

EFFECTIVE CITIZEN CO-OPERATION

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

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**It is worth while
living in Toronto**

or

**most of us wouldn't
be living here.**

**What makes it possible
and desirable to live**

here

?

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

"DON'T let us complain of things or persons, or of the nineteenth century, or of the indifference of the country... but simply say to ourselves: 'These are the things and persons through which and with which we have to work, and by influencing them or managing them or forcing them, the end must be attained or not at all.'"—*Benjamin Jowett.*

Note—All statements as to departmental expenditures are from the city Estimates for 1916.

prepares for citizenship between 60,000 and 75,000 children, at an annual estimated expenditure of \$3,786,100. Taxes also provide \$248,094 for Separate Schools which train between six and seven thousand children.

Are you interested in the education of your children and those of your neighbours? Is it worth while to help decide who is to control the education of your children? Did you help select a candidate for the Board last year? Did you vote for a candidate for membership in the Board? Was there an election by acclamation in your ward? If so, was it as an expression of appreciation for faithful service or was it through lack of interest?

What would the city be without its schools?
What branch of community service is doing more needed work for a greater number of citizens?

THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKS

keeps in repair 670 miles of streets and lanes, 710 miles of sidewalks, 541 miles of sewers, operates over 9 miles of street railway,* supplies water for almost 500,000 citizens and for the city departments, all at an estimated expenditure of \$2,935,670 for 1916. In addition, the Department of Works invests millions for the citizens in permanent improvements.

Would you care to live in Toronto if it had no Works Department?

The city gets some of your money whether you know it or not—and spends it for you. Did you vote last year for a Mayor, Controllers and Aldermen to manage this expenditure for you?

*1916 Municipal Handbook.

THE STREET CLEANING DEPARTMENT

removes the garbage from some 90,000 houses, cleans 670 miles of streets and lanes,* lays the dust in dry weather, removes the snow in cold weather, removes dead leaves—in fine, does Toronto's house-cleaning at an estimated expenditure of \$935,248 for this year.

Would you care to live in Toronto if there were no "white wings" and no garbage carts?

Have you an interest in the election of the men who have the last word in the expenditure on street cleaning and scavenging?

*1916 Municipal Handbook.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

enables you and yours to sleep without fear at night, by protecting your and their life and property from the ravages of fire. This seems to be costing \$1,584,572 for this year, but it is probable that the real cost is much less than this sum.

In any event, the Fire Department does enough for you and costs you enough to make it worth your while to take an interest next January 1st in the selection of men who are responsible before the law for the proper management of the Fire Department.

If things don't go to suit you after January 1st, 1917, you will have no alibi unless you helped to get out good candidates, went to the polls and are working at being a citizen the 364 succeeding days in the year.

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

also contributed to your peace of mind during the day and your safety during the night. With 664* men, it watches over the lives and protects the property of nearly one-half a million men, women and children, at an estimated cost of \$872,973 for 1916.

Does the service rendered and the money spent warrant your earnest consideration ?

* 1916 Municipal Handbook.

THE PARKS DEPARTMENT

provides play spaces for 200,000 children and young men and women, and outdoor breathing spaces for the rest of the population. It brightens the roadways with shrubs and flowers. The estimated cost for 1916 is \$364,998.

Does this expenditure affect your health and efficiency?

Does it help your children grow strong?

Does it make you and others value your home more highly?

If so, you have a vital interest in the personnel of next year's Council. If not, you have a still more vital interest—unless, of course, the failure to reap full benefit is your own fault.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

wages war on the communicable diseases which lie in wait for all communities, guarantees us pure food and water, sees that we get full weight bread, fights against slum conditions and generally promotes the public health through sanitary inspection, public health nursing and campaigns of publicity. The estimated cost for this service during 1916 is \$315,358.65.

You may not have liked chlorine in the city water, but you appreciate the absence of typhoid.

Does the service rendered by the Health Department seem vital to you?

To whom are you going to delegate the responsibility for securing efficient public health service at lowest cost?

TWENTY-SEVEN OTHER DEPARTMENTS

and organization units, together with undistributed charges of \$3,263,297, account for the balance of the city's total expenditure—\$6,125,115.

These twenty-seven other departments and organization units render a great variety of services to the citizens including assessing your property, taking care of the city's property, financing the city, auditing its accounts, keeping down the percentage of smoke in the air, collecting dead bodies from the bay, deciding who shall get city aid, registering deeds, providing reading matter, segregating disturbers of the peace, and maintaining the city hall switchboard by which every citizen may get in touch with the Mayor, Controllers and Aldermen.

If the city carried on no activities but these and spent no money except what these cost, it would still be worth while for every citizen to ask himself the questions

What? How much? Why?

Who? How long?

We can't expect aldermen about whom we have no opinion on January 1st to value our opinion between January 1st and December 31st.

Allowing for $33\frac{1}{3}\%$ of duplication in the voting lists—as it affects the number who may vote for Mayor and Board of Control—and allowing for the fact that many thousands more may vote for Board of Education than for the City Council,

In 1916

according to the best information available, out of the total number of votes which might have been cast

Only 3 in 7 were cast for Mayor
“ 2 “ 7 “ “ “ Controllars
“ 4 “ 19 “ “ “ Aldermen
“ 4 “ 15 “ “ “ Board of
Education (in wards where there
were contests).