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THE DAILY WHIG.

"Opifer per Orbem Decor."

RECEIVING THE PEOPLE.

Notwithstanding the fact that some of the council committees exceeded their appropriations Mayor Bell lets a surplus in the city treasury. Send him back to the mayor's chair and he will save you more money next year. —City paper.

What is the use of deceiving the people? Can any good come from it? Dr. Bell began his reign with good intentions. He desired the committees to be very economical in the spending of public money.

But a mayor is not the directing force in municipal politics. He may be a guide. He may have his influence, and it may be a very great influence. But the twenty-one aldermen vote away the people's money, and sometimes they do it with the mayor's approval.

The deficit for the year is over \$5,000, but deducting the balances which are to the credit of several committees the deficiency remaining is \$3,320. This will be carried over to next year and will be the first charge against its revenues. A surplus in the treasury! What a fraud, a deception, a distortion of the facts. Is the mayor responsible?

WHO ARE TO BLAME.

The discussion of the by-law, proposing a change in the method of electing aldermen, has been candid and free. The electors cannot say that they have not heard from both sides. Nor can it be said that the electors have not had the experience of other places as a guide to them.

The last article from one side (and to be published on Saturday), will give a summary of results from about thirty places in Ontario where there have been experiments with elections by ward divisions and elections without these divisions. The record speaks for itself. It is the fullest and most complete thing of its kind, will have its influence upon the electors, and will help them very materially in reaching a conclusion.

The exploits of the politicians in Hamilton and London, where the machine has produced some of the most undesirable conditions, are of course to be regretted. But the system of elections has nothing to do with them. They are the outcome of a partisan spirit which is peculiar to the two cities, and peculiar to the conservative party which rules in their municipal affairs. There is not such experience anywhere as Hamilton and London have had, and the party in power (the conservative), is largely to blame.

QUESTIONS OF QUALIFICATION.

Two questions are put to the Whig:

1. What is the qualification for a member of the council?

He must be a freholder, an owner of property unencumbered to the extent of \$1,000; or he must be a leaseholder to the extent of \$2,000. Two further conditions should apply—that the member of the council should not be its debtor, or any amount, and he should not undertake any business transaction with the city. Several small accounts went through the council in the name of aldermen this year. No one objected, but it was an unseemly proceeding and should not be repeated.

2. Is a candidate eligible for the council who is a member of the Board of Education or an employee of the city?

No. The court last year, at two or three places, and notably in Ottawa, decided the question so far as the school board is concerned. The judge ruled that one is not eligible for nomination for the council who is still a trustee. The fact that his term is expiring is not a mitigation of his default. The one who contemplates municipal service, in the council must not only have resigned but his resignation must be accepted by the school board before he has been nominated.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The old year passes away with this day, and one parts with it somewhat tenderly. It has its memories, bitter or sweet, its record for thoughtful meditation.

The evidence has been forthcoming that the world moves. Science and art, invention and discovery, have found in 1903 a year of jubilee, and the great men of the day, the men who have kept themselves in touch with passing events, tell us that the record of the last twelve months will be surpassed by the revelations that are just unfolding.

There have been the joyous events and the depressing events. The dead of the year number some of the world's best thinkers, those who for many years have been leaders in science and philosophy and theology, those whose influence will linger for generations and be felt through their books and teachings. Their places are being taken by others, and so all the world becomes the stage which Shakespeare sketches.

Our own empire and land occupy, nationally, the greatest attention. Great Britain, at peace, is passing through a commercial and political crisis the culmination of which will be watched with great interest. Canada has had unprecedented prosperity

nation must be accepted by the school board before he has been nominated. The reference to the city service is a little indefinite. Its point is not apparent. The Whig is not aware that any city official is a candidate for aldermanic honors.

LEAVING THE PARTY.

John Hawkes, of Regina, has ceased to be a member of the conservative party. A general election appears to be at hand and he deems it prudent to lay before the people his reasons for a change of faith. He says he parts from his old associates with much natural regret, but he cannot remain in the party when it is drifting farther and farther away from the principles and professions of the past.

He cannot follow Mr. Borden because he is an advocate of a higher tariff. He was a conservative so long as its policy was one of moderate production. Now, however, its aim is to increase the stature and thickness of the tariff wall. It is one of raising the duties whenever it is possible. As such it is opposed to the interests of the western country, and so he has no option but to oppose it.

With regard to the specific case of agricultural implements, he says it is evident that "the conservative party has said its last word along the line of free machinery. The cry is dead. But the justice of it remains." He contends for free implements and his only hope along this line is to abandon the conservative party.

He supports the liberal policy of encouraging the Grand Trunk Pacific, to which he refers as "a bold and statesmanlike scheme." What does it propose? "To throw another railroad clear across the continent, to practically double the habitable area of Canada, to give the west a thousand miles of new road and probably with spurs and branches, double that mileage. And it proposes to do this without calling for one specific dollar of money or of one acre of land from the west." In view of this Mr. Hawkes remarks: "I cannot nully the utterances of half a generation by refusing it because it comes from liberal hands."

Mr. Hawkes, by the way, was one of the most active conservatives in the west. He was a great campaigner and the party will feel his loss very much.

IS HE MAKING A SACRIFICE?

Mayor Bell, we are told, "is full of gentlemanly courtesy at every public function." And full of self-consciousness also. On several occasions he has intimated that he has been a loser, professionally, by his devotion to the duties of his office.

He scolded at the council but a few nights ago because some objection was taken to the voting of \$500 to the Midland Central Fair. He had gone to the show, had worked for it, (though no harder than some aldermen and directors), and had lost money by it, and because there was a deficit the city should make it good!

Over and over again he has reminded the people that he has made great sacrifices for the city. Who is asking him to do it? The conservative party? It is alleged to have "pushed" him into the campaign for a second term. Was he not willing? Surely. He is just now in most ambitious mood. He wants to be a member of parliament, and for the honor he is willing to make any concession. And any sacrifice? Apparently.

He is great on public functions, and he has been turning them to some account. The people are tiring of the plaint that he is a great sufferer in consequence. Some of these days they will relieve him of all anxiety on their account.

COTTON MANUFACTURERS

Exercised Over Speculation in Raw Material.

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GAMEY IN PUBLIC LIFE.

The Toronto News is sanguine that if, in time, Mr. Ross resigns a government can be formed by Mr. Whitney. He will surround himself with some pretty fair men, and that, for the first parliament at least, their work will be very good.

It all depends on who the administrators are. Suppose a change of government took place to-morrow, Mr. Whitney could not overlook one man, namely, Mr. Gamey. Taken at his own record at his own estimate, he is not such a person as could be entrusted with any office. He sold himself so he says; he was willing to be bribed and he admits that he accepted bribes; he became overly rapacious, and because balked in some of his demands advertised his infamy. He wanted the government condemned because of his fall. That in a nut-shell is his case, and it has been elaborated before the electors of two constituencies.

But Mr. Gamey has been extolled by the conservative party. It has used him. It has exalted him. It has put itself under obligation to him and he must be rewarded if at any time his party is in a position to do this. The place he wants is commissioner of mines. Fancy a man of his calibre and character in a public office and distributing the patronage! The thing is repulsive, but it is a condition of Ontario politics.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Here's to your health. The Whig wishes you a Happy New Year.

Mayor Bell contemplated a walk over in connection with the mayoralty. Now he fears defeat.

It is too bad that the mayor should be required to make so many sacrifices on account of public office. Cannot the people give him relief?

Perhaps the mayor did well to present his portrait to the city while he is in office. In 1904 some one else may be doing the "honors" for the city.

So Mayor Bell will be humiliated if he is elected and is called upon to preside over a grit council. Well the electors should see that this does not happen.

The death of Mr. Andrew Pattullo is deeply lamented. He was a bright mind, and the legislature loses its influence he had developed his greatest influence.

The mayor says he does not desire to add fresh laurels to his name. He's too modest—at home. Abroad he is talked of as the next conservative candidate for the legislature.

At intervals during the year Dr. Bell has impressed upon the city officials and contractors that he is the mayor. This proceeding is what some people call "reading the riot act."

"Mayor Bell," we are told, "collected more taxes during his year's administration than any of his predecessors." Yes? Or was it the collectors who got the money in under the gentle pressure of the council?

HE STEPS ASIDE

A GOOD MAN TO LEAVE THE FORCE.

Police Constable Aiken Is To Retire At The End Of The Year—His Friends Are Aggrieved.

With the passing away of the old year, Kingston loses from its police force one of the best constables that ever wore a uniform or paced a beat. About three weeks ago Constable R. E. Aiken presented his resignation to the commissioners, to take effect to-day, and he passes from the force with the consciousness that he has performed his duty, and leaves behind an honorable record. He has been on the force about twenty years, and within that time the records show that he has made more clever captures and ferreted out more intricate cases than any man serving with him. To him fell the bulk of plain clothes duty, and his equal as a shrewd detective the commissioners will find it difficult to place. In his going the city is losing a good officer.

Kind and courteous at all times, he made many friends, and his popularity was limited only by the bounds of his acquaintances. That he felt obliged to take this action which means his severance with the force, all his friends regret. They say he was not given that justice which every fair-minded Britisher expects, and should receive. But he severs his connection with the force with the knowledge that he performed his duty in a manner that has safeguarded the city's best interests.

HE COMPLAINT.

I am a baby, eleven months old, and nearly worn out already. Please let me alone!

I am not a prodigy, except to the extent that, not having anything to say, I don't talk. Two big persons claim to be my parents—why can't they let it go at that? I have never denied the charge. I haven't much data to go by, but I don't think I'm a magician, a learned pig, or a virtuoso. I don't banker for applause, so, it will be an appreciated favor if you won't put me through my parlor tricks.

If I have my wealthy old Uncle Ezra's nose, congratulate Uncle Ezra, but don't blame me. I may be a kleptomaniac, for all I know, but I can't help it.

Don't rattle rattles at me—they rattle me. Don't go-go and coo-coo at me. I can't understand it any better than the English language. The pain I have is not in my stomach, but in my neck. I don't want to be entertained or mystified or meddled or applauded. And, if you don't want me to grow up to be a hypochondriac, a stamp collector, an awful example, a ping-pong enthusiast, a misanthrope, you just lemme be!

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What Makes Trade?

It's the pleased customer telling his friends where he was treated right and where his money was well spent. We treat our patrons fairly—give them scripture measure for their money, and guarantee every article of clothing we sell. One tells another and so our business grows.

P.S.—ASK TO SEE

Our Chamberlain Overcoat at \$13.50.

Our Westminster Overcoat at \$12.50.

Our Grosvenor Overcoat at \$10.

THE H. D. BIBBY CO.

Cash and One Price Clothing House, Oak Hall.

REMEMBER

That we are just as well prepared to serve those of our customers who leave off to do their shopping for New Year's as we have been for those who buy before Christmas. We are sure to please you!

Greeting!

We wish to thank our numerous friends for the liberal patronage tendered us during the past year and hope they will continue same, and take pleasure in wishing all

A Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year

Jos. Abramson, The People's Clothier and Gents' Furnisher, 180 Princess Street.

REMEMBER THE PLACE—Between Rodden and Crawford's.

SPAIN'S POLITICAL YEAR

Ends in Pessimism—Alliance with Britain and France.

London, Dec. 31.—The correspondent of the Times at Madrid, says, the political year in Spain ends in profound pessimism. Maura has been entrusted with the premiership, less than to make another attempt to arrest the progress of republicanism. The rebuilding of the fleet is generally regarded as subordinate to establishing a consistent foreign policy, but Spain is in doubt between Britain and France. The majority of the leaders urge an alliance with both.

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All the slippers we have on hand will be sold at cost price. All kinds and sizes.—At Abernethy's.

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One of the worst of Bronchial Diseases, because it has the worst after-effects. The first symptoms, Chills and Fever, Cough, Sore, Inflamed Nose and Throat, Pains in the Limbs, should not be neglected.

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MAYORALTY 1904

TO THE ELECTORS

Ladies and Gentlemen—I respectfully solicit your influence in support of me mayor for the year 1904.

C. F. GRAHAM

MAYORALTY, 1904

At the earnest solicitation of number of influential citizens, consulted to be a candidate for election as Mayor for 1904.

In doing so I desire to thank you as a whole for a confidence expressed in me in electing me Chief Magistrate for 1903. If elected in behalf of the people, I will reason to believe that I have fully solicited your vote and influence in support of me as Mayor for 1904.

J. H. B.

ONTARIO ARD

DR. A. W. RICHARD

Cordially solicit the vote and influence of the electors for his term as a derman.

ONTARIO ARD.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Having been urged offer my name as a candidate for the office of Mayor for 1904, I respectfully solicit your vote and influence to elect me to the office of Mayor for 1904.

SAMUEL LARKIN

ONTARIO ARD.

TO THE ELECTORS

Your vote and influence are respectfully requested to elect me Mayor for 1904 in Ontario.

T. RIGNOLD

FRONTENACARD.

TO THE ELECTORS

I have been asked that myself candidate for the County and have accepted. I solicit your vote and influence in the election.

DAN COULSON

FRONTENACARD.

TO THE ELECTORS

Having been requested offer myself as a candidate for Alderman, I respectfully solicit your vote and influence to elect me to the office of Alderman for 1904.

J. S. McCAN

FRONTENACARD.

TO THE ELECTORS

At the request of a number of the ratepayers I again present myself as a candidate for the office of Alderman for 1904.

R. N. F. MACLEAN

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TO THE ELECTORS

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