

EFFECTIVE CITIZEN CO-OPERATION

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

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"A knowledge of all the facts will solve any difficulty."

"All the facts" means pleasant facts as well as unpleasant.

More Steps in the Line of Progress

Chronicle from the Toronto Press

I.

"Radical changes in the method of keeping track of the city's finances are under way in the City Treasurer's Department with the purpose of a gradual introduction of **the unit system of accounting**. This is an outcome of the suggestions made by the Civic Survey, recently conducted under the Committee of 100 Citizens, the experts of which strongly recommended the change in order that more **intelligible statements could be obtained**.

Already the accounts dealing with the Water Works Department, the civic car lines, and the Exhibition are being separated, and new sets of books opened. . . . When Mr. Patterson took office, the change was planned and is being rapidly carried out."—*Toronto Press*.

II.

"Estimates Earliest Yet"

"Earlier Payment of Taxes Will Save the City \$12,000"

"With the presentation of the estimates to the Council on Monday, a record will be made as compared with recent years. Not only will it mean more expedition in the carrying on of improvements, but it will save the city at least \$12,000 interest by having the first instalment of the taxes paid a month earlier than last year.

The dates when estimates were presented to Council in former years are as follows: 1913, May 13; 1912, May 2; 1911, May 3; 1910, April 21.

The date for the first payment of taxes this year will be June 25, while last year it was July 25.

Controller McCarthy strongly urges that the earlier preparation of estimates be continued until the estimates for the ensuing year are presented in December of each year."

—Toronto Press.

"The budget should be formulated and submitted to Council on or before December 1st, and with it should be submitted all of the information which has been developed in the course of its preparation."

—Report of Survey Committee.

1 Month : \$12,000 (saving)
6 Months : ? (saving)

III.

"The Controllers decided to insert an appropriation of \$4,500 for a Fire Prevention Bureau in the estimates. The proposed Bureau..... is to work in co-operation with the new Provincial Fire Marshall."

—Toronto Press.