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SMALL INCREASE IN RATE STRUCK BY CITY COUNCIL

ANALYSIS OF MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR PRESENT YEAR MADE BY MAYOR SHOWS THAT EXTRA TAX IS CAUSED BY ASSOCIATE BOARDS AND BY LOSS ON GAS PLANT.

The following address on the Civic Budget for the year 1919 was delivered by His Worship Mayor Elson at the meeting of the City Council last night.

Mr. Chairman: Since the Council has gone into Committee of the Whole we will now discuss this budget for the year 1919.

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In saying that this is the largest budget which has been submitted to the public, I might explain that for over four years this country and other countries have engaged in hostilities and many projects have been delayed.

One Board (the Collegiate Institute) has not increased, and, gentlemen, if I make any error I hope the Treasurer will correct me, but in other departments such as the Separate School Board, the Public School Board and the Police Commission, the Boards have increased very materially.

There is also a very unusual circumstance in the operation of the gas plant. This is a municipal plant which was bought in 1912 for the purpose of being a public utility for the service of the people.

The loss is made up as follows: The loss in 1912 to 1916 inclusive was \$12,000.00. For the year 1917, \$5,213.58. For the year 1918 which has just closed, \$16,333.33.

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Some years ago the plant had contracts with the Welland Canal which it lost, and then the natural gas came into use, which had double the heat units, and it could also be produced very much cheaper, and people bought regardless of any sentiment that they had for the public institution.

Principal Points Taken From Budget Address.

Tax rate for the current year will be 3 1/4 mills. Council was able to reduce controllable expenditure by two and half mills below last year. Increase in whole rate is explained by larger estimates from outside boards, loss at gas plant and two platoon system for fire departments.

ESTIMATES OF COMMITTEES EXPLAINED. Chairman Briefly Outline Expenditures to be Made During the Year—Rose Garden Motion Defeated.

The City Council met again last night at the City Hall for the purpose of considering and passing the estimates for the year 1919 and it was well after eleven o'clock before the business of the evening was finished.

When the Mayor re-introduced the motion Ald. Westwood was the only member of the Council to speak on the question and he said he was of the opinion that as the work has been already started it was too late to do much in the matter.

In Committee. The Council then went into Committee of the Whole with Ald. Eagle in the Chair to discuss the estimates.

Canada still far from certain peace. (Special to The Journal) London, March 26.—In the House of Lords last night Viscount Milner the Secretary for the Colonies, said that in his opinion the country was still far from a certain and well established peace.

COUNCIL DECIDES TO SUPPRESS THE PEACE NEWS. Paris, March 26.—The decision of the supreme council of the peace conference to allow nothing to be published regarding the proceedings but the official communiqué has aroused the indignation of the Paris press.

TROOPS FROM OLYMPIC LANDED BY TENDER. (Special to The Journal) Halifax, March 26.—The Olympic did not attempt to dock this morning owing to the continued high wind sweeping the troopship pier, and the work of disembarking her soldier passengers by tender was begun in earnest.

INSURANCE POLICY FOUND FOR A MOTHER. Soldier Son Gave up his Life on the Fields of Flanders and City Fathers are Pleased That his Kin was Protected by one Corporation.

CHRONICLE COMMENTS ON SITUATION. Britain Must Take up Challenge of Hungary or her Impotence Will be Naked Before the World. (Special to The Journal) London, March 26.—Commenting on the situation in Hungary, the Daily Chronicle says:

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HOW THE PUBLIC MONEY WILL BE SPENT DURING THE YEAR

CITY BUDGET FOR 1919 CONTAINS SOME INTERESTING FIGURES WHICH SHOW WHERE THE CASH OF THE CITIZENS GOES TO. THE LARGEST IN MANY YEARS.

Below will be found a list of the uncontrollable and controllable expenditures for the year 1919 and also the salaries of officials and the members of the Fire Department. The expenditures to be made by the various civic committees are also given and show where the ratepayers money goes to.

REVENUE. The total revenue for 1919 from all sources is placed at \$608,356.06. The revenue is made up by taxes, license fees, sewer rentals, market fees, fines, statute labor tax and a host of other items.

OFFICIALS SALARIES ESTIMATE YEAR 1919. Present Salary Recommended. Mayor \$1,000.00, City Clerk 1,500.00, Assistant City Clerk 1,000.00, Advisory City Treasurer 1,200.00, City Treasurer 2,000.00, City Engineer 2,700.00, City Solicitor 1,500.00, Assessment Commissioner 1,600.00, Assistant to Assessment Commissioner 900.00, City Auditor 1,200.00, Tax Collector 1,100.00, Police Magistrate 2,000.00, Tree Inspector 300.00, Weed Inspector 50.00, Market Inspector 150.00, Officer to enforce Temperance Act 100.00, Caretaker 800.00, Clerical Assistance City Clerk and Assessment Depts. 1 Clerk 575.00, City Treasurer's Dept. 1 Clerk 850.00, 1 Clerk 575.00, 1 Clerk 520.00, City Engineer's Dept. Cost Clerk 1,300.00, Stenographer 575.00, Members Court of Revision 225.00, Selectors of Jurors 60.00.

DRAFT ESTIMATES OF THE CITY OF ST. CATHARINES FOR THE YEAR 1919 AND COMPARISON WITH ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1918. UNCONTROLLABLE EXPENDITURE. Interest 1918 Principal 1919 Principal. 1. Debenture Debt Charges. Consolidated \$17,041.26 \$8,598.47 \$17,041.26 \$8,877.72, Water Works 27,907.97 13,168.82 27,061.25 13,435.36, Rental Sewers 5,425.00 3,218.37 5,425.00 3,218.37, Trunk Sewers 6,204.95 1,995.08 11,678.49 5,177.79, Company Bonuses 4,811.88 4,154.74 4,673.80 4,154.74, Collegiate Institute 697.50 189.26 697.50 287.53, Gas Plant 3,185.00 2,327.05 3,133.74 2,378.31, Fire Halls 540.00 446.59 540.00 446.59, Hydro Electric 15,190.66 5,452.67 11,005.09 5,625.47, Miscellaneous 5,393.50 3,908.21 5,393.50 3,908.21, Burgoyne Bridge & right of way 13,274.98 13,680.24 12,821.17 14,135.04, Local Improvement City Portion 12,870.23 18,655.60 18,943.36 15,823.44, Sinking Fund Shortage Year 1919 Requirements under By-law No. 3134 excluding Public School Sfd. Shortage 23,124.48 23,124.48.

CONTROLLABLE EXPENDITURES. 1918 1919. 1. Relief 1,100.00 1,100.00. 2. Homes for the

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ground and that a better position to... We could request be stopped for a day. I will agree to that if...



FASHION. From this child's dress of cloth in cloth buttons of the Ths pockets and sleeves with black embroidery. Underwood & Underwood.

SOLDIER ROBBED. March 25.—Sergeant James Canadian infantry yesterday to the police that he was robbed of \$20 at the Niagara near Niagara Falls. Detective Patterson et al. are investigating.

THEATRE. Tuesday, Wednesday. Talmadge. SHUTTLE. Keystone Comedy. High Class. DEVILLE. Friday and Saturday. M. RUSSELL in 'THE WEST BEINGS'. 5 and 10c. Two Shows.

THEATRES. March 24, 25, 26. CLARK. Hoover. IN GRIFFIN'S ORCHESTRA. D. E. Night and Get Them. 27, 28 and 29. AN MARTIN IN Goes a Wooing.