

COUNCIL URGES GOVT. TO DEAL WITH ALIENS

Adopt Ald. Plewman's Motion
Calling for Firm Handling
of Enemy Labor.

LIMIT PAY TO \$1.10

Would Make Them Same as Sol-
diers—Abolition of Sen-
ate Is Also Urged.

Much discontent in the public mind received direction in the motion of Ald. Plewman in the City Council yesterday afternoon when almost unanimous approval was given his comprehensive resolution dealing with the alien enemy and alien labor problems. Ald. Plewman's motion was in the following terms:

"That this Municipal Corporation memorialize the Governor-in-Council, requesting, (1) that steps be taken to place the movements and the labor of alien enemies under absolute Government control, that such enemy aliens be employed at work of national importance, such as food production and road construction, and that they be not used on aeroplane construction or in factories of an inflammable nature engaged in producing war material.

"(2) That under no circumstances shall such enemy aliens be permitted to receive more than the equivalent of a soldier's pay, and that in the event of any enemy aliens being permitted to work in privately-owned war factories, or other private enterprises, they be paid by the Government and the full market value of their services be paid over to the Government for the general purposes of the war.

"(3) That the Government endeavor to arrange with all allied Governments that citizens of allied countries of military age resident in Canada legally may be brought under the operation of the Military Service Act unless they enlist with the armies of their national Government."

Too Slack With Aliens.

"I believe that Canada has been too slack in their treatment of alien enemies," said Ald. Plewman. "I have been informed that only 2,000 out of 80,000 alien enemies have been interned and it is entirely preposterous to permit that alien enemies should grow fat and wealthy on this war. Some of them are doing damage to our national life. Some of the allied aliens are physically fit to fight for their own country and our Government can make arrangements with their countries whereby these men can be compelled to fight with men of their own nationality."

Ald. Gibbons said he agreed with some parts of the resolution, but with other parts he did not agree.

"Those who are behind the resolution are not compelled to work with the alien," said Ald. Gibbons. "You are asking that all over a soldier's pay be taken from these aliens. That means \$1.10 a day, and an alien has to pay \$1 a day for his board. Is a man going to give faithful service to his employer if he has to work for \$1.10 a day? What are the chances for more robbery on the streets if these men have to work for \$1.10 a day? There are some employers so unfair that they will take advantage of the standard of living established by a wage of \$1.10 a day, and will perpetuate that standard to the detriment of the returned soldiers."

Labor Party Opposed.

"The Labor party opposed the reduction in the interests of the returned soldiers. We know that some employers will employ the aliens at the low pay after the war is over. If a man is not loyal he should be interned and compelled to work for

WHAT THE COUNCIL DID

Voted \$75,000 grant to Y. M. C. A. Red Triangle Fund.

Passed Ald. Ball's resolution to petition the Dominion Government to abolish the Senate.

Carried Ald. Plewman's motion urging Government control of alien enemy labor to be paid at \$1.10 per day and advocating conscription of friendly aliens who are fit.

Adopted resolution to ask Railway Board to permit use of rails purchased by T. S. R. for Pape avenue extension for line connecting Danforth avenue with Bloor street over the new viaduct.

Agreed to controllers' recommendation to increase license fee to gasoline stations from \$5 to \$100.

Passed recommendation raising per diem allowance to institutions caring for dependent children by ten cents.

Agreed to rent to the Patriotic Fund Association one vacant westerly room of the Registry Office on Albert street at \$2,000 per annum.

Refused to suspend rule to allow discussion of reinsertion of item of \$22,000 in health estimates.

the Government. We are not even opposed to conscription if those conscripted are allowed to work for the Government, but if they have to work for private employers we do object.

The Mayor pressed for a division, and the motion was carried on the following division:

Yeas.	Nays.
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Hiltz	Gibbons—1
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Johnston, J. M.	
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McMulkin	
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Ball	
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Plewman	
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Johnston, J. W.	
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McBride—8	
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Would Abolish Senate.

Ald. Ball introduced his motion asking the City Council to petition Sir Robert Borden and the Government, praying that a vote of the people of Canada be taken at the next Federal election on the question of asking for an amendment to the British North America Act from the Imperial Parliament to abolish the Senate of Canada.

"Members of the Senate are voting in the interests of corporations in which they are interested," said Ald. Ball. "I will read from the Montreal Gazette, the strongest corporation paper in Canada, to show that they are opposed to the abolition of the Senate because they believe it is the bulwark of the people's rights."

Ald. Ball then quoted from The Toronto Star to show that the paper was in favor of Senate reform.

"I suppose the Senators are interested in the divorce tit-bits and don't want to lose that pleasure," said Ald. Ball. "I am told that it costs the Country \$500,000 a year to maintain the Senate. We may have to burst up the British North America Act, but we have to start some time."

The Mayor said there was no need for a second Chamber in Canada. It had not fulfilled the mission it was intended it should fill.

"Sir James Loughheed has said the Senate is a bulwark against the people and in the interests of property rights," said the Mayor. "We never see the workingmen represented in the Senate of this country, as they are in other countries."

Ald. Ball said there was a silent revolution going on in all countries, and the tendency was in favor of more government by the people.

Ald. Birdsall said the Senators would think the members of Council were a bunch of soreheads because it was only a few weeks ago the members were in favor of appointing a man to the Senate.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

To Use T. S. R. Rails.

A resolution was adopted calling upon the city to make an application to the Ontario Municipal and Railway Board permitting the use of the rails purchased by the Toronto Railway Co. for the proposed Pape avenue line, for the lines on Bloor street to connect Danforth avenue with Bloor street via the new viaduct, and also cancelling the order of the board for the construction of the Pape avenue line.

Works Commissioner Harris advised the Council to pass such a resolution, as he had the consent of Manager Fleming, of the Toronto Railway Co., to use the rails purchased for the Pape avenue line.

Ald. Ryding moved that the Board of Police Commissioners be requested to give instructions to the police to keep a sharp look out for persons throwing glass upon the streets, and that offenders be severely punished therefor. The motion was referred to the Police Commissioners.