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CITY'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT SHOWS BALANCE OF \$220.21

Annual Meeting of the City Council was Held Last Night. Encouraging Reports Received from All Departments Notwithstanding the Heavy Handicaps of War Time.

The annual meeting of the City Council was held last evening. Mayor Wright presiding and all members of the Council being present. The minutes and bills were read and approved. Applications were read from Messrs. Watson Higgins, Charles Ross and Melvin Durke for the position of policeman in place of Officer Taylor who has sent in his resignation. Mayor Wright submitted a short report referring to the year's work. He referred to the improvements made to the streets though handicapped by lack of material and means, spoke of the efficient work of the firemen and the need of maintaining the fire equipment, the satisfactory report of the Water and Sewers Department and thanked the citizens for the manner in which they supported him in the reception to the Governor General. He hoped that in anything that would be possible in the way of aiding new industries the Council and citizens would still lend their encouragement.

Councillor Riley then submitted the annual statement of the City for the year ending Dec. 31, 1918 which showed a balance on hand of \$220.21. He explained in detail several of the items which follow:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT	
Receipts	
Received from all sources	
from January 1st, 1918	\$147,338.23
Horse and Carriage Tax	483.00
Auctioneers Licenses	10.00
Bank Licenses	620.00
Misc. Receipts	1,390.50
Downfall Wharf	500.00
Queen's Wharf (warehouse rent)	30.00
Gvt. Grant Fire Dept.	550.00
Nomination Fees	100.00
Queen's Wharf	400.00
Express Licenses	200.00
Market Rents	3,882.48
Truck License	247.00
Dog Tax	570.00
Milk Vendor's Licenses	225.00
City Weigh Scales	681.58
Market Tolls	544.82
Insurance Coy's Lic.	4,092.50
Police Court	1,636.70
City Court	65.94
City Debentures Issued	42,000.00
Real Estate Tax 1918	50,828.41
Personal Pro. Tax 1918	22,684.73
Poll Tax...1918	2,672.50
Real Estate Tax...1917	830.88
Real Estate Tax...1916	68.75
Real Estate Tax...1915	59.13
Real Estate Tax...1914	48.38
Per. Pro. Tax...1917	485.80
Poll Tax...1917	202.50
Con. Sidewalk Returns	598.13
Water and Sewerage Tax Fund	10,379.50
Total	\$147,338.23
Expenditure	
The amount expended and ordered to be paid by the City Council from January 31st to December 31st 1918 was:	\$147,118.02
Debentures due in 1918 but not presented	\$ 1,000.00
Ch. Town Light and Power Company	7,410.74
City Hall	1,009.96
Miscellaneous Expenditure	2,180.42
Board of School Trustees	20,779.13
Squares	189.74
Insurance	1,125.56
Interest	17,253.24
Maintenance Victoria Park	931.06
Maintenance of Streets	10,441.20
Police Department	3,287.86
Ass. Collecting Taxes	1,226.69
City Government	4,063.84
Board of Health	526.72
Fire Department	4,877.62
Market House	3,449.27
Permanent Works	137.83
Permanent Works "Sinking Fund"	5,800.00
Water Debentures "Sinking Fund"	1,000.00
Market House "Sinking Fund"	2,738.00
Storm Sewerage "Sinking Fund"	358.00
Patriotic "Sinking Fund"	95.00
Interest on Water Debentures	4,028.76

Interest on Sewerage Debentures	5,210.00
Interest on School Debentures	1,460.00
City Debentures Redeemed	31,000.00
Interest Coupons for year 1918 unpaid	631.37
Royal Bank of Canada Special Loan	10,000.00
Total amount of receipts for 1918	\$147,338.23
Total amount of Expenditure for 1918	\$147,118.02
Surplus	\$ 220.21
Amount of Balance at the credit of the civic account in Royal Bank 1918	\$6,866.44
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	\$ 220.21

The report was adopted. On motion Messrs. R. V. Longworth and Thomas McMillan were re-appointed auditors. On motion of Coun. Yeo, seconded by Coun. Smith tenders were ordered to be called for the purchase of trousers, caps, rubber coats and rubber covers for caps for the police.

The City Surveyor was asked to prepare plans for two bathing houses at Kensington Range on the site secured from the Militia Department, and also for a bathing house at Brighton for women and children. The resignation of Police Sergeant Taylor was read but was not accepted, as it was thought that he might be induced to reconsider his action in this connection. Coun. Yeo drew attention to the need of the city making some provision for its servants who have given long and faithful service. He moved, seconded by Coun. Smith that a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the matter of superannuation.

The Mayor named Councillors Miller and Connors along with Couns. Smith and Yeo and these were appointed the committee. Coun. Yeo directed attention to the needs of having some improvements made at the Police Station in the way of cleaning and painting and also remodelling the place to some extent. He praised the work of the Police and said that under the patrol system recently inaugurated they are giving a much better service. He hoped that now that they are doing better they would receive a substantial increase in pay.

The Mayor agreed with Coun. Yeo's remarks and hoped that the suggestions would be carried out. Coun. McKinnon spoke of the advisability of remodelling the building so as to have the Water Commissioners office downstairs and having the cells in the basement which would make it much easier in handling prisoners than under present conditions.

HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Dr. McMillan, Health Officer did not have regular written report completed in time for the meeting but gave a brief verbal statement regarding the health of the city. Referring to contagious diseases he said the following cases were reported during the year: Diphtheria 11, deaths 2. Measles 5, no deaths. Scarlet fever 3, no deaths. Typhoid fever 1. Smallpox 4, no deaths. He did not have the figures in regard to influenza but said there was little if any of this disease prevailing in the city at present. Coun. Yeo bore out this statement and said the town was practically free of "flu" though there are a good many cases of old time grippe. Other reports submitted were: COMMISSIONERS OF SEWERS AND WATER SUPPLY. This report refers fittingly to the loss sustained by the Board on July 2nd last in the death of Mr. Charles

Dusseldorf Now Held by British

(Special to The Guardian)
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 13.—British troops have occupied Dusseldorf which has been in the hands of the Spartacists, according to a report from Berlin. Dusseldorf is a town in Rhenish Prussia. It is situated on the right bank of the Rhine, twenty-one miles north west of Cologne.

Allies Refuse to Deal With Bolsheviks

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, Jan. 13.—If France took the initiative in refusing to deal with the Russian Bolshevik government, declares the Excelsior, the London and Washington governments made it known that they agreed absolutely with the French viewpoint.

Head of Spartacans Falls Fighting

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 13.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht the Spartacan leader in Germany, was killed during street fighting on Thursday evening, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the exchange telegraph.

Fighting Resumed On Berlin Streets

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 13.—Fighting has been resumed in Berlin according to advices received here tonight from Copenhagen. The Spartacans are said to be still holding a portion of the Tagelblatt building. The Spartacan losses since the outbreak of the revolution are said to be about 1300 persons killed.

Bolsheviks Slaughtering Germans in Baltics

(Special to The Guardian)
BERLIN, Jan. 12.—The Bolsheviks are slaughtering the Germans in the sections of the Baltic provinces which have recently come under Bolshevik control, according to Herr Wining, German Minister of the Baltic Provinces.

LT. FRED. M. NASH SAFE



His many friends will be delighted to learn that Lt. Fred M. Nash of the Royal Air Force has arrived safely in London after being a prisoner in the hands of the Hun for a year and three months. For some months no word was received from him, the Hun evidently holding up his mail and his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Nash were very anxious regarding his fate. Needless to say they are overjoyed to learn that he is safe and the numerous friends of this plucky young officer will all be happy at the prospect of seeing him again before very long.

EXPORT BUSINESS IS BEING HELD UP

St. John and Halifax Unable to Handle Export Goods Offering and Half Million Tons Per Month Must be Held.

(Special to The Guardian)
MONTREAL, Jan. 13.—The arresting of almost the entire overseas export shipments of Canada has been practically effected by an order from the Canadian Railway War Board recently issued. At least 60 per cent of this huge trade amounting to something like half a million tons per month will thus be backed up in Canadian warehouses, elevators and mills. The embargo has been placed because the British and French ports have at present more traffic than they can handle. The British Ministry of Shipping has advised that ships cannot be accepted, that at least they cannot be loaded unless St. John and Halifax hold their ship-ment lines. This explanation was given by a railway board official this morning. The length of time the embargo will remain in force depends on how soon the ports are cleaned up. There is now sufficient freight at St. John and Halifax to meet the requirements of all vessels sailing for the present month.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN MONTREAL CITY

(Special to The Guardian)
MONTREAL, Jan. 13.—Over a million dollars worth of damage was caused this afternoon by a fire which destroyed the plant of Jennings and Co., 15 Wellington St. One hundred and forty autos, including 9 ambulances of the Canadian Government, and ready for shipment were a total loss and the premises of the Hudson Bay Co. and L. J. Carter and Co. were seriously damaged when the flames spread temporarily beyond the control of the firemen, at one time leaping clear across the street and setting ablaze the premises of the Hudson Bay Co's 58 McGill Street.

Paderewski Wounded By Would-Be Assassin

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 13.—Ionacek Jan Paderewski, the Polish leader, has been slightly wounded by an assassin who entered the room of his hotel at Warsaw and fired one shot at him. Several Bolsheviks implicated in the plot to kill him have been arrested. Paderewski has been in Warsaw for several days conferring with Polish political leaders in an attempt to form a government representative of all parties.

Tariff Revision Becomes Possible

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, Jan. 13.—The government seems to look favorably on the demand from the west that cheap farm tractors should be permitted to enter Canada free of duty. The demand of western and Ontario farmers for a revision of tariff duties will be recognized this coming session in all probability by the removal 7 1/2 per cent war time increase on the tariff generally and by a lowering of the duty on agricultural implements to 12 1/2 per cent.

To Limit Work of Newspaper Commissioner

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, Jan. 13.—Robert A. Pringle, K. C., Controller of Newsprint, is likely to ask the government to relieve him on that part of his commission which relates to book-print. He considers that all that is possible has been done in regard to this part of the business and that as the war is over his authority should more properly be confined to the adjustment of the newsprint situation.

REMARKABLE FACT IN BRITISH RECRUITING

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 13.—A striking fact in connection with recruiting is mentioned in a recent speech of Sir Auckland Geddes. Of 10,000 men and boys employed by London newspaper offices 5000 joined the army and at the moment of the armistice being signed there were not thirty men fit for general service in all the London newspaper offices. That was a record, said Sir Auckland, which placed the press at the head of every group in the matter of recruiting.

CONDENSED SPECIALS

TO DAIRYMEN—SANITARY BUTTER paper, printed. "Fresh Dairy Butter"—35c per 100. Per post 40c. Guardian Office. 9205-6-24Mf.

PREPARATIONS FOR PARLIAMENT OPENING

Date of Opening Likely Fixed Today. Opening will be Devoid of Unnecessary Ceremony. Premier will Return Before End of Session. Much Important Legislation Expected.

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, Jan. 13.—The date of the opening of Parliament will be fixed by the cabinet today or tomorrow. It will likely be either Monday, February 10 or Thursday February 13th. Last year for the first time Parliament opened on Monday instead of the traditional Thursday. It opened Thursday with an adjournment until Monday and with a view to getting down to business without delay. The experiment of a Monday opening was tried last year. It proved successful and will likely be again followed. Since the war the frills surrounding the opening have been largely eliminated and the ceremonies have been severely plain. As the war is not yet officially over the present opening, like those of the last four years, will be void of pomp. In addition the present surroundings of Parliament do not lend themselves to ceremonies on any side. The Senate Chamber is being prepared. small and without galleries. Everything of a ceremonial nature will be postponed until a year from now when it is expected to be in the new Parliament Buildings. The formal opening will be marked by a series of brilliant functions. There is talk of King George postponing his proposed visit to Canada until a year from now when he will formally open the new building. His father King Edward, as the Prince of Wales, laid the corner stone of the first Parliament Buildings in 1866 and the Duke of Connaught the second in 1916. Sir Robert Borden will not be back for the opening of Parliament although Sir Geo. Foster and Hon. C. J. Doherty are expected back early in the session. The return of the Prime Minister will depend on developments at the peace conference but it is known that he is anxious to be here before the session is over. The session promises to be an important one and much vital legislation dealing with the reconstruction era is

PEACE CONGRESS NOW IN SESSION

PARIS, Jan. 13.—The first actual session of the peace congress is being held today although it is officially designated as one of the series of consultations for laying the ground work for the structure which will later be presented to the formal assembly of the delegates of all the nations. Yesterday's meeting was preliminary to day's as today's is preliminary to tomorrow's and those of the coming weeks and months. The conversations will take up details of the programme to be carried out, what subjects will be considered at the meetings, the roles of expert advisers and the order in which the various matters will be considered. Today's meeting will probably deal with the important question of the organization by which the peace congress will function. It is also expected to make a start towards a decision on one question upon which the public eye, whether the sessions will be under the full observance of the world or whether they will be secret. Nothing has developed to alter the statement that the American delegates are primarily concerned with the creation of a league of nations and the making of a just peace. It is known that Mr. Wilson has selected five men connected with the American mission, recognized experts in international laws to develop a tentative plan.

A GREAT SEND OFF FOR 5,000 CANADIANS

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 13.—A civil send-off was given at Southampton to five thousand Canadian troops leaving for Halifax on the liner Olympic. Thousands assembled at the quay-side.

Irishmen Disappointed Over Wilson's Silence

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 13.—The London Times' Dublin correspondent says the Nationalities in Dublin, and especially the Republican party, make an effort to conceal their disappointment at what is described as President Wilson's curious silence in reference to the corporation's desire to confer the freedom of the city upon him. So far back as Dec. 28 the Lord Mayor handed to the American Consul in Dublin to be transmitted to the President, an invitation from the council to visit Dublin in order that the freedom of the city might be presented to him. The Council has not yet received any notification that this invitation has reached Mr. Wilson.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Jan. 14.—Southwest winds, milder. Tide will be high this morning at 8.26 and tomorrow at 9.28; it will be high tonight at 8.40 and tomorrow at 9.37. First quarter of the moon was on Thursday, January 9th. Full moon Thursday, January 10th.