed nails are in very bad taste and should not be allowed on any hand.

When the cutting has been done take an orange stick and pass it gently under the skin at the base of each nail. raising it carefully so as to thorugh-Besides the many regulations which ly loosen it. Great care must be taken not to bruise the skin in any way. one section in the Bill prohibits the When the cuticle has been thoroughly erection of any building on any street loosened press the skin back with the ivory nail trimmer until the pretty half moon is visible at the base of

Next comes the removal of any by at once installing these services stain. To do this rub the nails lightly everywhere. As things are at pre-sent, it will be a great hardship to small pieces of skin adhere to the nail, roperty owners if they are compelled dip the orange stick in lemon juice o hold their land vacant until the and rub them. Lastly comes the polouncil is in a position to supply ishing. For this smear a little of the powder over the nails and rub with a

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