

## YACHTSMEN WIN.

**\$1,000 Grant Recommended by  
the Board of Control.**

**A Five Hundred Dollar Civic Souvenir—Arranging for Gas on the Island—Around the City Hall.**

The proposed souvenir of the City of Toronto was discussed before the Board of Control at a special meeting on Saturday morning. The board had proposed to appropriate \$1,500 for this work, but were met by the difficulty that under one of the city by-laws no more than \$500 could be spent in one year for advertising purposes. Mr. Caswell was called in, and told the committee they could not spend more than \$500, so Ald. Woods advocated the abandonment of the idea. Mr. Alexander Fraser, who was to do the literary portion of it, made a fight to have the work proceeded with, with \$500, and offered for that sum to produce 5,000 copies, instead of the 25,000 copies that were at first proposed.

Ald. Woods held that the work could not be done for the money, but Ald. Burns supported Mr. Fraser, and said that half a loaf was better than no bread, therefore let them get \$500 worth of the pamphlets. Ald. Woods said that it would cost \$100 for plates alone and \$295 to get 1,000 copies bound in leather as proposed.

Ald. Lynd also opposed the scheme on the \$500 basis. The Mayor stood up for the souvenir, and he was supported by Ald. Burns.

Ald. Bowman wanted tenders to be advertised for, but Mr. Fraser objected to this. Finally it was decided to send the matter on to the Council. The agreement with Mr. Fraser simply is that he supply 5,000 copies of a 48-page souvenir for \$500, Mr. Fraser to have the right to sell any extra edition he may issue.

The application of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club for a grant for the Canada cup races was taken up, and it was decided to give \$1,000 to the club, Ald. Burns only wanting the grant to be \$500. The money is to be expended under the direction of the Reception Committee.

The Mayor read a letter notifying the city that the application of the city to have protection at the Lansdowne avenue crossing will come up before the Railway Committee of the Privy Council on the 21st inst., and the city is notified to be represented before the committee. The Engineer was instructed by the Board of Control to prepare a plan of what the city required, and the probable cost. To maintain a level crossing, it is estimated, will cost \$1,000 a year.

A complaint has been received by Mayor Shaw from Norman B. Lash, who says that the Bell Telephone Company have refused to put a telephone at 35 Spadina road, because their poles on that street cannot carry more wires, and the city has refused them permission to put up larger ones. He says there appears to be some open question, as between conduits and poles carrying the wires, pending between the city and the company, and he considers it most outrageous that the latter should be allowed to refuse the service in the hope, possibly, of thereby bringing the city to time.

City Engineer Rust and Mr. Keating, manager of the Street Railway Company, held a conference about laying the track over York street bridge, and on Lake street. Mr. Keating promised to put the matter before the directors of the Street Railway Company.

Controller Burns and City Engineer Rust will wait upon the Gas Company at noon to-day to endeavor to arrange some terms under which the company will supply gas on the island. One suggestion these gentlemen will place before Mr. Pearson is that the company lay pipes on the island and then pump the gas over from the pipe at the foot of Bathurst street. It is said that this can be done in a couple of hours during the night by means of a hose. This scheme would do away with the necessity for erecting gas works on the island, and all that would be required besides the pipes would be a storage tank to hold the gas. The City Solicitor was asked for an opinion as to whether, under their contract, the company could be forced to supply gas on the island on the same terms as to the city. The report was handed out this morning, and is understood to be unfavorable to the city, the City Solicitor holding that the company cannot be compelled to supply gas on the island.

Assessment Commissioner Fleming has handed his recommendation to the Board of Control respecting the proposed exemption of the Toronto Carpet Manufacturing Company.

The company has erected new buildings at the corner of King street and Fraser avenue, at a cost of \$40,000. Mr. Fleming recommends that the company be granted a permanent assessment of \$10,000 for ten years, from January 1, 1899; that the city furnish an electric light in front of the employees' entrance on Fraser avenue; that Fraser avenue be graded with a scraper as far south as Liberty street. The company now employs 175 persons, but this num-

ber is to be increased almost immediately to 250. The condition of the recommendation is that an average of 200 persons be employed daily. It is said that the company refused a bonus of \$35,000 to leave Toronto.