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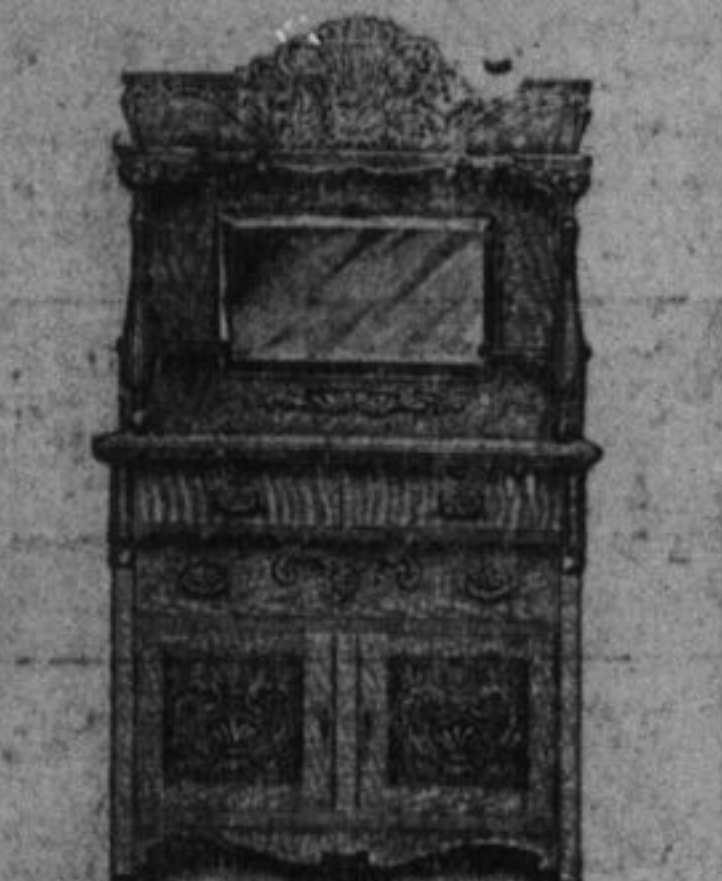
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THE ALDERMEN-ELECT.

The council has undergone some change as a result of the election, and by the entrance upon public life of three new men—Mr. Stroud, in Carleton Place ward, as the successor of Capt. Fraser; Mr. Peters, in Frontenac ward, as the successor of Ald. McCann; and Mr. R. D. Sutherland, in Sydenham ward, as the successor of Ald. Toys. In Rideau and Victoria wards there were contests, but in both the old members were returned. There is a vacancy in Frontenac ward, caused by the retirement of Ald. Hoag, the mayor-elect, and it will be filled as soon as the council can provide for it.

The good men who have gone into retirement will have the consciousness of knowing that they have done their duty to the citizens. That consciousness must be their reward. The new men will realize, and the sooner the better, that city government involves a close and serious study of public

affairs, and the more devoted they are in their study the greater will be their success in public life.

The issues of the coming year will try all the members of the council, the old as well as the new. These issues will be the less burdensome and less irksome when approached and considered in an impartial way. The membership is pretty well divided politically. At least there are two or three members who are disposed to put politics aside, so far as municipal business is concerned, and it will be well if this disposition is shared by others.

Since the day of Mayor Mowat, whose departure from the city is being taken notice of in a non-political manner, municipal routine has been conducted with more regard for the eternal fitness of things, and it is to be hoped that this welcome condition of business will be conducted during 1912.

TEN LICENSES WILL GO.

The municipal election was the most exciting in many years because it had associated with it issues of a stirring character. If the mayoralty was settled—and when it is settled there is removed from the election the cause generally of greatest interest—there was in place of it the reduction of licenses. The polls had no sooner been opened than it was made apparent that so far as zeal and energy could do it the contest would be exciting.

The licenses and the reductionists were well organized. The one party was vitally affected, and to the extent they felt of losing their living. Hotel keeping may not be the best occupation for some people. They may do better out of it. They may not be adapted for it. There are ethical considerations which do not enter into the discussion at this time. Men and women, in defence of protection of vested interests, are bound to fight for them, and this fight the license holders conducted. They were met in opposition by forces which, for social and no other reason, carried on a vigorous and forceful campaign. The result is the adoption of the reduction of licenses by-law.

The work which lies before the license commissioners is, as a consequence, very onerous. The law does not give them any alternative in the matter. Reduction in licenses implies the willingness of the ratepayers, however—or rather the majority of them—to tax themselves for the loss the city will sustain in the smaller receipt of license fees. The idea of an alderman that the city can raise the license fee to \$750 each, is not tenable if it is not illegal. The addition to the taxable rate is small, and the people will bear it cheerfully. That is what the vote means if it means anything.

There are some who sympathize with the liquor men in the difficulty they may have now in disposing of their business. Presumably the licensees to be cut off are those of houses which have the less accommodation for travellers and farmers. There are advocates of the compensation plan, but they are not numerous. The liquor men that remain after the reduction has been made—must see, in Kingston and elsewhere, the gradual growth of a sentiment that is expressing itself in moral and social reforms. The time is coming when the liquor licensees will be fewer still, if they do not entirely disappear. The people must get ready for it.

ALL THE BY-LAWS CARRIED.

There is general rejoicing over the fact that the three by-laws which were endorsed by the board of trade, and representing the general interests of the city, carried with sweeping majorities in the election on Monday. Two of these by-laws guaranteed exemption to the Canadian Locomotive Works company and Commercial Box and Envelope company, and, so hearty was the support which they were accorded, that throughout the day there was no manifestation at any polling sub-division of opposition to them.

Wherever the electors were addressed upon the subject, and reminders given of the importance of the question, the answers were universally in favour of the by-laws. The answer by the people, to the favours asked by two commercial companies, will lighten their greatly and facilitate the work to which they have committed themselves. The larger concern will see how much the people of Kingston appreciate their principal industry and how favourably they regard the projection of plans for an enlargement of the plant. The company can now proceed with its improvements and with the best wishes of the property owners. The box factory is an assured success. The plans have been made for it, and also preparations for the erection of the buildings and their equipment with the necessary machinery. Its location will be close to the broom factory, and into its premises will be run a spur of the Grand Trunk railway, so that the business may have the benefit of direct railway connection. Surely Kingston is on the eve of a great industrial boom, and since it is under way, the board of trade will continue its good offices and they must be followed by other successes from time to time.

The third by-law which was carried gives the council the authority it desired—the authority for which the law provided—namely, to negotiate further with the Hydro-Electric Commission for a supply of power. Kingston is far in precisely the same position as Peterboro, where the people voted on Monday, and in an address, preceding the election, Hon. Mr. Beck said: "I will give you my pledge, in writing, that the Hydro-Electric Commission will enter into no contract with Peterboro for power until a by-law is first submitted to the people." This was the understanding here, and the understanding in which the vote was so overwhelmingly in favour of the power by-law.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A St. Thomas engineer was killed by the explosion of the boiler of his locomotive. It has been held that all locomotives should be regularly inspected. Here is an accident that punctuates the demand and makes it very urgent.

A commission has been uncovering the graft which has been rampant in the prisons of New York state. The waste of public funds and public material, and the misappropriation of both, have caused a scandal of immense proportions.

Labour has gained one seat in the council. Why should it not have a second? That is the question of the hour. It would not be asked if the labour eleven voted solidly for its candidates.

Ald. McCann is mentioned for the vacancy in the council created by the promotion of Ald. Hoag. Non-residence is the ward is being used against him, and Mr. Turkington's friends want to know why he should be denied the place for which he was a good second on Monday.

THE WORLD'S EPISODES

GIVEN IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Everybody Easily Read and Remembered.

M. McNamara, collector of customs at Walkerton, is dead.

Stanza Knapp, Plam Hollow, died at Brockville, of exposure.

Hon. W. Paterson has gone south for the benefit of his health.

All municipalities voting on Hydro-Electric by-laws carried them.

John Redmond is suffering from a dangerous injury to his spine.

An Italian was blown to pieces while saving dynamite at Lindsay.

On Sound sticks to local option. Fort William and Port Arthur defeated it.

A bad fight between Japanese and Chinese imperial troops occurred at Pekin.

A man, supposed to be Charles A. Geary, of Pittsburg, was found dead in Toronto.

Engineer Cade, injured in the locomotive explosion at Thamesville, died at St. Thomas.

R. B. Isaacs, a well-known Stratford citizen, walked into the river and drowned himself.

The Guelph Country Club has secured the Grange, a nice farm near the city, for headquarters.

Success has suspended publication in New York. General conditions of the business are responsible.

Hon. George H. Parley is to hold a primary conference with the British cabinet on imperial defence.

Mrs. Lila Anderson, London, Ont., fractured her skull in a fall down stairs and died from the injury.

Inspector William R. Davis retired from the Toronto police force after a service of nearly thirty-three years.

Hon. Col. Hughes proposes to train forty thousand school cadets under canvas during the coming summer.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, London, Ont., has voted in favor of church union by a large majority.

All the private telephone lines in Great Britain have passed into control of the government under the agreement of 1905.

A. Murat, postmaster of Midway, Ont., committed suicide, Saturday, by drinking carbolic acid. The deceased had been despondent for the past few months.

The following have been elected fellows of the Royal Colonial Institute: Sir W. Max Aitken, M.P., Right Rev. C. L. Worrall, Bishop of Nova Scotia, and Dr. Pellissier.

Donar Law, the leader of the British opposition, has resigned his directorship in the shipping firm of G. & J. Burns, and announces his intention of severing his connection with all other firms.

With the end of the year, Adolph Butze closed his sixteen years' connection with the Grand Trunk railway, Montreal, as general purchasing agent and has retired on the company's pension fund.

The poisoning epidemic, which broke out in the Home for Tramps and Homeless Men, Berlin, and which claimed the life of half a hundred victims, is still increasing. Up to Saturday night there had been sixty-seven deaths and the number of sick is 134.

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS

Held in Opera House and Sydenham Street Church.

Ex-Mayor Joseph Oliver and Controller F. S. Spence, of Toronto, addressed a mass meeting in the Grand Opera House, Sunday afternoon, in connection with the reduction of licenses. They came down here to defend the city of Toronto against statements made by the liquor party and both delivered stirring speeches, telling what had been done for Toronto through license reduction.

Spence addressed a large meeting in the Opera House, Sunday evening, in which he denounced the liquor party and denied every assertion made.

Ald. Abraham Shaw occupied the chair and invited any of the liquor people to come to the platform and discuss the license reduction question.

At the outset of the meeting one man in the audience challenged Ald. Shaw's right to occupy the chair, claiming it was an open meeting, and that he should be elected by the audience. Mr. Shaw quietly informed the challenger that the meeting was called by the temperance people, and they had asked him to officiate.

The male chorus of the Y.M.C.A. led the singing, conducted by E. F. Trimble, who presided at the piano.

Ex-Mayor Oliver and Controller Spence addressed a large meeting in Sydenham Street Methodist church at 8.15 o'clock, Sunday evening. Abraham Shaw was again chairman.

RECOVERED STOLEN MONEY.

Ernest Brunell Confessed to Theft of \$40,000 Package.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 2.—Ernest Brunell, charged with stealing a \$40,000 money package from the Canadian Northern Express company two months ago, confessed, and said "Moonshine" Wright, an ex-convict, aided him. They sneaked the package and buried it in an ash pile. The money has been recovered.

On Tuesday evening Robert Kirkpatrick, about four miles from Napanee, was attending to his stock for the night, when he discovered his barn on fire and in less time than it takes to tell the barn was a heap of ruins. The barn and contents, with some fowl, was completely destroyed. A small insurance was carried.

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