

# WOOLWORTH ASSESSMENT APPEAL IS TURNED DOWN

**City Council Divided on Question But Decision of Appeals Committee is Sustained---Important Amendment to be Made to Dog Licensing By-law---Traffic By-law to be Considered in January.**

The November meeting of the City Council, which was held last night, was rather brief. There was lengthy discussion, however, on some of the items of business, but little decided upon after they were done. The chief item was the appeal of the F. W. Woolworth Co., Limited, for relief from a portion of its assessment, on the ground that it was doing business in the city during only half the year.

Ald. McLellan strongly favored granting the appeal, and was supported by two other aldermen, but the recommendation of the Assessment Appeals Committee, that the appeal be not granted, was adopted.

The Traffic Regulations, as prepared by Ald. McLellan, were considered and will be before the Council in January. Nothing was done toward providing sections relating to lights on motor vehicles.

On motion of Ald. Walker, the city clerk is to prepare an amended by-law relating to the licensing of dogs.

**Auditor's Report.**  
The Auditor's report was passed as follows:

Water ..... \$2,208.07  
Sewerage..... 49.20  
Sewerage construction ..... 179.48

House connections ..... 241.26  
Water construction ..... 47.53  
Fire ..... 316.69  
Roads and streets..... 1,754.45  
City Hall..... 317.13  
Assessors' Office ..... 1.10  
Market ..... 8.00  
Administration of Justice .. 675.23  
C. T. Act ..... 130.80  
Street Lighting ..... 520.79  
Contingencies..... 41.98

Total ..... \$6,491.71  
**Municipal Home.**

Ald. Baxter for the Municipal Home Committee, reported the total monthly expenditure of \$167.37, composed of \$70.00 on outside relief and \$90.37 on the Municipal Home. On his motion a cheque for \$200 was ordered to issue in favor of Commissioner T. A. Niles.

**Tax Collections.**  
Ald. Reid reported as follows on tax collections for October this year and last:

October 1916 ..... \$1,866.96  
October 1915 ..... 278.79

**Woolworth Appeal.**

Ald. Burnett for the Appeals Committee reported that the committee could not see its way clear to reduce the assessment of the F. W. Woolworth Co.,

Ltd.  
Ald. McLellan said that he felt an injustice had been done this company. The valuation of stock at the highest point of the year did not exceed \$7,500, but the company had been doing business only since July 1st, yet was required to pay a full year's taxation. He felt sure that if any private citizen could make the representations this company could, a reduction would be made. It looked as if the city, having got its claws on the money of a big corporation, refused to give up any of it. The company had not been in Fredericton in time to comply with the law regarding an appeal. He thought there should be a refund of one-half the amount of taxes.

Ald. Lemont thought Ald. McLellan's position unassailable, but the other side of the question should be heard.

**Ald. Burnett's Contention.**  
Ald. Burnett, chairman of the Appeals Committee, was heard. He said the widest possible view of the Assessment Act had been taken, and the Woolworth Co. was treated as its competitor was. The Board of Assessors should be interfered with as little as possible. The Appeals Committee had taken that view, and it was now up to the City Council.

Ald. Reid said the Woolworth Company would have saved \$50 by taking out a business license instead of being placed on the assessment roll. He thought there was too great a tendency to tax people as soon as they arrived in the city. His company had lost a number of skilled employees through that practice.

Ald. Burnett said it was not correct that people were assessed immediately after their arrival.

Ald. Everett believed that no more injustice was done the Woolworth Co. than any other citizens. It would be an injustice to others to lower the taxation.

Ald. McLellan replied that the company was not asking that their assessment be lowered.

Ald. Lemont said that new profes-

sors at the U. N. B. had been presented with tax bills, but not for a full year. He thought the same treatment should be given the Woolworth Co.

Ald. Walker favored supporting the decision of the Appeals Committee.

Ald. Shea was of like opinion.

**Vote on Recommendation.**  
The recommendation of the Appeals Committee was adopted on the following vote:

Yea—Burnett, Baxter, Shea, Walker, Wilkinson, Everett.

Nay—Reid, McLellan, Lemont.

**Dog License By-Law.**

Ald. Walker presented to the Council a number of amendments to the by-law relating to the licensing of dogs. Among the important changes is a section requiring all owners of dogs to register them and obtain licenses prior to June 1st, and failing that to register them before August 1st, paying a double license fee. The penalty for infraction of the by-law is to be a fine varying from \$5 to \$50. The owner of a dog is to be any person possessing or harboring an animal of the kind. In case of a dog damaging property, the owner is to be legally liable. City Clerk McCready is to embody the suggestions in a by-law which is to be presented to the Council for enactment.

**Traffic By-law.**

Ald. McLellan presented a report from the Roads and Streets Committee on the suggested Traffic Regulations. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to have the report printed in pamphlet form, and in the form of a by-law presented for consideration at the January meeting.

Several of the Aldermen expressed the opinion that something should be done toward regulating the glare of lights on motor cars. Ald. Baxter said that feature of the matter was causing more discussion among the citizens than any other.

The Council then adjourned.

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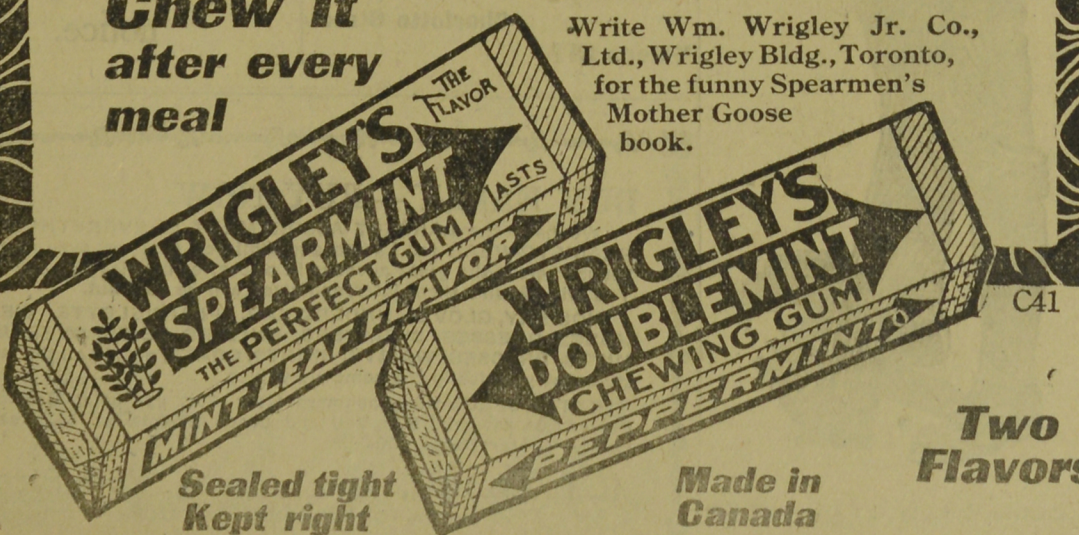
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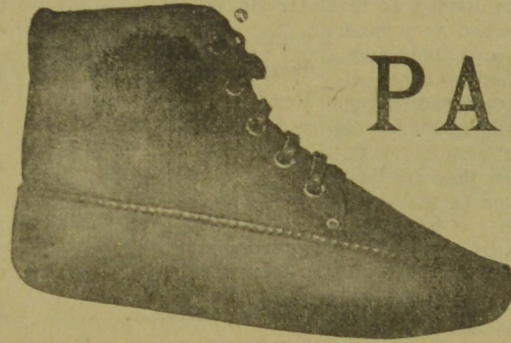
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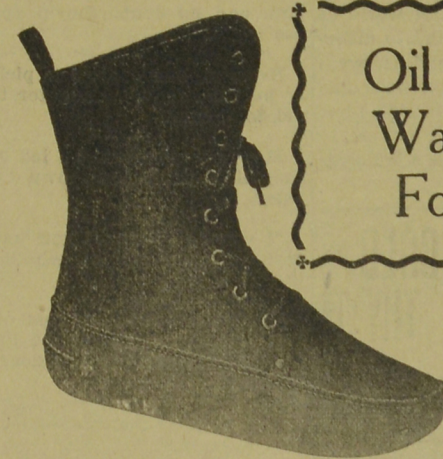
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