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Dr. J. A. McInnis Writes Open Letter to the Ratepayers

Explains His Position in Regard to Mayoralty Contest. Believes There Are Several Important Matters to be Completed. Suggests That Previous Municipal Experience Will be Valuable.

To the Citizens and Ratepayers of the Town of Timmins:

I have been asked by many representative citizens, particularly during the past week, what my intentions were regarding the Mayoralty for 1926. Some of those enquiring had heard rumors that I was dropping out from the contest this year.

May I state therefore to those so enquiring and also to the citizens generally that at the request of not a few representative ratepayers I have been

urged to stand for the Mayoralty for another year in order to assist in the completing, if possible, of several important matters which have been under advisement for the past two or three years. Notably among these matters for consideration, and which are of particular interest to the citizens of this town during 1926, I may mention the Electric Light & Telephone Franchise, the Royalty question, in which a much larger share of the Hollinger royalty should be allowed by the Government to a growing town like Timmins, the consideration of a proper and adequate municipal building or Town Hall and also perhaps the advisability of creating for Timmins a city status, which its present population might justify. This would allow the town to be divided into wards, with an increase in the number of Councilmen, thus giving a clearer-cut representation to different sections of the city.

These questions are only a few of the outstanding ones which should have the advice and experience of at least some of the members of previous years' Council.

I am of the opinion, and I believe it will be conceded by the ratepayers generally, that it would be a grave mistake not to include in a succeeding Council, at least some of the members of the previous year, for unquestionably the past experience of these older members, ought to be of considerable value in the guidance and the deliberations of a new Council.

I am informed that there are various slates already proposed for Mayor and Council for 1926. This undoubtedly is a most healthy sign in any municipality, when the aspirants are truly public-spirited and conscientiously desire to serve for the betterment of the town. If, on the other hand, the objective of some of these gentlemen is of a reactionary and destructive nature, then I think the ratepayers should carefully consider who they elect to direct the affairs of a town of such growing importance as Timmins.

I am sure it must be admitted that the members of this year's Council have unselfishly served the interests of the ratepayers during the past year, and ought to receive fair consideration for another year.

Among the large list of those presenting themselves for Council this year are many candidates who also would unquestionably make good Councilmen and who are worthy of the ratepayers' consideration.

From what one hears on the street there appears to be some grievances about the high tax-rate, but I would ask the electors how could it be otherwise with so many demands from the citizens generally for sewers, water extensions, sidewalks, pavements, schools, and other educational necessities. So rapidly are we growing that there is a heavy demand on our financial resources.

I think, however, we have pretty well reached the peak and there should be curtailment and retrenchment. I feel confident, however, that all expenditure in 1925 was made conscientiously and efficiently, and I don't think for a minute that either of my worthy opponents for Mayor in 1926 are going to effect any very appreciable economies such as I understand they are credited with advocating.

Regarding many petty grievances aired around from time to time, I don't think they are of a very serious nature, but are of the usual stock-in-trade around election time.

Personally I really delight in a good clean fight, and I am in it to the limit for 1926 for reasons already recited, and I do not think it necessary to dwell on my past services or record, as all the citizens know my whole-hearted interests have been in the growth and development of this wonder town every since it was a baby, and with the electors' permission I shall endeavor to carry on the good work for another year.

J. A. McINNIS, M.D., Mayor.

SENIOR LEAGUE STANDING IN BASEBALL SERIES

In the Baseball series the Masons head the Senior League, having played four games and won all four. The Holly Rec. has won two and lost three. The Night School has won two and lost three, and the Ramblers have won one and lost three.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT SOUTH END HIGH SCHOOL

The Commencement Exercises in connection with the South Porcupine High School will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 11th, at 8 p.m. in the Assembly Hall at the school. There will be a musical and literary programme, as well as the presentation of prizes and diplomas.

Is it time for a change?

At the request of a great many rate-payers I have decided to stand for Mayor in the present election. The general feeling appears to be that the affairs of the Town should be put on a better basis.

Excellent candidates having been placed in nomination as Councillors, an efficient Council is assured for next year.

If I have the honour of being elected Mayor, I believe that with the assistance of the Council I can secure for the rate-payers:—

1. More efficient management.
2. A reduction in taxes.
3. Cheaper electric lighting and telephone rates.
4. A larger grant by the Government from the Hollinger Mining Tax, and
5. Co-operation with the Hollinger Mine to the advantage of all concerned.

I would urge every rate-payer to vote on Monday. I solicit your votes and influence respectfully. Everyone is financially interested. Vote for me if you can—but vote anyway!

GORDON H. GAUTHIER

December 2nd., 1925.

Timmins, Ontario.

To the Electors of the Town of Timmins

Your Vote and Influence are respectfully solicited by

George S. Drew

candidate for election to Timmins Council 1926.

If elected I shall be pleased to serve you to the best of my ability in the future as in the past.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 1926

I am in the field again for the office of Town Councillor, and ask your vote and influence on my record during the past two years. In that time, as Chairman of the Public Works Committee, I have given freely of my time and effort for the advantage of the Town. If elected again I will do my best, as in the past, to fairly and faithfully serve the people.

H. C. CHARLEBOIS.

Your Vote and Influence respectfully solicited for

L. HALPERIN

(JEWELER)

FOR TOWN COUNCILLOR 1926

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