

City Hall Notes

Mayor Waugh is expected to return to the city from Ottawa at the end of the week, or early next week.

The application of the Children's Aid society for a civic grant has been referred to the Charities Endorsation bureau for report. The institution last year received a civic grant of \$3,200.

City Solicitor Theo. A. Hunt has advised the board of control that the courts have required the Street Railway company to furnish security for costs of its suit challenging the order of the Public Utilities commissioner compelling it to provide safeguards against electrolysis. It is claimed that the safeguards demanded would cost about \$200,000.

Pending advices from the Dominion authorities at Ottawa, the board of control has delayed action in regard to the provision of relief for aliens. The board strongly objects to being compelled to provide relief for aliens, claiming that this is essentially the duty of the Dominion government, and that before the war broke out there was no question of the government's liability for it. In the ante-war days the Dominion immigration department considered it its duty to provide for stranded aliens, but the present Dominion government policy accept responsibility only for such aliens as the national policy compels to remain in the country, namely aliens capable of military service.

Tax Collector R. H. Pattinson has advised the board of control that he will have to make two more temporary appointments to his staff, owing to the resignations of W. J. Stephen and H. Finch. The tax collection department is now in the midst of its labors of billing the city for the 1915 taxes.