

Moving Picture Houses to Pay Increased Taxation

After May 1st Will Pay Ten Cents per Seat per Month--Ald. Lemont Again Brings About Increase--Conditions at County Jail Fully Discussed--Tax Collections Show Marked Increase.

The City Council last night increased the tax on moving picture theatres to ten cents per seat per month. The former rate was two and a half cents, so the increase amounts to 400 per cent. Ald. Lemont, who has fathered all the attempts, successful and otherwise, to impose taxation upon the moving picture houses, made the motion at last night's meeting of the Council. Six aldermen, a majority of the whole Council, voted for the motion. Mayor Mitchell, Ald. Barker and Ald. McLellan thought a month's notice should have been given, but the majority thought otherwise. The increase will go into effect on May 1st. Ald. Everett was the only absentee last night.

In addition to moving picture taxation, conditions at the county jail were discussed. It was decided that the Administration of Justice Committee had power to act on the recommendation of the Board of Health to install baths, conjointly with the Municipality Committee.

Auditor's Report.

The report of the City Auditor upon expenditures during the month of March was passed as follows:

Water	\$1,064.17
Sewerage	52.19
Roads and streets	1,149.72
Street lighting	695.19
Fire	133.63
Administration of Justice	2,508.17
City Hall	234.94
Canada Temperance Act	78.65
Market	9.09
Assessors	1.49
Municipal Home	78.09
Contingencies	532.90

Total

Municipal Home.

Ald. Baxter for the Municipal Home Committee reported monthly expenditure for maintenance of the Home to be \$161.93, and for outside relief to be

\$74.44, a total of \$236.07. On his motion a cheque for \$250 was ordered to issue in favor of Commissioner Niles.

Tax Collections.

For the Finance Committee Ald. Reid reported on tax collections in March, 1916 and 1917, as follows:

March 1916	\$1,014.45
March 1917	6,734.83

Ald. Reid commented on the fact that the difference was more than five thousand dollars.

The Pumping Station.

Ald. Burnett for the Water Committee presented a report from City Engineer McKnight showing a greater efficiency in operation of both Pumping Station and Filtration Plant. The report also stated that the Allis-Chalmers-Bullock Co. quoted \$2,500 as the price of a new cylinder for one of the pumps. Ald. Burnett stated that the Water Committee did not intend to purchase a new cylinder immediately.

Ald. Wilkinson expressed the opinion that steps should be taken at once to replace the defective cylinder. The re-rating of the city for fire insurance purposes would be affected directly by the condition of the pumps.

Ald. Burnett replied that the cylinder was not considered to be in a dangerous condition, but that the engine would be overhauled and if any defect were discovered it would be reported to the City Council.

To Retain Tools.

Ald. Shea reported that Capt. J. D. Black, quartermaster of the 236th Battalion had requested that the tools used in the repairs at Old Government House by the battalion and paid for by the city, remain in the possession of the 236th until the unit leaves the city. The committee had decided to grant the request. This decision was confirmed by the City Council.

Publicity Committee.

On motion, Ald. McLellan, Ald. Shea, Ald. Wilkinson, Ald. Baxter and Ald. Burnett were appointed the members of the City Council to serve on the Publicity Committee.

Market Scale Fees.

On the motion of Ald. Shea it was decided to sell the tolls and fees of Phoenix Square weigh scales at auction, the upset price to be \$100.

Conditions at the Jail.

Ald. Walker presented a communication from the Board of Health which concerned the inspection of the York County jail by Health Officer McKay. This contained the recommendation that a bath room be installed in the jail and that extra precautions be taken to prevent prisoners becoming or remaining verminous.

Ald. Walker stated that as chairman of the Administration of Justice Committee he had personally investigated conditions at the jail. He did not think that blame could attach to the jailer for the condition of prisoners. Ald. Walker asked that the Administration of Justice Committee be authorized to purchase clothing which could be furnished to prisoners after being cleansed. Reports that the jail was not in a sanitary condition were not correct.

Ald. Reid said the Board of Health had the power to do what it liked with regard to sanitation. He also thought something should be done toward improving the jail fare.

Moving Picture Taxation.

Ald. Lemont brought up the matter of increasing the taxation of moving picture theatres. This, he said, was the third time he had brought up the matter. The reasons for increasing the tax were as good as ever. The argument that more than ten cents admission could not be charged had gone by the board, for the picture theatres had been charging 25 and 50 cents.

He moved, seconded by Ald. Baxter, that the tax be 10c. per seat per month, instead of 2½c. per seat per month.

Ald. McLellan thought it more advisable that a month's notice be given. Mayor Mitchell was of like mind.

Ald. Lemont said he had no objection to delaying his motion, but the proprietors of the picture shows had a pretty good idea of what was wanted in increased taxation. Last year they did not hesitate to use rather unfair methods to escape an increase. They made particularly foolish attacks upon himself.

Ald. Burnett could not see that the Council would change its attitude in thirty days. The signs of development in the moving picture business showed whether there was prosperity or not. He would support the motion.

Ald. Barker thought that it would be only fair to give a month's notice. The motion was carried on the following vote:

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

Nay—McLellan, Reid, Barker.

The Council then adjourned.

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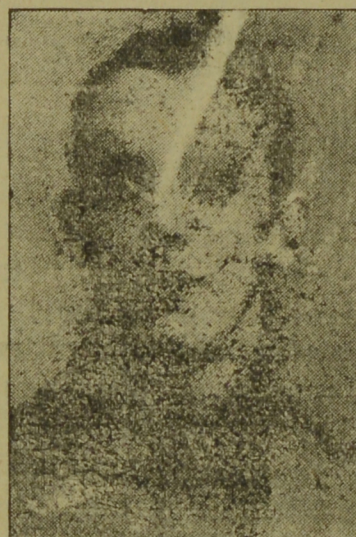
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VISITS DEVASTATED TOWNS.

President Poincare Says Reparation Shall be Obtained.

Paris, April 3.—President Poincare today visited the towns in the Somme region devastated by the Germans during their retreat. Addressing the towns people the President said the French nation was resolved to continue the war until a victory which assured the victims of full reparation for all atrocities committed was obtained.

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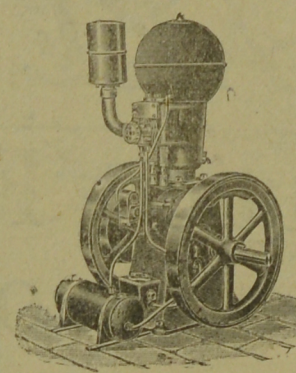
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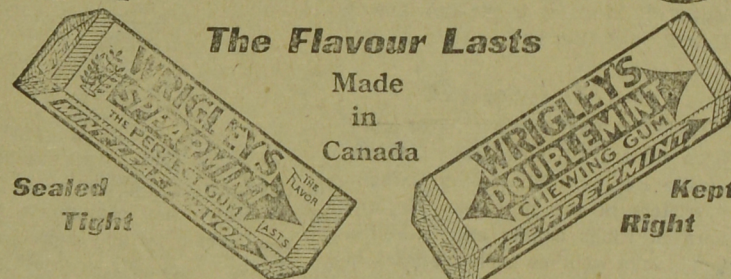
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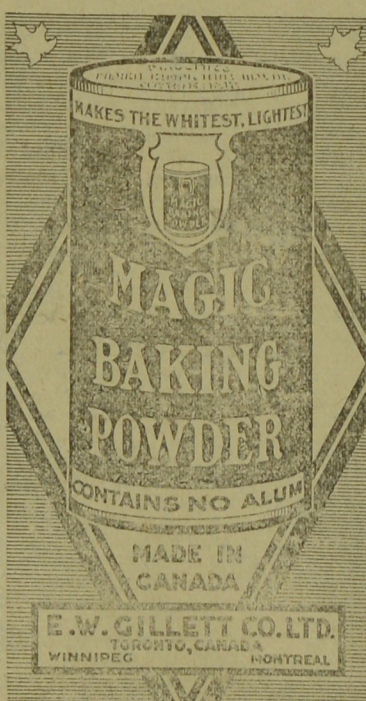
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