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LOOKS BRIGHT

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the street railway line. The city engineer, after several days' lighting, reported to council the inadvisability of opening the street railway lines, as it would cost the city \$2,500. At the request of Mayor Ross I personally took control of men and teams, and in less than two days, had the street cars running, at a cost of less than one quarter of the city engineer's estimate. I advised against the expenditure of about \$15,000 of a large stone crushing plant, as when in the course of five or six weeks, we could have all our concrete walks constructed, the crusher we had could be able to provide all the stone required for repairing our streets. My views were endorsed by my committee. Experience has justified my judgment; there has been no difficulty in securing ample stone for the construction of our streets and walks, and the abandonment of the idea of purchasing an expensive plant, has, in interest charges and the avoidance of the necessary wear and tear of such a plant, reached fully a saving of \$1,000 per year. In that year I constructed about two miles of macadam street, also nearly seven miles of concrete walks, reducing the cost from seventeen cents per square foot to fifteen cents.

In 1909 I was again appointed chairman of the board of works. The finance committee, in its wisdom, gave me the smallest appropriation ever given a chairman of the board of works, nearly \$11,500. Notwithstanding the small amount allotted to me, there were constructed six miles of macadam street, six miles of concrete walks were built, again the cost being reduced from fifteen cents per square foot to thirteen cents, making a total reduction of four cents per square foot on the concrete walks had during my term as chairman of the board of works, which means thousands of dollars saving to the ratepayers.

In my two years as chairman of works, we had perfect harmony on the committee, only twice in two years, having no quorum. This year, as chairman of city property, we have had another year of harmony, never failing to have a quorum until today. Since then we have had no business of importance.

For the year we have refitted the mayor's office and council chamber, and made many repairs to the various offices. Although I had a deficit to meet of nearly two hundred dollars left over from the last year's committee, I still have a balance to the credit of my committee of \$1,000.

Compare Ald. McKay's record. In 1905, elected to represent Cataragui ward, and served on the water and printing committees. I find, from searching the records, that he served three meetings, retiring at the end of 1905. In 1909 he again entered into the field, and was re-elected by a majority of one over Ald. L. Henderson, a man noted for his strict attention to the city's business.

In striking the committees for 1909, Ald. McKay was again made a member of the water works committee, and did not attend one meeting during the year. Also a member of the light, heat and power committee, one of the most important committees of council and noted for the negligence of some of its members in attending and Ald. McKay being one of the chief offenders. On May 5th, 1909, although business of the greatest importance required attention, it could not be done as there was no quorum, Ald. McKay not being present. May 19th, 1909, Ald. Elliott, chairman, complains of the non-attendance of the members of his committee and has to hold over the task, repairs and railway power question. Ald. Carson declares that members of committee who take no interest in the city's business should not be aldermen. Ald. McKay again absent. On June 1st, 1909, the chairman again endeavored to get his committee together, but with the same result. Ald. McKay again absent. Ald. Elliott's statement after waiting until nearly five o'clock that "I will call a special meeting, Thursday night. The city's business cannot suffer through the failure of aldermen to attend to the city's business. Ald. McKay still absenting himself."

"When the committee recommended an arbitrator to deal with the street railway power question, Ald. McKay was not present, nor in attendance at the council meeting when the arbitrators were appointed. Absent also from council when the committee recommended granting the company power at \$2.25 per kilo-watt hour.

"I leave it to the electors to judge how well Ald. McKay could be versed in civic matters and how intense his interest in civic business.

"In 1910, Ald. McKay was again appointed a member of the water works committee. So far this year he has attended only three meetings.

"He is also again a member of the light, heat and power committee. This year there has been no very impor-

tant business for consideration except the supply of cheap power. The committee has had several conferences with different companies, but as yet nothing definite has been done. As to referring the street railway power question supply to the people in 1905, there was no intention of a referendum to the people. Therefore, Ald. McKay did not vote to leave it to the people, as he states in his announcement of his candidature. Moreover, he was not at the council meeting when the question was finally dealt with. The statement that he had been a member of important committees of council is true, but I ask the electors again to judge from Ald. McKay's record as a committee member how much time he took from his business for the city's welfare. How could he be versed in civic matters when business of such importance as we had to deal with in past years, was neglected by the non-attendance of Ald. McKay.

"I think you will be led to exclaim in agreement with Ald. Carson that such men should not be aldermen, nor mayors either.

"The city's business is not done at the council board, but in the committee and ratified by council. It is impossible for Ald. McKay to be some well versed in civic affairs if he not attend his committee meetings. If his business interests are such that he cannot give an hour or two once in two weeks, how can he give a portion of every day to the city's affairs as is required of a mayor?

"Again, in his appeal to the people he claims to be in favor of more industries, more work for the working man, good streets and cheap power.

Alderman McKay has never once raised his voice in council in support of his written appeals for your support. He has never been chairman of a committee, has never served on any committee except water works, light, heat and power, and printing, nor has he ever been known to introduce any motion in council.

"In making these statements I desire to say I have nothing personal against Mr. McKay, who is a gentleman and a business man, but I affirm that his record shows he is so taken up with his own interests that he cannot attend to the affairs of the city.

"As to my record, I have always given strict attention to the city's business at a great loss to myself. I have taken an active part in debates in council and in committee; have taken fearlessly my stand for what I judged the best interest of the city. As chairman of several important committees I have been in touch with the members of council. As far as my committees went there was no lag in the city's business. I am in favor of more industries. I have with all my might supported every endeavor to establish industries in the city. I am in favor of cheap power, have advocated in council giving power at a low rate to the numerous small industries of the city. I am in favor of good roads, and always condemned the system of inadequate appropriation for street making. I am in favor of a garbage system, of the doing away with all possibility of disease from decaying matter and of assisting the housewife in her daily work.

"If elected I pledge myself to take up the garbage question and carry it to an issue. I am in favor of giving water to every citizen at the regular rate, not burdened with an extra charge to the consumer in the outlying sections of the city. As the light plant is now on a paying basis the time has come when our city should be big enough to do away with meter charges. I contend we have no right to pay rent for the meter belonging to the city that measures the gas and electricity used. As well advocate a charge by the meter for the use of his scales as a charge for meter rent. Each fixes the quantity of the commodity sold.

"This, gentlemen, is my stand. And now I appeal to you for the last time after my eight years' service. If elected mayor I pledge myself to pay strict attention to the city's business, no matter what the sacrifice. If Alderman McKay's appeal to the people, as published in the daily press, as the citizens' candidate, has claims he prefers being left alone to attend to his business interests, and that he is making a sacrifice in acceding to their request. Why not accede to Alderman McKay's request?

Ald. McKay's Address.
Mr. Chairman and Fellow Electors—This is my first opportunity to wish you a Happy Christmas and solicit your votes and influence to elect me as mayor for 1911. You will realize that it is impossible for me to canvass the city in the short time between now and election day and also that December is the all-important month for the merchant. You would think less of me if I deserted my business to annoy you by asking you endless questions as to why you can or cannot vote for me. You, as intelligent electors, have your minds made up and do not need coaxing. I am satisfied to abide by your decision.

I am not an apprentice alderman as I have served in the city council for three years. My first term was in 1903 when I was elected for one year for Cataragui ward. Two years ago I was elected for a three-year term for Cataragui ward. I have been a member of light, heat and power, one of the most important committees of council. For the past two years we have given largely of our time and careful thought to meet the important events that came before us. The last and most important of all, cheap power for the people, is the vital question that most concerns us. Our future, as a city of importance, hinges on cheap power. Now that the large Welland canal is an assured fact we must exert our energies to bring our city to the front and take our place with the rest of the go-ahead cities of this great country of ours. First, we need more population. To get this we must find employment for our young men, who are our best assets, and keep them at home.

We want cheap power in unlimited quantities. The first enquiry a manufacturer will make, What can you do for us on the power question? They will say to you, your location is splendid, and so are your shipping and railroad facilities, and your rates as low as any place in Canada, but

We must have power. Well, gentlemen, as an ex-member of the light, heat and power committee, I can tell you that we have given this matter close attention, and that the chairman and members have done all in their power to bring a final report to council in a concrete form, that the council may take quick and decisive action just as soon as they are sure they have a safe bargain for the city.

Another matter that is very important, is better roads. You all know that in many sections of the city, when the roads are unfrozen, they are in a deplorable condition. If we are to improve we must formulate plans for immediate action in the spring. The whole trouble with us, to-day, is a question of money. Without the price we cannot make much headway. If we can increase our city it means more buildings, more houses, more factories, more revenue, which means gentlemen, the man who owns his little home will not get his assessment raised every time he paints his house or puts in a pane of glass.

Gentlemen, I am a fairly large tax payer, paying annually over \$700 for the privilege of doing business in Kingston. Every dollar I have of my hands on is working, bringing in more dollars from outside places to pay wages, operating expenses.

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