

**EFFECTIVE CITIZEN CO-OPERATION**

WHAT IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS SHOULD  
BE EACH BODY'S BUSINESS

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**As regards great social  
undertakings  
The Informed Taxpayer  
MEANS  
The Generous Taxpayer**

**Is it enough to BELIEVE  
that an authorization to  
incur indebtedness  
is justified ?**

**OR**

**Should we, as citizens,  
find out and  
KNOW WHY  
it is justified ?**

## “Without Submitting Same to the Ratepayers.”

These words occur in five places in Bill No 45 entitled “An Act Respecting the City of Toronto” now before the Provincial Legislature.

Often special legislation to meet emergencies is justified.

Do you know, or wish to know, the justification for the following five emergency provisions of the Bill?

SEC. 9—“The Council of the said Corporation may, without submitting the same to the ratepayers qualified to vote on money by-laws, pass such by-laws for the issue of City of Toronto Consolidated Loan Debentures as may be necessary to provide the sum of \$2 0,000 for making a grant of the said amount to the Toronto General Hospital, and the sum of \$25,000 for making a grant to the Victoria Hospital for Sick Children.”

SEC. 17—“The said Corporation of the City of Toronto may engage in the dead meat trade to supply retailers within the city, and may, without submitting the same to the electors qualified to vote on by-laws for the creation of debts, pass a by-law or by-laws for the issue of Toronto Consolidated Loan Debentures to provide the sum of \$200,000 for the said purpose.”

(The question of whether the City government should be authorized to engage in the dead meat trade and raise \$200,000 therefor by the issue of debentures was submitted to the citizens on January 1st, 1914. They decided in favor of this action by a vote of 11,029.)

SEC. 21—“The Council of the said Corporation may, without submitting the same to the electors qualified to vote on by-laws for the creation of debts, pass a by-law or by-laws from time to time for the issue of either Treasury Bills or short term debentures, not to exceed a period of ten years, to raise from time to time any sum not exceeding at any one time the sum of five million dollars, to cover the financing of local improvement works, and an additional one million dollars to finance the advances for the construction of water works, revenue mains, and house services; such bills of the department to be signed by the Mayor or acting Mayor and the Treasurer or Deputy-Treasurer, and the corporate seal to be attached thereto; and the said sum shall not be included in estimating the borrowing powers of the said Corporation.”

SEC. 22—“The Council of the said Corporation may, without submitting the same to the electors qualified to vote on by-laws for the creation of debts, pass a by-law or by-laws for the issue of Toronto Consolidated Loan Debentures to provide the sum of \$619,408 for the following purposes:”  
Then follow 27 items.

SEC. 24—“The Council of the said Corporation may, without submitting the same to the electors qualified to vote on by-laws for the creation of debts, pass a by-law or by-laws for the issue of Toronto Consolidated Loan Debentures to provide the sum of \$60,000 to purchase a site for the Danforth Avenue and Gerrard Street civic car lines, and the sum of \$45,000 for the establishment of a cold storage plant in the new municipal abattoir.”

## What Are the People For?

Is it simply to supply the funds, or should they enquire carefully into the reason for all proposed expenditures?