

CITY BUDGET FOR 1915

PROVIDES FOR AN EXPENDITURE OF \$344,689.70.

Finance Committee Able to Maintain Last Year's Tax Rate By Taking \$10,000 Surplus Earnings of Old Sinking Fund Investments.

The budget will be before the City Council to-night, and is likely to be adopted as presented by the Finance Committee. It provides for a tax rate of 25 mills, of which 16.62 mills are for general purposes and 8.38 mills for educational purposes.

The bonded indebtedness of the city on 31st December, 1914, was \$1,607,916.41, made up as follows: Water Works \$179,709.00 Light Works 456,792.15 Schools 194,886.14 Local Improvements 430,585.97 General Purposes 346,043.15 Total \$1,607,916.41

The amount of the sinking funds is \$153,490.27 and of this amount \$12,254.92 is invested in municipal debentures, and \$41,235.25 in special deposit in the Bank of British North America.

The Finance Committee has placed \$10,000 in the revenue, being surplus earnings from old sinking fund investments which have accumulated from year to year since 1887, having been received from the investments of this fund this was originally anticipated.

Estimated Revenue. Bank \$650.00 Water Dept. 200.00 Light Dept. 200.00

City Hall	200.00
Market Tolls	1,100.00
Portion of Sts. &c.	1.75
LICENCES	\$ 2,351.75
Liquor	\$4,900.00
Tobacco	700.00
Auctioneers	100.00
Cab & Livery Stables	200.00
Carters	600.00
Second hand Shops	200.00
Shows	400.00
Butchers	80.00
Victuallers	200.00
Milk Vendors	50.00
Billiards	900.00
Laundries	500.00
Hawkers	100.00
Other	\$ 8,930.00
Railway Tax	100.00
Fines and Fees	1,300.00
Non-Resident Land Tax	50.00
Interest on Taxes	600.00
Surplus from old Sinking Fund	10,000.00
Premium on Debentures	2,700.00
Total revenue from sources other than taxation	\$26,940.75
ASSESSMENT—	
12,379,142 @ 25 mills	\$3,094,785.55
Less Remission & Uncollectible	19,500.00
Dogs	\$289,978.55
Street Labor	1,960.00
Street Watering	879.00
Local Imp. Rates	2,100.00
Total Estimated Revenue	\$344,689.70

Controllable Expenditure	
INTEREST	\$ 2,600.00
ELECTION EXPENSES	424.00
INSURANCE	500.00
PRINTING & STATIONERY	2,400.00
COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIES	100.00
STREET WATERING	4,300.00
REFUND OF TAXES	450.00
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Health Officer	100.00
Sanitary Inspector	100.00
Incidentals	500.00
PARKS	
Caretaker	650.00
Appropriation	2,000.00
CITY PROPERTY	
Heat & Light	1,300.00
Market Clerk	500.00
Cleaning Markets	400.00
Appropriation	730.00
BOARD OF WORKS	
Clerk	800.00
Foreman of Streets	2,000.00
Breakwater	2,000.00
Appropriation	16,750.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Wages	12,463.00
Water	750.00
Appropriation	4,700.00
LIGHTING STREETS	
Triple city budget for 1915	18,000.00
SALARIES	
Allowance Mayor	800.00
City Clerk	1,500.00
Assistant	700.00
Typewriter	600.00
City Treasurer	1,600.00
Assistance	450.00
Collector	1,200.00
Clerk, E. Moore	1,300.00
Clerk, W. Peters	1,100.00
City Engineer	1,500.00
City Solicitor	900.00
City Assessor	1,200.00
Assistance	300.00
Auditor	1,100.00
Messenger	675.00
Court Revision	150.00
Other	\$14,875.00
Less paid by water and Light Dept's	\$4,400.00
CONTINGENCIES	10,475.00
Grants	1,000.00
House Industry	1,000.00
House Providence	100.00
Gen'l Hospital	5,000.00
Hotel Dieu	3,000.00
Tuberculosis Hpl.	1,000.00
Orphan's Home	175.00
Children's Aid	300.00
Home, Friendless	500.00
Creche	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul	60.00
Poor Relief	115.00
Public Library	1,000.00
Victorian Order	150.00
Teachers' Institute	25.00
General Hospital	2,500.00
(Contagious Diseases)	
Post Mortems, &c.	50.00
Coffins, etc.	50.00
Paupers' Passages	50.00
Postage, Telegrams	100.00
Reporters Fees	100.00
Scavenger (streets and harbor)	50.00
Registration	50.00
Rent nuisance ground	300.00
Selection Jurors	60.00
Births, etc.	241.00
Rev. Voters' List	185.00
Telephones	100.00
Tax Bills	45.00
Registry Office	250.00
Law Expenses	100.00
Industrial Schools	90.00
Band Concerts	450.00
Appraisers	75.00
Settlement Claims	287.00
Bathing House	175.00
War Expenses	2,000.00
Skating Rinks	200.00
Adding Machine	185.00
Garbage	4,500.00
Incidentals	1,741.00
Total Controllable Expenditure	112,035.00
Total Uncontrollable Expenditure	232,653.70
Total Estimated Expenditure	\$344,689.70

Uncontrollable Expenditure Deficiency 1913 \$13,403.37

Debentures & Sinking Fund \$5,621.12 Interest 75,808.01 Less Portions paid by Water and Light Dept's \$50,876.18

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE— Maintenance of Court House, Gaol, etc. \$5,028.38

POLICE DEPARTMENT— Police Magistrate \$ 1,400.00 Chief Constable 1,100.00 Police Constables 11,175.00 Clothing Allowance 1,020.00 Repairs, Cleaning, Etc 100.00

Notes About the Budget. The Board of Works is given \$207 more than actually expended last year, but already there has been an expenditure of \$1,809 on the King street breakwater.

Street lighting will cost \$3,262 more than last year. The Fire Committee will get along with \$929 less than in 1914, and the Parks committee will have \$219, less than was expended in the same year.

The City Property committee last year expended \$6,065, and will receive this year \$2,980. Last year's large expenditure was made in renovating the market building and paying for extras on the City buildings.

The city will receive this year \$1,000 more from license fees. Conducts the Examinations. The Civil Service commission has been brought into the limelight so much lately that the following information is interesting.

The commission prepares the papers and conducts the examinations for both the outside and inside service. These examinations are usually held in May and November. To qualify for a position in the service at Ottawa a special competitive examination is held and the contestant making the highest percentage is given the appointment.

Cab and Cart Hire, Etc.	100.00
Telephones	50.00
Fuel & Light	250.00
Incidentals	50.00
SCHOOLS	\$15,245.00
Public Schools	\$ 59,000.00
Collegiate Institute	18,100.00
Separate Schools	11,274.00
Total Uncontrollable Exp	\$88,374.00
Total	\$232,653.70

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VOICE OF THE PULPIT

REV. BENJAMIN H. SPENCE, TORONTO, ON STRONG DRINK

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"Lined Cough Syrup, 15c." Gibson's. F. C. Wheeler to have charge of the Manatauk Hotel, near Clayton, N. Y., for the coming season. He is a popular manager and was in charge of the Carleton House at Cape Vincent, N. Y., at one time.



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