

TAX RATE LOOKS LIKE 23 1/2 MILLS

Finance Committee Was Unable to Get the Figures of Estimates Down.

NIAGARA POWER COSTLY

Nearly \$5,000 Must Be Paid Out for This Year—Consensus Will Be Taken at Cost of \$800.

The tax rate for next year will probably be 23 1/2 mills. It will certainly be no less than that.

The preliminary session of the finance committee was held last evening to look over the estimates, and after a good night's work came to the conclusion that the rate could not possibly be under 23 1/2, and it might possibly go 24 mills. The opinion of the committee was that it would probably be 23 1/2 mills.

When the aldermen started work the estimates, as presented to them, would make the rate 25 1/2 mills, if no slashing were done.

"That looks like a tough proposition," said Ald. Ferguson.

The several committees and spending boards under the council asked for a lot of money, in all cases considerable increases over the preceding year.

The figures.

The expenditure for 1908 and the estimates for 1909 were as follows:

Expended in 1908	Estimates 1909
No. 1	\$ 50,204 11
No. 2	64,255 14
No. 3	76,196 43
Collegiate	36,428 05
Public schools	141,225 95
Separate schools	11,478 40
Hospital trust	31,434 05
Board of Health	2,893 00
Police	43,150 00
Total	\$457,161 13
Increase	\$73,102 28

Hard to Reduce.

This increase is extremely hard to reduce, and the committee will have a hard time getting the rate down to a proper basis.

With a few other additions the increase in expenditure is about \$72,000, and during the evening the sum of \$31,100 was practically cut off, leaving \$40,900 still to go off to bring the rate down to last year's 22 1/2. That is impossible.

When the waterworks estimates were dealt with the sum of \$7,000 was set apart to be expended out of current revenue for main extension. This the committee decided to save by issuing debentures for that amount. Last year the sum of \$15,000 was saved in this manner.

Some Estimates.

The police commissioners' estimates were \$2,000 higher, but this could not be reduced one cent.

The board of education figures were startling, and practically made up a mill on the taxation.

"The board of education is asking for a mill more than last year," said Ald. Beattie. "We cannot touch the estimates either. I suppose the increases in salaries, and some extra teachers have caused this."

The best that could be hoped for was to reduce these estimates \$2,000, the item set aside for manual training. Nothing was done with them.

The hospital trust account was not touched. The estimates are \$4,000 more than was expended last year, and \$6,250 more than the estimates of 1908.

"I do not see what we can do with them," said Mayor Stevely.

Parks Account.

When the parks account in No. 2 committee's report was reached there was some slashing. There was an item of \$6,000 for a greenhouse, and it was cut out. There was another item of \$2,000 for lavatories in Victoria Park and that was removed.

The storm sewers will not be built this year, and the proposed expenditure of \$5,000 will be saved.

The committee asked for \$9,000 for a street cleaning plant, but it was struck out, making a saving of \$16,000. It may be further reduced at the next meeting.

No. 3's Estimates.

Some of the estimates of No. 3 were cut off. The fire halls show an increase of \$14,640 over last year. This is due to the expense of maintaining two new halls, and hose, etc., for the others. It will be impossible to reduce them.

No Market Improvements.

The items of \$510 for repairing the butter and egg house; \$665 to repair the meat market, and \$500 to fix up the west half of the market, were struck out, and the item of \$5,000 for a public lavatory was struck out. Ald. Carratt, chairman of No. 3, will make a strenuous effort to keep that item.

The board of health estimates were also given over to the tender mercies of the axe. It was estimated that \$3,000 was necessary to remodel the smallpox hospital, but Ald. Ferguson thought half that sum, \$1,500, would be sufficient.

The sum of \$800 was included for a

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NIAGARA POWER COST.

Niagara power will cost \$3,950 for sinking fund this year, in any event. City Auditor Jewell will at the next meeting advise whether the committee should immediately sell the Niagara power debentures or finance the affair until January next. If the debentures are sold now the sum of \$5,000 for interest must be arranged for.

From these figures it will be seen that \$31,000 was cut off from the estimates, but there still remains \$42,000 to cut off to bring the tax rate down to 22 1/2 mills, as last year, quite a big undertaking.

Those present were Ald. Ferguson, chairman, Ald. Beattie, Ald. Parsons, Mayor Stevely, Auditor Jewell, City Treasurer Bell and Secretary Baker.

SMALLPOX PATIENTS ARE WAXING HUMOROUS

"Kid" the Board of Health When That Body Seek to Collect Bills.

There is likely to be some trouble over the bills for attendance on the smallpox patients lately incarcerated in that now-famous institution down the river.

At the meeting of the board of health yesterday afternoon it was decided to send the bills to those who were confined to the hospital. There are twelve in all, aggregating \$850.

It is understood that some of the patients will refuse to pay. As a matter of fact, some of the bills have already been sent out, and no response has been received. Every member of the board of health yesterday afternoon it was decided to send the bills to those who were confined to the hospital. There are twelve in all, aggregating \$850.

One man, whose brother was confined in the place, countered with a letter—rather a funny letter—in which he makes it somewhat plain that he, not being responsible for the boy's debts, will not pay the cost.

The letter reads as follows:

"Mr. S. Baker, Secretary of the Board of Health, Yours of the 23rd inst. was duly received at my address, and I beg to have the pleasure of replying to same on behalf of one of your late boarders at the Isolation Hotel, who seemingly has gone away without paying his board bill. I am surprised that such distinguished guests, occupying suites of rooms at your now-famous hostelry down by the river, should leave in this manner. I am sure it cannot be said that the charges are anywhere excessive, when one looks down the items of maintenance, and finds there that liquor has been so freely dispensed. Why one could not expect better fare than this at the Tecumseh House."

"I will speak very sharply to my brother of this when next I see him. He is doing exceedingly well at present, getting his board and lodgings for nothing, and I am providing his pocket money. Therefore there are exceeding bright prospects of your board bill being settled in the far distant future. I trust all the others will meet their obligations to you in a like manner."

They Had to Laugh.

The members of the board smiled somewhat when the letter was read, but Mr. E. A. Carrothers countered heavily when he moved that every account be rendered to the former patients of the hospital, and that they are not paid within a reasonable time, the council be asked to collect the same by law.

"We want the money and we are going to get it," said Mr. R. A. Carrothers.

The motion was carried without discussion.

PASSED THREE STAGES IN THREE MINUTES

Record Passage for a Measure in the Legislature Yesterday.

Toronto, April 13. — In the Legislature today previous to prorogation ceremonies, Hon. J. J. Foy presented a one-clause bill as a statute law amendment, providing that the measure passed during the session relative to a technical change in the conduct of tax sales in Muskoka shall "not apply to pending litigation or cases finally determined prior to the passing of this act."

The bill went through its three stages in exactly three minutes — one stage per minute. Mr. Hoyle presided momentarily while the measure was going through committee of the whole.

FLOUR AND POTATO PRICES ARE ON JUMP

Grocers Are Compelled to Raise Them on Account of the Condition of Market.

As a result of the advance in the market prices of wheat and potatoes in the last few weeks, the retail grocers, at their meeting last evening, decided to raise the prices of flour and potatoes.

In future bags of flour that have been selling for 40 cents will sell at 45 cents, and the 80-cent bags will now be 85 cents. This, it is pointed out, is a necessity, as the prices of wheat have advanced three times recently.

Potatoes will advance in price 3 cents a peck or 5 cents a half-bushel. They have been selling at 15 cents a peck or 30 cents a half-bushel, but in future will sell at 18 cents a peck or 35 cents a half-bushel.

This advance has been made because the price of potatoes is advancing rapidly as a result of 100 cars a day being sent to American cities.

RETAIL GROCERS NAME ED. RYAN PRESIDENT

Annual Meeting of the Association Was Held Last Night and Was Largely Attended.

The annual meeting of the Retail Grocers' Association was held in St. George's Hall last night, and was largely attended. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President—E. J. Ryan.
First Vice-President—N. McLeod.
Second Vice-President—Jas. Haskett.
Treasurer—Harry Ranahean.
Secretary—Cyril Hayes.
Executive Committee—Thos. Shaw, C. W. Summers, R. J. Donaghy, Fred Fraser, E. Reid and F. W. Paul.

The question of closing on Wednesday afternoons during the months of June, July, and August came up, and it was unanimously decided to have a half holiday on Wednesday afternoons during the months mentioned. Several of the members wanted the half holidays to last from May to September, but this did not find favor.

At the annual banquet the suggestion was made that a Provincial Retail Grocers' Association be formed, and Hamilton and Toronto grocers, who are not so well organized as the London grocers, have asked the London men to take the initiative in the matter.

The executive committee will deal with the matter.

Owing to the amount of routine business that had to be discussed it was decided to leave the question of the annual excursion over until the next meeting.

Those who attended the meeting were: R. J. Donaghy, J. A. McFarlane, H. Marshall, J. M. Duncan, E. Charlton, Geo. Topholme, E. B. Harveys, Harry Ranahean, J. H. Wilkey, E. P. Reid, J. Dobbin, C. W. Summers, T. W. Vincent, Fred H. Traver, W. A. Young, M. Fowler, M. Gough, R. A. Ross, James Jupp, Wm. O'Loughlin, W. T. Mullins, Wm. Hayes, O. Boug, A. W. Rennie, J. J. Haskett, N. McLeod, sen., John Diprose, W. E. Humphries, A. R. Boug, Jas. McLeod, F. W. Paul, E. J. Ryan, Thomas Shaw, Cyril Hayes.

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FIRST AID MEN HAVE PASSED EXAMINATIONS

St. John Ambulance Corps Is Rapidly Getting Down to a Scientifically Working Basis.

The Forest City, No. 1, Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, held an "At Home" on Monday evening at their headquarters, the basement of the Southern Congregational Church. An excellent programme was arranged by the executive committee. In the absence of the president, Col. W. M. Gartshore, Rev. W. H. A. Clark, vice-president of the division, presided. The principal event of the evening was the reading of the results of the recent examination, conducted by Dr. Niven.

The following candidates have passed and are fully qualified to render first aid to the injured:

Secretary, Wm. Loveday, second examination.

Superintendent Wm. H. Pincock and Sergt. Wm. B. Clark, fourth examination.

H. H. Phillips, third examination.
Frederick Robins, Jas. Bailey, Benjamin Carless and Charles Husbands, voucher of second examination.
Harry Baldwin, Joseph Hadley, P. C. Thomas, P. C. John A. Barnhill, P. C. Verne Paisley, P. C. Elmer G. Wald, P. C. Wm. H. Down, Francis H. Morton, Andrew, Mrs. Noble, Wm. H. Morton and Frederick W. Barnes, first examination.

The programme.
Much credit is due to Dr. Homer H. Black and Dr. J. S. Dixon for the success of this division. Another class is expected to be formed. This division has made good progress since its formation last December. Every member is taking a keen interest in the work and evening was in every way a success, a large number being present.

The following programme was well received during the evening. Refreshments were served, when the first aid men gave an ambulance display.

Second selections, Mr. H. F. Morton; song, Mr. P. Robins; mandolin duet, Mr. J. Jenner and Miss Jenner; song, Mr. H. Baldwin; cornet solo, Mr. C. Verne Paisley; song, Miss Edith Cook; cornet solo, Mr. Aber; song, Mr. H. Baldwin; song, Mr. G. Noble, "God Save the King."

A Pointer.

The secretary, Wm. Loveday, of 65 William street, will be glad to hear of any men desiring to take up the work of first aid.

DON'T OPPOSE UNION

Coal Operators Say Not Against Organization of the Miners.

New York, April 13.—The anthracite coal operators, who held a conference in this city yesterday to determine upon a policy towards the miners, made public a statement today, declaring that there was absolutely no friction between them in reaching a decision to appoint a committee to report on April 22. The operators' statement continued:

"The operators present were still willing to renew the agreement entered into in 1906. The operators were not willing to make a contract with an organization controlled by men engaged in bituminous mining, a competitive industry."

It should not be understood that the operators oppose organization among their employees. The attitude of the operators towards this question is the same as that in which they were upheld by the strike commission of 1902.

In conclusion the statement says: "The mine workers were advised by the commission to make in their organization certain changes which would be beneficial in dealing with it. These recommendations have not been adopted and there exist now exactly the same reasons against recognition which existed in 1902."

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MR. R. K. COWAN WILL RELIEVE JUDGE MACBETH

Of Part of His Somewhat Heavy Duties—Judge Elliott Is Recovering.

The appointment of Mr. R. K. Cowan to the deputy judgeship of the county court will serve to take some of the extra work off the shoulders of Judge Macbeth.

During the long illness of Judge Elliott, Judge Macbeth has been doing all the work of the county and division courts, which has made a very large demand on his time and strength. With Mr. Cowan as deputy Judge a part of this will be removed. Mr. Cowan will take the work when Judge Elliott is now on the high road to recovery, but it will be some time still before he is quite himself again.

CUNARD'S FINANCES.

London, April 13.—The Cunard Steamship Line, like the German steamship lines, has suffered heavily from the depression in the shipping trade, and will be unable to pay a dividend. The company's report, which has just been issued, shows a profit of \$147,480, which, however, is not sufficient to meet the depreciation in ships and properties, necessitating the company's drawing on the reserve fund for expenses.

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Depart for the