

REVENUE BILL BEFORE COUNCIL

Remainder of the Estimates Scheduled to Come Before Controllers To-day

TO PROBE GILLIES CASE

Striking G. T. R. Freight Handlers Seek Conference at City Hall.

Another attempt will be made by the Board of Control this morning to complete the first consideration of the estimates. Only a few small estimates remain, including the services of the Board of Health. Salary increases and the revenue bill are then to be discussed, along with the recommendation to increase the water rates by twenty-five per cent.

At the meeting of the Property Committee yesterday afternoon a motion by Ald. H. H. Ball that the committee recommend to Council that no licenses for automobile supply stations should be considered unless the applicant is prepared to erect a building on corner lots to the value of at least ten thousand dollars, and on inside lots to the value of five thousand dollars, was carried, although some of the members thought the cost of the buildings was a little too high.

Gasoline Station Permit.

Mr. G. A. Archibald appeared on behalf of the Consumers' Gasoline Supply Company asking for permission to conduct a gasoline supply station at the corner of Vaughan road and St. Clair avenue. The company have undertaken to erect a \$13,000 building and remain closed on Sundays, and on these conditions the permit was granted.

Mr. Thomas Jones asked, on behalf of a deputation, that four lights be placed on Turner road, as it was a much used highway between Davenport road and St. Clair avenue and had a dangerous grade. The Property Commissioner will bring in a report to the next meeting.

A large deputation of ladies opposed the granting of a permit to erect a seven-story apartment house at the corner of Henderson avenue and Grace street. Permission was refused.

Temporary Bank Quarters.

The Home Bank were granted permission to erect a temporary building for a branch bank at the corner of Woodlawn avenue and Yonge street.

Ald. Plewman opposed the temporary structure, maintaining that it was a retrograde step, as did Ald. Hiltz. The bank will give a bond to the city protecting it against damage through fire, and the structure will be removed after notice from the City Architect.

Ald. Hiltz introduced a resolution that no more permits should be granted for temporary structures such as real estate offices. The motion was lost.

Street Railway earnings for the past month exceeded those for the same period last year by \$36,454.50.

	Earnings.	City's Share.
Feb. 18 ...	\$509,650.38	\$58,763.27
Feb. 17 ...	473,185.48	70,977.82

Excess over last year . \$36,464.90 \$17,785.55

City officials yesterday would make no statement as to the condition of the roadway on Bloor street where the motor accident occurred on Sunday that caused the death of Miss Adam.

About seventy men will have to find work elsewhere as a result of the reduction in the works estimates for the protection of civic property. The men were laid off by the Chief of Police, but the property will still be protected, though less extensively. There is a possibility that some of the \$100,000 cut off this item may be replaced.

If the Board of Control reopens the soldiers' insurance and decides to pay the claims held up pending the decision of last year's Council, it may mean an increase in this year's expenditures of about \$300,000, or about one-half mill added to the tax rate.

Want Gillies' Death Probed.

A deputation waited on the Mayor yesterday asking that the fullest investigation should be made into the death of Pte. R. C. Gillies, and it is possible that the Board of Control may retain Major A. T. Hunter to represent the family at the inquest. It is alleged that Pte. Gillies broke

his jaws in a fall and that they were not set at the hospital.

The committee of the striking freight handlers of the G.T.R., who are asking a wage increase of 30 per cent., waited on the Mayor yesterday, but, owing to the absence of Mr. Farrell, Superintendent of the Grand Trunk, no action was taken. Another conference will be held. The Mayor said the men refused to accept the same rate of pay as obtains in the C.P.R.

The question of whether Russia is still an ally or not is being raised at the City Hall, and if confirmation of a peace between Russia and Germany is received, the Russian flag now with other allied flags in the Council Chamber may be removed.

It is also possible that the Council may pass a resolution similar to one passed in Hamilton asking the Government to employ enemy aliens in useful war work at a wage sufficient to meet their living expenses. Controller McBride has found out that there are now some 6,500 enemy aliens reporting regularly to the city authorities. At one time there were over 12,000.