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NOT THE OFFENDER.

In regard to the complaint of a citizen as expressed through the columns, Mr. Shelling, of the Bell Telephone company, denies that his company is a trespasser in any form.

He offers \$50 for the general hospital fund to any citizen who can find a pole, belonging to the telephone company in Louise school yard.

No trees on the streets have been felled or felled by the Bell people. He also states that his company works in complete harmony with the city authorities, taking instructions from them as to the placing of its poles and heartily and amicably seeking the benefit of the people whose patronage his company asks.

Mr. Shelling remarks, the Bell Telephone company is accused of offenses which are misplaced; it is not the offender and this has been the case in the complaint of the citizen in the Whig.

A BOON TO THE CITY.

The advantage of municipal ownership was brought out yesterday by Alderman Craig.

The burden of taxation has been referred to again and again, and the impression has become general that the levy of the city is greater now than in former years.

This is inferred from the gradual advance in the rate of taxation from sixteen to twenty mills on the dollar.

Few people will suppose that they are paying less to the public treasury than in 1887, and yet that appears to be the case.

The difference is in the water rate, which has, on the average, dropped from \$26 a year to \$8.

The owner is in pocket, because municipal ownership has been a boon and a benefit, as far as it has been experienced in Kingston.

It is hardly possible that any such advantage will follow the purchase of the electric light plant by the city, but it is certain that light and power will be very much cheapened, and that as a consequence their use will be very much extended.

SECOND TERMS.

The mayor bids for a second term by referring to events in Toronto.

The fact that Mayor Urquhart was returned for another year, that he was declared elected by acclamation, is not due to the magnanimity of some of his opponents.

They were not willing to be guided by the advice of their leaders or equals. They would not admit that Mr. Urquhart had been an uncommon success, that he had been unusually vigilant in defence of the public interests.

The man was a grit, and tory Toronto had to use for him! That was the cry which the little politicians raised. They had as a champion O. A. Howland, the disgruntled. He was nominated. He took the matter into consideration.

He said he could win with the support of the conservative press. That he meant to be a candidate there is no doubt, and that he was not due to his delay in complying with the legal formalities before a certain time.

The city clerk was reading the proclamation and announcing the election of Mr. Urquhart when his opponent appeared and was told he was "too late."

Mr. Urquhart has a second term because the machine failed to operate when it was expected to do so. His is not an experience which, under the circumstances, can give Mayor Bell very much comfort.

MUNICIPAL COAL YARDS.

The coal yards which were instituted in Ottawa and Montreal and Toronto last year were not a financial success.

The men who did the buying on behalf of the cities were not experts in the business. Some of them had no knowledge whatever of it, and they were confronted with the further difficulty of not being able to purchase fuel from the usual sources of supply, for these were cut off by the strike.

Then there was the other question of transportation, which was exceedingly embarrassing and expensive. As a result the municipal coal yards, opened hurriedly and filled at some disadvantage, did not pay. All of them are understood to have been behind, and one or two of them to a very serious extent.

The people have offered no censure, however, as they understand and appreciate the motives of the councils.

Kingston contemplated the establishment of a coal yard, to be managed and operated by the city council. It is said now, in the municipal campaign, that this would have been a justifiable procedure. Perhaps it would, but there is the testimony of ex-Mayor Shaw who says he opposed the movement, and that had it gone on it would have added very largely to the year's deficit. It is quite evident that there are two sides to the case.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The McBride government, of British Columbia, is having a short vacation while it considers where it is at. It seems to be in a very precarious condition.

Hamilton's carnival committee has donated \$1,500 of its surplus to the funds of the House of Refuge. It is a handsome contribution to a very worthy charity.

Talk about the frost. It was nothing here to what it was in North New last Saturday. A section of the north pole seems to have slid down upon the constituency.

Considering that there was so much calmness before hand the elections seem to have become very much alive on nomination day. The nomination of so many candidates is significant.

The Montreal Witness suggests that if there is to be a revision of the tariff it might be wise to put a heavy duty on "products of the imagination."

That would do. It might put an end to some people's day dreams.

Mrs. Le Francois, of Montreal, is a candidate for the council. She will, if elected, be the first alderwoman who has invaded the council chamber.

And Montreal has not suffered any from a lack of talk in the council chamber.

General Manager Hays puts an end to the silly talk about the Grand Trunk Pacific. The road goes on. The engineers are now at work, an army of them, and in the spring construction will be begun. The deposit of five million is all right.

OBSERVATIONS.

Many Mourners, Toronto News.

There are, no doubt, some folk in Ontario who have such a high opinion of Ganney that they would be pleased to attend his funeral.

Consumption of Liquor, Ottawa Journal.

Canada's drinking time last year seems unfortunately to have extended slightly to whiskey drinking. However there was much less beer consumed.

Hold Him Up, Montreal Herald.

Somebody should head off Mr. Foster. Just think of the high price of high tariffs saying he could make us all rich with a five per cent. tariff and a pump.

Another Slap, Hamilton Times.

Thomas Crawford, one of Whitney's lieutenants, refused to appear on the platform with Ganney at his death. But Beatrice Nesbitt is still true to him.

FOUND DYING, Help Was Afforded, But He Did Not Rally.

Napanee, Dec. 29.—On Friday night last George Watson, a farm laborer, was found in the sheds of the Market Hotel, where he had apparently lain for some hours, in a dying condition.

He was taken into the hotel and medical aid procured, but although he lived several hours, and all that he did was resorted to to save his life, he died early Saturday morning from a chill caused by the exposure.

The deceased had been drinking the previous day and was not capable of looking after himself. He was about sixty-five years of age and single. He was well-known throughout the township of Richmond, having worked with the farmers for a great many years. A brother lives in the township of Richmond. The remains were taken to Carleton's undertaking rooms and he was buried yesterday.

The following are the nominations for 1904: For mayor, M. S. Madole, G. F. Rutan, Councilors, E. S. Lapin, John Lowry, G. A. Cliff, H. Ming, G. H. Williams, W. T. Waller, C. A. Graham, S. R. Miller, W. T. Waller, Dr. Ward, School trustees, East ward, W. T. Gibbard (acclamation); Centre ward, A. W. Grange (acclamation); West ward, S. Gibson and E. Scott.

F. H. Brisco, Chatham, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brisco. Mrs. Hamilton Armstrong and little son, Harold, left yesterday for Toronto, where they will reside for a year or two. Miss Jennie Crouch, Gananoque, is the guest of Miss Myrtle Knight this week.

Yesterday morning the thermometer touched twenty-eight degrees below zero, a good sample of the Klondyke weather. A slight fall of snow occurred the night before and the sleighing now is excellent.

A tea-meeting at Selby on Christmas night was a most successful affair. The receipts netted about \$125. Foxboro Presbyterian congregation also had one of the old-time tea-meetings, where the receipts amounted to \$370.

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ALDERMEN AT LARGE

ALD. MEEK WRITES FIRST OF SERIES OF ARTICLES.

He Is Impartial In His Treatment—Both Sides of the Case—Reasons For and Against the Ward System of Representation.

On January 4th the electors will decide upon the question of selecting a council by the general vote, and it is important that they do so intelligently.

When I gave notice of the motion, which afterwards prevailed, I was actuated by two considerations, (1) to avoid the jarring over ward expenditure, the feeling that the representatives of one ward were getting the rest of the representatives of another ward in the expenditure of public money, and (2) to give the people what they seemed to desire, namely, an opportunity to pronounce upon a change of system.

The council which were elected by the general vote in other places were alleged to be an improvement upon the councils made up of the wards' elect, and the council of the city deemed it wise and prudent to refer the subject to the taxpayers.

The question of how the aldermen are elected is one which the people must decide. If they are satisfied with the present system of ward elections they will vote accordingly. If the majority of them vote for a change of the system which obtains in Hamilton, in Galt, and in London, it will be made.

Alderman King has pointed out that if the vote be in favor of a new order of things it must continue for five years, and after due reflection there is wisdom in this law, seeing that no routine which affects the masses, and in respect of which there must be a certain amount of education, can be fully tested in a shorter time.

It may take two or three years to introduce a new system, and the failure of the old system will be none too long for its amplification of its merits or demerits.

Smaller Councils.

Before the by-law was passed dealing with the matter the city solicitor was asked to report upon it. He called attention to the fact that the Municipal Act provides that the council of every city shall consist of a mayor and three aldermen for each ward, but the council of any city may, before the 1st of November in any year, pass a by-law reducing the number of aldermen for each ward to two, and this by-law, before the final passing, must be the assent of the qualified electors.

Some members of the council had to me expressed themselves as being in favor of the smaller council, on the ground that at present it is cumbersome, that all the members are not equally active, and that a smaller number, especially of business men, trained to think quickly and move decisively, could accomplish more in the same amount of time.

As the issue was calmly contemplated two reflections followed. One was that this proposal for a reduction in the number of aldermen had been proposed by Alderman Behan and had been rejected by the council. Perhaps it was a mistake to defeat the movement in its infancy.

The rejection of the by-law by the council, without reference to the people, involved a discreditable reference to the council, and trust which was not altogether complimentary to the electors. There is some virtue in the referendum, and the people ought, in my judgment, to have been allowed to express their opinion regarding the scheme. The knowledge that the council had objected to the smaller council, however, and the conviction that it might object again, led to the adoption of the alternative plan of electing the aldermen by the general vote.

The by-law providing for this plan is now being advertised. If the electors have the election in January, 1905, will be conducted without reference to ward boundaries.

One Argument For.

The principal contention in favor of the change is that each elector will have a choice of twenty-one aldermen and the mayor, the ballots for both being marked in the same way, in the same place, at the same time. It means that each voter will be responsible, so far as his ballot goes, for the election of the whole council rather than a section of it. It means that his franchise will be very much enlarged and widened, and that the city rather than the ward becomes his constituency. This is the advantage to the general vote.

There is another side to the case, and it has been pressed upon me by the property owners. They have now a vote in every ward in which they own property. They have a vote according to their interest or stake in the community, and they feel that by placing on a par with the man who owns little or owns nothing, there is no provision in the system which permits of any modification in this connection. It is a defect, a serious one, and one which will operate very much against the adoption of it.

The property owners very naturally desire to preserve their privileges, or their habit of voting power, and they will be governed accordingly when they go to the polls.

Local Interests.

A point against the change is that it will make the aldermen at large less interested in local affairs. The ward alderman is concerned usually, if not entirely, about the wants of his particular district, and it is argued that he cannot, if he will, employ himself usefully in the direction of the city's general affairs.

There is something in this, but not so much as some have made it out to be. The direction of public works appears that he is under the no-wal system. Every city has its machinery for the performance of public works.

The Canadians are leaning more and more to the custom of employing competent public officials and of casting upon them the duty of providing, efficiently and economically, for the public demands. Some cities have tried the principle of conducting their street improvements without ward

distinctions or ward funds. There is not an appropriation in the spring, or at any time, for wards, but the works are taken up on their merits and in the order of the general fund. I sat in a council one night when a complaint was made that the general administration of the public funds was not satisfactory, but I assumed that the complaint was not well founded since it was not entertained and no step was taken for a return to the ward divisions.

Therefore, I assume that the general plan of public works is not a failure, when there is a well-conducted works' department, the evidence is not forthcoming that this is always the case. Indeed one of my correspondents, writing me from a city in the west (London), says: "One of the city, with a population of 5,000 people, is without a representative, and consequently it does not receive the attention that it would if the aldermen were elected by wards as before. There is this to be said, however, that there is very little complaint heard, except at election time when some candidate for honors may be brought to task on the hustings for having failed to look after the interests of one particular section or another. Yet I do not think that if a vote of the people were taken in January they would go back to the old system."

Wards Not Represented.

It may be asked how a ward might be without representation by a change in the system. In this way: The city nomination may be at one place, and care may not be taken to have candidates from every ward. And granted that these candidates may be nominated, three, five, or seven for each ward, there is no guarantee that in the general vote the elect will fairly or evenly represent the several wards. A ballot may contain the names of say thirty-five men, all good and true. The wards are not indicated on this ballot, and when a voter takes his pencil in hand and begins to mark he may select twenty-one men who appeal to him as among the best and as calculated to make the most serviceable council. And it may happen that all these may live in three or four wards. The implication is that the other wards will be more or less neglected, that the aldermen will be familiar with the events of their own neighborhood only. It may be an erroneous conclusion, but it affects the situation and has its influence upon the voter's mind.

This is a large subject, and cannot be discussed in one article. I will return to it again, and give the information that has come to me candidly and openly, whether it be for or against the by-law. Yours, R. MEEK.

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