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## Outline of Kitchener Taxpayers' Association

We wish to give a brief outline of the activities and difficulties of the Taxpayers' Association.

This organization, as you know, was formed early last Spring. The object is to try to reduce taxes. No fees have been charged and only those members have been asked to contribute who were in a position to do so.

We have received no support from the local daily paper. Our letters and the accounts of our meetings have been distorted so as to reflect against ourselves, or were suppressed entirely. We are, therefore, taking the opportunity of publishing our matter in the "Weekly Advertiser."

Since the Publisher of this paper and its Advertisers make it possible to give information to the Taxpayers, it is only fair that they receive due consideration in the way of business. Each Taxpayer should secure a copy of this paper every week to get the news and the activities of their Association.

The Mayor and the City Council were invited to attend our first meeting, but only four were present. Right at this point, opposition was raised against us. Criticism has been levelled at the manner of starting this Association. Let us point out that it was only after the City Council showed that they had no desire to reduce taxes, that the gross extravagance displayed in civic matters was exposed.

We have also encountered considerable trouble in securing the information we desired.

The heads of this body, all other members, as well as all Taxpayers of the city—including the Mayor and Council are certainly furthering their personal interests in endeavouring to curb extravagance in the management of the city, thereby reducing the crushing tax rate. Unfortunately the Association is apparently the only sincere party in this effort.

The heads of this Association have been accused of using the Association to further their own interests.

Can anyone regard this as anything but the absurdity of a senile mind when you consider that no fees have been requested and that the men accused have given a great deal of their time and put themselves to considerable expense in order to further the aims of this Association—namely the reduction of taxes for everyone.

We would also like to point out that our request for information was always readily granted by the officials of other cities. But, if the present council of this city continues as they have to date, it will be necessary for every Taxpayer to give due consideration to the election of their successors. For under the present circumstances if this council is re-elected in its entirety there will be no object in having a Taxpayers' Association next year.

The Water Commission certainly deserves credit for their efforts to ease the burdens of the Citizens of Kitchener. Their latest discount of 50% shows that they have been conscientiously performing their duties. The same consideration has not been shown by the Hydro Commission.

The School Board tells us that we are paying comparatively less for teachers' salaries (particularly the High School) than other cities. Why do they not publish these salaries? Perhaps they do not desire us to see for ourselves.

The poor Taxpayer however who pays these salaries must take his cut but cannot expect anyone employed by the city to do the same because it is only his money that is being spent.

New industries cannot open in this city because the taxes are far too high. The home owners have been fortunate in the fact that the manufacturers and business blocks, business and Income tax of this city pay 60% of our taxes, but what will happen if more of these are declared bankrupt? The already overpressed taxpayer will suffer accordingly.

We invite your co-operation, be sure to attend our meetings. Next meeting, Friday, 8 P.M., at City Hall.

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## Public Opinion

Has the Chairman of the K.-W. Hospital fixed his eye on the Mayor's chair?

A few weeks ago, the paper interviewed him about his objections to the coal which the hospital had received from the Conger Coal Co., which is represented by Mayor Sturm. He is alleged to have said that the coal was of inferior quality to that which he had ordered and that it could not be used. A representative of the company from Toronto met the Hospital Board and showed that the coal in question was merely a smaller size. A small adjustment was made and the coal is being used. Why the above statement by the Chairman.

Would it not have been much fairer if he had approached the Mayor and made some satisfactory arrangement with the latter without all the fuss? Is it possible that in airing this trivial difficulty in the newspaper the Chairman of the Hospital Board meant to cast some reflection on Mr. Sturm—even though the latter was not at fault.

There seems to be no good reason for all this disturbance about so insignificant a matter which could have been quietly settled by all parties concerned. However, I leave it to the citizens to judge whether or not the Chairman of the Hospital Board acted right in the matter.

There is another matter which I would ask Mr. Ratz to explain—if possible. There has been a good deal of discussion about the Public Morgue at the K.-W. Hospital and about using the ambulance to transport dead bodies.

An incident occurred sometime ago which brought the matter home to me in an impressive light. An agent for hospital and doctors' supplies was stopping at the hotel. He had heard of the above arrangement and was greatly puzzled. He said that in all his connection with hospitals in Canada and the United States that he had never heard of such an arrangement. The only answer that I could give was that there was probably no other city that had an undertaker acting as Chairman of the Hospital Board.

Mr. Ratz is alleged to have said that the Public Morgue was demanded by the Public. Who is the Public? I asked this question of the Mayor, of several Councillors and of different civic bodies. They all answered that they had never heard anything about a Public Morgue until the Chairman had established it.

However, let us assume for the sake of argument that the people of the city did demand a Public Morgue. There must have been a deputation sent to the Hospital Board. Why was not this deputation referred to the City Council, which alone has the responsibility of passing judgment on this project. Of course, this would have revealed the promoters of this scheme to the public if the proper procedure had been followed. As I have previously pointed out, the plans for this work, as far as can be ascertained, were never placed before the City Council. One of the Councillors had heard something about a Morgue but was under the impression that it was merely a Hospital Morgue and not a Public one.

Did the Hospital Board pass a motion to add a Public Morgue to the institution? Who introduced it? Did this body send the representatives to Toronto, who interviewed the Assistant Attorney General, and whose request was refused?

If the Hospital Board did not send this deputation, who did authorize it? Who were the members, and to what business firms did they belong? Did the Board then arrange for a petition to be circulated? It is alleged that those who signed this petition were friends of the Chairman. Why did they not seek the prestige that the signatures of the City Council would give to the petition, or were they afraid of being refused?

When this petition was presented to the Attorney-General's office, the request was granted. But did the officials know that the representatives were Undertakers?

Following is the copy of the letter sent by the Attorney-General's office to the authorities concerned in Kitchener:

"The Attorney-General has received a communication from the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital, stating that the Hospital now has completely furnished a public morgue in connection with that Institution, fully equipped and which has been laid out under the direction of Doctor Erb, Pathologist. Arrangements have also been made by the Hospital, for the use of their ambulance for transferring bodies to Public Morgue. This is a move in the right direction, and is an excellent thing to have for this work, and the Department would ask that all emer-

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Would the Chairman of the Hospital Board produce all the correspondence that took place between the Attorney-General and himself, and also the names of those who signed the petition?

It is alleged at the Hospital was not called upon to pay the expenses of the Public Morgue. What local firms paid the expenses?

A certain Dr. Erb laid out the plans of this Morgue. However, I certainly can see nothing unusual in the place. There is one refuse sink that any plumber could take care of, and places for Jurors to sit.

Would sick people appreciate the fact that the ambulance in which they are being transported, was used to carry dead people.

Who owns this ambulance?—the Ontario Government or the Hospital? What control has the Ontario Government over this ambulance that it would declare that it may be used to carry mortuary cases?

What benefit does the Hospital derive from this Morgue? Do they receive the same fee from these cases as from the sick?

I certainly hope that the Chairman of the Hospital Board can give a satisfactory answer to these questions.

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10.00—Variety Program  
10.15—Songs of the Past  
10.30—Piano Moods  
10.45—Variety Program  
11.00—Report to above paragraph  
11.30—Concert Music  
12.00—Stock Reports  
P.M.  
12.10—Dance Tunes  
12.30—Liars' Club  
12.45—Huether's Herr Louis  
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10.30—Organ Program  
11.00—St. Matthew's Church Service  
P.M.  
12.15—Musical Masterpieces  
5.30—Mr. Vogt  
6.00—Bethany Chorists  
6.30—Organ Recital  
7.00—Benton St. Baptist Church Service  
8.30—St. Matthew's Choir and Organ  
9.00—Indian Hour  
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8.00—Carl W. Kruse—Organ Recital from St. Matthew's Church  
8.30—Benton Street Bible Class  
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9.00—

**SIDELIGHTS**

By WALT.

Get the habit—Look for this paper every Thursday. There are two kinds of criticism, constructive and destructive.—Ours is the former. If you have any old gold around the house The Kitchener Gold Purchasing Co. on Queen N. will convert it into cash. The Waiting Room in front of the City Hall is taken too literally—don't you think? If you don't buy undersold goods, you won't be gyped—and the merchant that undersells should take a lead from Barnum's "You can fool the public only once." Furthermore you can't elevate yourself by stepping on the other fellow's neck. I repeat, Don't postpone buying if you are in a position to get it now—This is an inside tip! What this town doesn't need is the siren on the Fire Hall,—half as many taxicabs—the bookmakers—the chiselling type of merchant. Dunbrook's Pedascope X ray machine is something. You can see your foot right through the shoe—No, this machine is confined to the shoe business. If you can sell the public the idea, you are not only a success as a salesman, but you are made—Bennett, Ferguson, for example! At the restaurant the other day—Customer: "Two eggs, poached, medium-soft, buttered toast, not too hard, coffee, not too much cream—" Waiter: "Yes, sir, would you like any special design on the dishes." The old saying "You get just exactly what you pay for" applies to the Home Dairy Lunch too.

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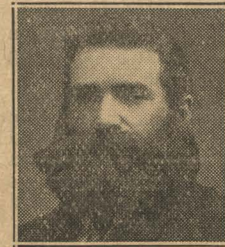
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**Public Opinion**

Editor Weekly Advertiser:  
Please read the following: "There are relief recipients sleeping on bed springs with burlap bags thrown over them. . . . In some houses the people have no beds and are sleeping on shake-downs consisting of stuffed sacks spread on the floors. Babies have been found sleeping in baskets, soap boxes and other substitutes for cots. The plight of these people is almost unbelievable." Then again: "Investigation of six cases has brought out the fact that six infants have actually no place to sleep. These babies have no bed clothing and no beds."

The foregoing is not a description of conditions discovered in China, or in Russia; but of conditions right here in Kitchener as given to The Record by Relief Officer Hagedorn. Then Officer Hagedorn continues: "The unfortunate point in connection with such cases is that the relief department cannot spend any money supplying these helpless children with the proper sleeping facilities. Expenditures of relief monies for such purposes are strictly illegal."

You will recall that Mayor Sturm and Relief Officer took a "joy ride" to the north country, and on their return reported, "There are upwards of 90 men at the camp, practically all of whom are well satisfied with conditions there." These men were given food, good beds and \$5.00 a month which was subsequently raised to \$10.00 a month, working for the government. In the face of conditions right here at home in comparison with the satisfactory conditions of single men in camp, the relief board, on the recommendation of the Mayor and Hagedorn sends almost a ton of clothing, costing almost \$1,000, to the men in camp.

If Hagedorn made the statement that it would be illegal to supply the needs of the destitute babies at home he did not know what he was talking about. A relief board that can spend money to send the secretary to a convention in Ottawa just shortly before she quits; pay her two weeks' salary for which she did not work; send nearly \$1,000 worth of clothing to men who are working for the government and are earning money, and are well satisfied with their conditions; pay rent to one of its own members for the building in which the relief department is housed; and pay \$35.00 a month to the relief officer for the use of his car in which he rides to and from his office—the board that can do those things can surely use some of the money which the citizens contributed to meet the needs of helpless babies.

One wonders what the members of the council mean that they allow these things. But, as Ald. Gordon said, the relief board seems to be a "holy of holies" that must not be mentioned in criticism.

**COMMON HUMANITY.**

Editor Weekly Advertiser:

A great many people seem inclined to blame Mayor Sturm for the poor grade of coal delivered to the Courtland Avenue School and to the K.-W. Hospital; but let us be fair in the matter. Where is there a business concern that has not made a mistake and delivered the wrong goods at some time? Mistakes will happen in the best regulated houses, and in the best regulated business concerns; and this was just a mistake that might have happened to anybody. The best thing is to call it a mistake and forget about it.

**I FORGET.**

Editor Weekly Advertiser:

Most of the troubles that arise with the unemployed could easily be avoided if a little common sense is used. To say that when a man becomes poor and has to go on relief he forfeits all his rights as a free citizen is too much like Hitlerism to be accepted in this country. To say that five men who are not responsible to anybody shall sit in judgment and determine what shall be done with 4,000 people, and determine what these people shall do and shall not do without any regard to the rights of these people is too much like Russia both past and present.

It would appear that the will of Kaufman is supreme. If Kaufman says the men must work under Boyle then the relief board will say they must work under Boyle or get off relief. How many organizations does Kaufman run in this city? It is said that after the park board meeting, held to discuss the Woodside project, Kaufman said to the Mayor, "Go out and tell these men what my decision is." If that is true, then it looks as though the Mayor is Kaufman's messenger boy.

Too much Kaufman and his style is the cause of the trouble with the unemployed. What is needed is a little more co-operation, not only on the part of the men, but on the part of the relief board. The unemployed are not consulted until after the board has reached a decision; then the men are told to accept it or get off relief, as though they had no right to be considered.

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**WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?**

This is the fourth issue of the "WEEKLY ADVERTISER"; and judging from the comments that are being heard on every hand this paper is meeting a long-felt need. Both advertisers and the general public have long felt the need of a second paper in this community; and the response from both has been very generous.

This paper does not pretend to give the people all the news; but it does give its readers information not readily obtained elsewhere. In this paper you will get the TRUTH regarding municipal affairs, and you will get the unvarnished truth. Some newspapers claim to be fair in the presentation of controversial questions; but the trouble with most papers of that kind is that they try so hard to walk straight that they lean backwards.

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Public Opinion

Editor Weekly Advertiser:

The Daily Record says that weather prophets are predicting a severe winter, and suggests that this may be only the coal-man's ruse to fuel the public. I respectfully suggest that the Daily Record is far behind the times in this respect. The new and most modern method of fueling the public is to use a run-down-pile; though a sufficient number have not yet adopted it to make the practice general.

JOHN DOE

Could you imagine A. R. Kaufman of the Park Board saying to last year's mayor, "Go out and tell those men what my decision is?"

It was bad enough for the mayor to be told to do it; but it was far worse that he had to obey.

Had some poor woman with several children appeared before the council asking for a grant to help her save her home, the council would have turned her down flat. But when the wealthy representatives of a wealthy sporting organization appear before the council and ask for assistance in meeting their mortgage so that they can continue to have a manager, a steward, a cook and waitresses, the council is at once all attention and "at your service," and appoint a special committee to see what can be done for them.

Editor Weekly Advertiser:

Last year we had a couple of workingmen in the city council; and some people got the idea that what we needed was a council of "hard-headed business men." This year the council is without a workingman; and I doubt that we have ever had a council so void of real constructive ideas. Ald. Gordon, who is the workingman's friend seems to be the only member who really knows where he is going.

Early in the year the council started out by passing resolutions one week, only to recind them the next. They seemed to be going round in circles like men lost in the woods. Some of them set their faces sternly against any further public works; and now they are just as strongly in favor of public works.

Municipal business is a thing apart. The man who succeeds in his own business may be an absolute failure in the municipal field. He has devoted his life to a study of his own business without learning anything about municipal business. What would be the result if you put a man who had spent all his life in the furniture business in to manage a tannery, or a groceryman in a drygoods store. You would not expect them to succeed under the changed conditions.

Workingmen are just as brainy and intelligent as the so-called "hard-headed business men," and there is reason to believe that the average workingman gives far more study to municipal problems. For this reason the electors should see to it that some good live workingmen are elected to council at the next election.

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