

Salary Cuts Discussed By the Municipal Council

Motion to Slash Ten Per Cent From All Salaried Employees Was Passed Unanimously, But on Sober Second Thought Was Rescinded—Secretary-Treasurer Scott Threw a Monkey Wrench Into the Works—A Spirited Debate.

The Shakespearian drama "Much Ado About Nothing" was enacted with variations at the meeting of the York Municipal Council on Thursday afternoon. The play started when Coun. Morrison of Queensbury moved a resolution calling for a ten per cent cut in the salaries of all employees of the Municipality, including the County Solicitor, who is also Premier of the Province, the secretary-treasurer, and the councillors themselves. The resolution also stretched out its arms to catch those officials who are appointed by the provincial government, but are on the payroll of the municipality and the co-operation of the government was invited to make them come across. The Chaplain, constables and reporters were also included. The resolution passed without a dissenting voice, and for a time the Councillors wore a satisfied look, as befitting men who had rendered a service to the state. In due time a cloud appeared on the horizon and trouble commenced. The efficient secretary-treasurer of the Municipality Major John S. Scott, appeared by messenger and asked the privilege of being heard. It may be said that he came, he saw and he conquered. He informed the council that out of his somewhat meagre stipend he paid a stenographer \$600 and if the proposed cut were made his net salary would be less than that paid to the janitor of the court house. He said he would welcome the salary cut, providing the Council would pay the sal-

aries of the municipality of York have their salaries reduced by ten per cent during the ensuing year, and that the active co-operation of the government be elicited in the case of officials over which the municipality had no control. The resolution was adopted without a dissenting voice. On motion of Coun. Seymour it was resolved that the delegates to the N. B. Union of Municipalities Convention be heard. Coun. Saunders thought that the matter should lay over until the July session. Coun. Seymour said he would like to know what action had been taken regarding changes in the law regulating the running at large of cattle. **Delegates Report** Coun. Allan said that the meeting of the Union was one of the most successful it had ever held. A number of resolutions brought up at the meeting had been reconsidered and reaffirmed. There was some opposition to the resolution relating to the running at large of cattle. Hon. Mr. Stewart informed the meeting that legislation would be introduced prohibiting the running at large of cattle on trunk roads. There was some opposition to this, but personally he was in favor of it. The delegates had been cordially welcomed by the town of St. Stephen and County of Charlotte. Coun. Saunders said that he favored keeping cattle off of main highways and secondary trunk roads. He thought that the convention had been very successful. Coun. Clarkson said that a lot of important matters had been discussed at the convention. An outstanding feature had been an address by Mayor Blakney of Moncton. There was a lot of discussion on unemployment and many divergent views were expressed. Every man who spoke seemed to have a scheme of his own for dealing with this problem. There was also difference of opinion regarding the running at large of cattle, as many thought it would work a hardship in some sections. He thought it would be all right to stop cattle from running at large on the trunk roads of the province. Coun. Gaynor had been a delegate and had enjoyed the proceedings very much. Mayor Blakney spoke well, but his address was picked to pieces by the different elements. He regretted that a resolution passed at the July meeting of the Council providing for the taxation of the incomes of women was not placed before the Union. It was an important matter and was favored by many Municipalities. **Royally Entertained** Coun. Seymour said that the delegates had been royally entertained and the discussions were interesting. It was a representative gathering but to get the delegates to see eye to eye seemed to be an impossibility. On motion of Coun. Seymour it was decided to hear a report from Secretary-Treasurer Scott late president of the Union, on Friday morning. Lists of Parish officers for Queensbury, North Lake, and Canterbury were submitted and approved. Coun. Fisher moved that the usual assessment be made on the town of Marysville for county purposes. **The Salary Cut** Secretary-Treasurer Scott on being given permission to address the Council, said he had held office since 1921 and was pleased to accept the cut in his salary. He thought, however that the county should pay the salary of the stenographer employed in his office, which was now paid out of his own pocket. In no other public office in the province was it customary for an official to pay a stenographer out of his own pocket. The girl's salary was \$600 a year and she was indispensable to the office. The Council should pay her subject to a ten per cent cut. If he (Scott) continued to pay her out of his own pocket his net salary would be less than that paid to the janitor of the Court House. This he thought, was hardly as it should be. He held that the stenographer should be made a member of the staff of the Municipality. Coun. Seymour said that he had no hesitation in saying that Mr. Scott was doing more work than any other municipal officer in the province. He frequently visited the office and knew what he was talking about. He would move that the council contribute the sum of \$150 towards the salary of Mr. Scott's stenographer. Coun. McMullin asked if the allowance was to be made, subject to the ten per cent reduction. He said that there were perquisites from the Board of Health for the secretary treasurer. Coun. Seymour said that he intended to ask the Board of Health to co-operate in the salary reduction movement. He said that the Secretary-Treasurer had to work hard and it was only fair that the county should contribute towards the salary of his stenographer. **Coun. Hinchey Heard** Coun. Hinchey in the course of some remarks, predicted that this would be the last January meeting that many members of the council would ever see. Coun. Seymour's motion that \$150 be paid toward the salary of the stenographer was put and carried. Coun. McMullin said that it looked to him as if the salary of the secretary treasurer stood in the same position as before. **Resolutions Rescinded** After some further discussion it was moved by Coun. Robertson that the motion be rescinded. The motion was carried by a vote of 16 to 10. Coun. Robertson then moved that the motion for a ten per cent reduction in salaries be rescinded, which motion was carried by a large majority. Coun. Hinchey thought that the matter should be allowed to remain in statu quo. **Another Attempt** Coun. Graham moved that the Councillors and all salaried officials excepting the secretary-treasurer have their salaries reduced by ten per cent. Coun. McMullin was told that the officials of the Municipal Home, being appointees of the Commission, would not be affected by the reduction. Coun. Hinchey pointed out as the councillors were not salaried officials, but hard working public servants and their stipends should not be reduced. On the vote to be taken on Coun. Graham's motion, having been called for Coun. Robertson made the suggestion that the Council shorten its session by three days. Coun. Hinchey said the Council could not regulate the number of days of a session. If the Councillors pay was cut it would only amount to \$155 per year, a mere flea bite. Coun. Coburn said he had no objection to the cut in the pay of Councillors, but it looked as if they were afraid of the fall elections. If the cut was made it would mean that it would be harder to get good men to serve. The councillors only receive \$25 a session and pay their own expenses. They had to do a lot of hard work at a time like the present and were poorly paid. Many councillors were handling relief business and getting nothing for it. If the pay was to be cut the action should be left for the new Council. Coun. Manuel did not think the council had any right to fix the rate of pay for the next Council. The members did a lot of work without remuneration and it was scarcely right to ask the mto accept a cut in pay. He did not think the work of the council could be put through in three days. Coun. Seymour said that present conditions would warrant a cut of twenty per cent instead of ten. The original motion was carried without a dissenting voice and should stand, and an allowance of \$150 be made to the secretary-treasurer for a stenographer. Coun. Cameron thought a ten per cent cut would work out all right. He believed that the councillors with an extra allowance of \$25 as revisors, were well paid and could stand a ten per cent reduction. Coun. Griffin said that he was in favor of a ten per cent reduction in salaries. On the vote being taken Coun. Graham's motion was defeated only seven supporting it and twenty voting against it. Coun. Seymour announced a meeting of the Municipal Home Commission. On motion the Council separated until ten o'clock Friday morning.

Some Hot Biscuits Today

Make a dozen delicious biscuits this way. Sift together twice, 2 cups Purity Flour, 2 tspns baking powder, 1 tspn salt. Cream 1 tspn each of lard and butter and mix with the dry ingredients, using the tips of your fingers. Add ½ cup each of milk and of water, mixing with knife until you have a very soft dough. Pat out lightly on mixing board until ¼-inch thick. Cut out and bake in hot oven for 15 minutes.

These biscuits—made with Purity Flour—will keep moist for several days and may be re-heated without getting dry.

DELICIOUS SAUSAGE ROLLS—can be made from the above dough, but use half the shortening. Roll to about ¼-in. thick, cover sausages and bake 25 minutes, or until brown, in hot oven (450°).

MEAT PIE COVERINGS using same dough are extra tasty.

Send 30c for Purity Flour Cook Book
Western Canada Flour Mills Co. Limited
Toronto, Ont.

PURITY FLOUR

Still the Best for Bread

Look for our Company's name on the Purity Flour sack. It is your guarantee of quality from a responsible milling concern.

Come To — A Printing Office FOR YOUR PRINTING Requirements

- LETTER HEADS
- ENVELOPES CIRCULARS
PROGRAMMES CARDS
WEDDING INVITATIONS
BILL HEADS LEGAL FORMS
HONEY LABELS REPORTS
AUCTION SALE HANGARS
BOOKS CATALOGUES
DODGERS STATEMENTS
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MENUS RECEIPT BOOKS
BUTTER WRAPPERS POSTERS
VISITING CARDS

ALL KINDS OF
CIRCULARS AND PAMPHLETS
Printed to Order

PRINTING IS OUR BUSINESS
NOT A SIDE LINE

The Entire Printing Department of THE
MAIL is at Your Service in Your Printing
Needs.

Mail Printery

Phone 67 627-29 Queen Street
FREDERICTON, N. B.
Printing That Combines Price With
Satisfaction

The Greatest Legacy

of the Canadian people
to the next generation
...is life insurance

When the Sun Life began business in 1871 life insurance in Canada was \$13 per capita.

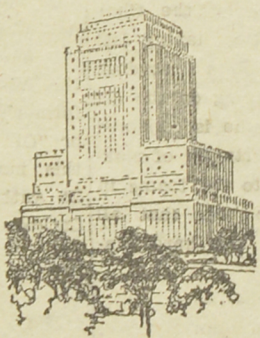
TODAY it is **\$635** per capita.

With one exception, Canadians are now the highest insured people in the world.

The Sun Life has played a leading part in fostering this thrift in the Canadian people and in protecting Canadian homes.

The rapid growth of the Sun Life is shown in the following table:

ASSURANCE IN FORCE	
1871	\$404,000
1881	\$5,010,000
1891	\$19,436,000
1901	\$62,400,000
1911	\$164,572,000
1921	\$536,718,000
1931	\$3,951,077,000



SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA

Head Office: MONTREAL