

POLICE STRIKE THE ESTIMATES

Amount Fixed at a Little Over a Million by Commis- sioners

NO LICENSES TO ALIENS

After they had pared the estimates to the bone, and reduced the appropriation which they considered necessary by \$30,316, the Board of Police Commissioners yesterday afternoon finally passed the 1919 estimates. The amount which they are asking for this year is \$1,090,374. A big reduction was made from the first appropriation, but in view of the prospects of a high rate of taxation this year the Commissioners felt they could take a chance. "The tax rate is going to be a high one, and this is the Commissioners' contribution to get a lower one," commented Chief of Police Grasset after the estimates had been passed.

The reduction of the appropriation will mean a number of cuts. It means that the paid reserve will cease from July 1, and that the special constables will be demobilized from April 1. New men who are coming back, apart from ex-police constables, will now number 20 instead of 50. The clothing estimates had to be reduced \$2,000, and the board decided to do with two new motor cars instead of four.

No Licenses to Foreigners.

In the future licenses will only be issued by the city to British subjects and naturalized Canadians. Three of the members of the Board of Control waited on the Commissioners yesterday afternoon with regard to the license situation. After some consideration the board decided to take the above action. In future foreigners desirous of getting a license for anything in Toronto will have to take out their naturalization papers and live in Canada for the necessary three years.

The Billiard Association requested the Commissioners to extend the time for keeping open on Saturdays by one hour. This means till 11 p.m., instead of 10. The board decided to grant the request.

The chief reference in the report of the censor of theatres was to the introduction of the American flag at various motion picture theatres. Particular mention was made of the picture which showed the Stars and Stripes at Vimy Ridge.

Ex-Police Constables Dodge and John McLellan, who have been discharged from the army, have been reappointed to the police force.

P.C. Harrison tendered his resignation. P.C. Barer (573) received a merit mark for his good work in capturing a hold-up man. Barer who was in plain clothes at the time noticed the man hold up two citizens on Runnymede road and arrested him.