

WANTS TO CANCEL T.S.R. FRANCHISE

Mayor Will Take Up Matter
With Board of Control
Today.

SOLDIERS' INSURANCE

Controller O'Neill Again
Chosen Vice-President
of Board.

With one of the heaviest order books that have faced any board of control for some time, Toronto's 1918 controllers held their first meeting yesterday. The meeting lasted two hours, and some of the important matters were left over for special meetings.

Mayor Church, during the discussion on the failure of the Toronto Street Railway Company to provide the 100 additional cars ordered by the Ontario Railway Board, stated that he would move at the meeting of the board of control today, that the city apply to the legislature to cancel the company's franchise. "The company has broken their agreement with the city, and under the Railway Act the Ontario Government has power to cancel the company's franchise and let the city take over and operate the lines," said his worship. "The United States took over their railway lines, and now the companies have to toe the line."

What Company Wants.

"We are all agreed that the company should be made to obey the orders of the railway board," said Controller O'Neill. "But I think they are just waiting for us to take over the line. That's what the company wants."

"The company has done everything but look after the citizens," added Controller Maguire.

At the opening of the meeting, Controller O'Neill was again elected vice-chairman of the board. Controller Robinson was appointed as the representative on the transportation committee. Controller Maguire, to the board of the social service commission, and Controller McBride, at his own request, to the claims commission.

Controller McBride reported that the works commissioner asked on the postal pillar boxes through the city, which he said were cheating the public every day. His suggestion will be carried out.

A number of soldiers' insurance claims caused a lengthy discussion. Controller McBride said: "We should look after the boy who has been conscripted just the same as those who enlisted voluntarily. We should pay his insurance and his wages whether he went voluntarily or was taken. The conscript does the same work in France that the enlisted man does."

To Reopen Question.

"I would agree to that were it not that the finances of the city would not stand for such a policy," said the mayor, adding that he would move to reopen the entire insurance question.

Controller O'Neill opposed any change from last year's policy of dealing with soldiers' insurance. "We brought on the insurance scheme to encourage recruiting," he explained. "We had little trouble in the method we adopted last year."

It was finally decided to hold a special meeting of the board on Friday morning, when the members could familiarize themselves with the insurance scheme and decide on their policy for the coming year. Legislation will be applied for by the city will also be taken up at this meeting, including the matter of assessment reform.

Award to Company.

City Solicitor Johnston reported the finding of Judge Winchester on the North Yonge street subway construction with the C. P. R. The company was awarded \$61,354.58 for the damage to its property. It claimed \$73,000 originally and the city \$40,000. The solicitor also stated that the city had agreed to accept \$9500 from the C.P.R. in exchange for taking over all proceedings in connection with the other arbitrations pending.

It was reported that the Canadian Oil Company had been awarded \$23,651 for damage to its property, occasioned by the construction of the Strachan avenue bridge. The company asked \$104,056.

"Arbitrations always cost money and the city usually gets the worst of it. There should be a system so that the parties concerned could get together and fix the price without the expense of law costs and lawyers," said Controller McBride, and Controller Maguire agreed.

The city architect and the assessment commissioner were instructed to report on the question of the revaluation of the Exhibition buildings for fire insurance purposes. The suggestion came from J. G. Kent, acting manager, who said that the city might be called upon to make good a large part of the loss if the buildings were burned, owing to the fact that they were insufficiently insured.

Firemen's Pensions.

A special meeting of the board will be held next Tuesday, it was decided, to confer with the committee of the firemen's pension fund, regarding the placing of the fund on a sound financial basis.

The account of T. Chalkley Hutton, an expert engaged in connection with the Morley avenue sewage disposal plant lawsuits, who asked \$1244 for his services, created some discussion, but was finally passed.

At the suggestion of Controller Maguire,

GILLETTE COMPANY PLANS EXTENSION

Boston Safety Razor Factory to Be Enlarged.

The article that will not stand the test of war-time conditions is not worth making or buying at any time," was the significant remark of J. Aldred, of Shawinigan Water & Power Co., who is chairman of the board of directors of the Gillette Safety Razor Co., at the recent convention of the latter organization in Boston. Reports of progress and plans for expansion made at the convention indicated that the Gillette company belongs in the category with war-time essentials and notable successes.

Frank Faher, vice-president of the Boston company, and Thomas W. Pelham, sales manager and general counsel, outlined plans for an immediate extension of the Boston plant to cost \$800,000. When this is completed next fall the output of the American and Canadian plants combined will reach 15,000 razors and 1,200,000 blades per day. The estimated output for 1918 is 1,400,000 razors and 8,600,000 blades.

The necessity for such rapid increase and enormous output was clearly shown by a few recent orders. A. recently sent overseas 6,000 razors and 100,000 blades. The American expeditionary forces in France have already been supplied with 65,000 razors and 115,000 blades. While a cable order received during the convention from the Gillette representative in Paris called for 100,000 razors and 1,500,000 blades.

Facts placed before the convention go to prove that to the troops of all the allied armies the Gillette is a boon, for it brings to the very front line trenches one of the home comforts which are so rare, yet so well needed by the men. Officers, observers and writers agree that the clean shave is one of the strongest factors in maintaining their morale and so as a result of this demand from the fighting men three new Gillette sets have been designed, expressly for the army and navy use, and will be on sale generally in a short time.

TWO PRIVATE BILLS FOR CITY THIS YEAR

Toronto to Ask Legislature for Power to Loan Money to the Harbor Board.

Only two items of legislation are being asked for by the City of Toronto from the Ontario Legislature at its next session. The first is to empower the city to invest \$1,000,000 in the bonds of the harbor board. The harbor commissioners have been unable to market any of their debentures, and have called on the city for assistance.

The other private bill is to empower the city to issue debentures to cover the cost of arbitration proceedings, etc., in connection with the Terasulay street extension, which has been abandoned, for the time at least.

"In the past we have sent up so many private bills we have not been able to have any of them given the necessary attention," said Mayor Church. "We only have two this year. The matter of re-distribution of property will not go to the legislature this year. In addition to the city's private bills there are a number of amendments to the Municipal Act in which we will interest ourselves. They include an increase in the registry of fees."

EXPLOSIVES BEING STOLEN.

Mining Companies in Northern Ontario Are Losing Quantities.

Considerable attention has been attracted of late to the increasing number of thefts of explosives from various mining companies in northern Ontario, and yesterday word was received at the offices of the provincial police department, parliament buildings, that large quantities had disappeared. In connection with the loss of the provincial police are investigating. It is pointed out that it is obligatory on the part of the companies to protect dynamite and such like against theft and carelessness, and the mysterious loss of these may prove embarrassing to the ones concerned.

SENTENCE SUSPENDED.

Youthful Car Thieves Are Allowed Off With Warning.

In the criminal court yesterday afternoon M. Guy, G. Richardson and W. Leish, three youths who were found guilty last week on a charge of stealing a motor car, the property of F. H. Cate, came up before Judge Winchester for sentence. His honor gave them a severe lecture and said he would help them to lead a better life, and let Guy and Leish out on suspended sentence, but Richardson, against whom there were other convictions, was remanded.

TEACHERS ARE WARNED.

There Must Be No Anti-British Talk in the Schools.

Three Toronto teachers who, it is alleged, have been indulging in pacifist and anti-British talk, have been warned that if any more of this anti-British spirit is shown they will be asked to resign. Dr. G. J. Pepler, of the Royal Flying Corps, who was shot and instantly killed while flying in France. The Rev. Ensign Sharp officiated at the ceremony.

TO SPEED UP FREIGHT.

Agents and employees of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railway have received a bulletin relating to the congestion of the freight traffic. They are asked to see that all consignees remove freight as soon as possible upon arrival, as under the new demurrage order heavy charges for the detention of freight cars become effective. It is said that the war aims of the nation can only be furthered by the relieving of the congestion, so it becomes a patriotic appeal to all shippers and consignees.

THANKS FOR COURTESY.

The mayor of Columbus, Ohio, Geo. J. Karb, has wired to Mayor Church, thanking the City of Toronto for the courtesy extended to the Columbus community war chest committee, which spent the week-end here getting pointers from the patriotic and Red Cross officials.

RAILWAY CASE JAN. 30.

Jan. 30 is the date set for the hearing of the City of Toronto's case against the Toronto Street Railway Company for failure to provide street cars as demanded by the Ontario Railway Board. Yesterday the board was in Chatham to conduct an enquiry into the gas situation there.

MOTORMAN GUILTY; RESERVE SENTENCE

Jury Arrives at Verdict in Ten Minutes on Criminal Negligence.

OVERRUN SWITCH

Street Car Employee Was Watching Motorcycle at Time of Accident.

After deliberating only about ten minutes the jury yesterday afternoon in the criminal court brought in a verdict of guilty against J. A. Stitt, a motorman employed by the Toronto street railway, on the charge of criminal negligence, having caused bodily injury to Richard O. Jarman, Mrs. Jennie Wright, Miss Wright, Edward Harrison and others, when the Dundas car Stitt was driving ran into an open switch on November 4 at the corner of Ritchie avenue and Dundas street. Judge Winchester reserved sentence until today.

Jarman, who was riding a motorcycle at the time of the accident, had his machine and sidecar smashed, and his little four-year-old son, who was in the sidecar, was knocked unconscious. Jarman said he was going east, and the street car was coming west, and as the car turned round he did not notice any slackening in the speed. When the car got to Ritchie avenue it ran into the open switch and as the car turned round the corner the fender of the car caught the wheel of his motorcycle and smashed it, throwing all the occupants out.

Other Narrow Escapes.

J. Tate, one of the passengers on the street car, said just previous to the accident they had had two very narrow escapes from bumping into the car ahead, and once the motorman had to use the reverse gear.

"That is only voluntary on your part," objected W. Henderson, who appeared for the motorman. "We don't want to know that."

Crown Attorney Thurston and Mr. Henderson had some words when the action was taken to the manner Edward Harrison, one of those injured, was cross-examined by Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Thurston's objection was upheld by Judge Winchester.

In his defence Stitt said he was so busy watching Jarman on his motorcycle that he overran the switch.

Three Months With Company.

He said he had been in the employ of the street railway company for three and a half months.

"Why didn't you pay the proper attention to your switch instead of watching this man on the motorcycle?" asked Crown Attorney Thurston. "He was on the south side of the street, which was his right side."

Witness said because of the manner the motorcycle was being driven.

"It was only curiosity," said Mr. Thurston, "and you forgot all about the switch, didn't you?"

"Yes," answered witness.

Mrs. Wright told how she and her mother had both been thrown to the ground when the car smashed. Mrs. Wright stated that her mother, Mrs. Hughes, was still suffering from the effects of the accident.

In addressing the jury Judge Winchester said no doubt there had been neglect on the part of the driver when he owned that he did not notice the switch. The other witnesses said their cars warning the motorman to look out for switches, said his honor.

WAR BONUS SUGGESTED.

May Be Granted Teachers Instead of Raise in Maximum.

Dr. G. J. Steele, chairman of the board of education, has the opinion that something should be done in the matter of raising teachers' salaries to enable them to keep up with the high cost of living. He suggests that a war bonus be given them rather than raise the maximum of the salary schedule along the same lines as the teachers have done. The main argument is that the teachers are putting forth for the salary increase are:

1. The higher cost of living.
2. There has been no real change in the salary schedule since 1913.
3. Nearly 35 per cent. of the H. S. teaching staff, almost as many of the P.S. teachers have already reached the maximum.
4. Civic employees, particularly the higher-paid officials, have had their salaries greatly increased.
5. There has been a general increase of wages in all departments of human activity, skilled and unskilled.

Trustees generally agree that the \$600 maximum for girl teachers should be raised. The Chairman Steele questions whether it will go as high as \$800.

ERECT BRONZE TABLET.

Yesterday afternoon, in St. Thomas' Church, Huron street, and in the presence of a group of friends, a bronze tablet was dedicated to the memory of Lieut. Stanley Duke Pepler of the Royal Flying Corps, who was shot and instantly killed while flying in France. The Rev. Ensign Sharp officiated at the ceremony.

WHY PILES?

A Free Trial of Pyramid Pile Treatment Will Answer the Question Emphatically.

From Porcupine came the word to Superintendent Joe Rogers of the provincial police force that eight convictions have been registered there for breach of the Ontario Temperance Act, and of the eight six paid fines aggregating \$1900. The other two were sentenced to three months in jail.

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ILLEGAL SELLERS FINED.

Officers in North County Are Cleaning Up Blind Pigs.

It was with considerable satisfaction that the Ontario license board learned yesterday of the arrest and conviction of William Loving, who was fined \$500 for blind-pigging had been going on in Simcoe County for some time. Loving was fined \$500 by Police Magistrate Govett.

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HOUSE CATCHES FIRE WHILE WOMAN SLEEPS.

Mrs. Peter Stewart Has Narrow Escape From Suffocation and is Carried Out Unconscious.

Mrs. Peter Stewart, of 18 Marjory avenue, had a narrow escape from suffocation when a fire broke out in her home yesterday morning, causing damage to the extent of \$900. Mrs. Stewart was rescued in night attire by the firemen and carried to the house of a neighbor in an unconscious condition.

The cause of the fire is not known, but it is thought that the five-year-old daughter, Evelyn, may have been responsible for the blaze while attempting to fix the kitchen range. The fire was first noticed by a neighbor who saw the smoke issuing from the roof. She rushed to the door and opened it, only to find that the lower portion of the house was a mass of flames. She then called the fire department.

When the Bolton avenue division arrived at the house they found the flames had gained great headway, three lines of hoses being necessary to get the fire under control. The little girl was able to get out of the house without any trouble, but Mrs. Stewart, who was in bed and asleep when the fire broke out, was overcome with the smoke and could not be found by the firemen for some time. Fireman McDaniels of Bolton avenue station, a returned soldier, in repeatedly searching the room, however, finally discovered Mrs. Stewart under the bed, and carried her out to safety.

After a doctor's arrival the woman was removed to St. Michael's Hospital, where she is on the road to recovery. The other two children in the family were at school when the fire broke out. The damage to the building is placed at \$600 and to the contents at \$300.

NO CAPITAL CHARGES.

All Civic Expenses This Year to Be Met Out of Taxes.

The board of control conferred with the finance commissioner, the works commissioner and Ald. Gibbons, chairman of the committee of works, yesterday, in regard to the city's finances. It was decided definitely that no capital charges would be made this year. "All expenditures will be met out of the tax rate," said the mayor after the conference.

The mayor stated that he was endeavoring to arrange a plan whereby war expenditures, including the grant to the patriotic fund, could be charged to a special account to be paid off in equal instalments running over a ten-year period. "Posteriorly benefits by the fight for civilization and should pay a portion of the cost," said his worship.

SCAVENGERS ASK INCREASE.

The city scavengers have applied to the streets commissioner for an increase in wages from \$18 to \$22 a week, one of their number stated yesterday. The commissioner declined to discuss the question or say if he had received the application.

PATRIOTIC FUND GRANT.

The city council will hold a special meeting on Friday afternoon at 3.30 to decide how much the city will vote to the patriotic fund.

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RELIEVING COAL SITUATION.

Riverdale and east branch of the G.W.V.A. is dealing satisfactorily with the coal situation, and is expecting to procure about three tons a day from one source. This branch has filled a large number of orders during the past ten days, and is now turning wagons to distribute the coal now at its service.

For Acid Stomachs Use Magnesia

Quickly Stops Sour Burning Feeling and Makes Digestion Painless.

The simplest universal use of magnesia by physicians and specialists in the treatment of stomach troubles, is due to the fact that it stops food fermentation and neutralizes the acid—the direct cause of nearly all stomach troubles. Of the many forms of magnesia such as oxides, citrates, bicarbonates, sulphates, etc., the most suitable and efficient, and the one prescribed by leading specialists is bisulphate of magnesia, a teaspoonful of which in a little warm water immediately after eating will instantly neutralize the acid, stop fermentation, and give relief. It is also, by the way, usually stocked by druggists in convenient compressed tablets as well as in the ordinary powder form. Stomach sufferers and dyspeptics who follow this plan and avoid the use of perlin, chloral, sedatives, opium, and medicines are invariably astonished to find that the stomach, relieved of the irritating acid and gas, soon regains its normal tone, and can do its work alone without the doubtful aid of artificial digestants.

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