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## THE RATEPAYERS TO VOTE ON COUNCIL REDUCTION

**Making the Number of Aldermen Fourteen.**

### QUESTION TO BE SENT TO THE PEOPLE AT THE JANUARY ELECTIONS.

**Ald. Newman's Resolution Prevailed Over That of Ald. Graham, Who Wanted Eight Aldermen and Abolition of Ward System.**

At the municipal elections in January, the ratepayers will be asked to vote on this question: "Are you in favor of reducing the number of aldermen in each ward from three to two and the aldermanic term from three years to one year?" This was a resolution introduced at the City Council meeting on Tuesday night by Ald. Newman, and seconded by Ald. Peters, and which carried by a vote of 19 to 8.

Ald. Nickle had introduced the question of aldermanic reduction by moving this motion, seconded by Ald. O'Connor:

"That the following question be put to the people at the next municipal election: 'Are you in favor of the number of aldermen being reduced to eight, and being elected by a general vote of the people, thus doing away with the ward system?'"

An amendment to the amendment, moved by Aids. Graham and Gardner, was that:

"That the question to be submitted to the people be: 'Are you in favor of reducing the number of aldermen from three years to one year?'"

The latter amendment was supported only by the mover and seconded. Ald. Newman's amendment prevailed over Ald. Nickle's motion.

**Ald. Nickle's Presentation.**

In pressing for the reduction of the number of aldermen to eight, Ald. Nickle drew attention to the fact that thirteen cities of over 50,000 population had an alderman for an average of 9,610 people. Kingston had an alderman for every 1,000 population. Of eighteen places under 50,000, the average representation was one alderman for 2,336 people. Ald. Nickle proposed that Kingston should have an alderman for about 2,700 people. Eight of the most progressive cities in Canada, namely, Calgary, Victoria, Edmonton, Regina, Westmount, New Westminster, St. Thomas and Guelph, had their aldermen elected by general vote of the people and not by wards.

Ald. Nickle said Kingston was not only over-governed with one alderman for every 1,000 of the inhabitants, but it was not evenly governed. Sydenham, Ontario and St. Lawrence wards, with a population of 3,483, had nine aldermen, while the other four wards of the city, with a population of over 17,000, had only twelve aldermen.

Furthermore, said Ald. Nickle, last year there were nine aldermen who had not time to attend three-quarters of the meetings of the council. Two aldermen attended only twelve of the twenty-five meetings during the year. Ald. Nickle claimed that if the ward system was abolished, peanut politics would be eliminated. He could see no reason why the aldermen should not be elected by the whole people. Eight aldermen and a mayor would prevent a deadlock. Why Kingston could not be governed by nine men he could not understand. With five committees, the whole council would be conversant in the business of the city.

Better work would be done by city officials if there were nine bosses instead of twenty-two, said Ald. Nickle, who also pointed out that the whole tendency of to-day is to centralize business. He also declared that by permitting the whole city to elect the aldermen, political manipulation would be reduced to a minimum. Then the leading officers of the two political organizations could not so easily drive around in a vehicle and run things. He claimed that civic government in Kingston now was at the lowest possible ebb. There were men in the council who were ready to do just what their political bosses told them.

Mayor Sutherland informed council that he was secretary of the Kingston Conservative Association, and he defined any one to say that during his term of office as mayor or as alderman he had given one biased vote.

**A Less Radical Change.**

Ald. Newman said he had given notice of his resolution last February. He knew that the people were dissatisfied with the present constitution of the council, but at the same time he was of the opinion that the council was of as high a calibre as in other places. Ald. Newman held that to reduce the number of aldermen to eight was rather a drastic move. A gradual reduction was the better way to go about it. He defended the ward system, claiming that on the whole better attention was given all parts of the city through it. Clashes would be stronger, he claimed, if the aldermen were elected by the people as a whole. There is safety in numbers, said Ald. Newman.

Ald. Peters said he could not go as far as Ald. Nickle. He supported the ward system, because without it nearly all the aldermen might be elected from one corner of the city. Better to rearrange the wards, he said.

Ald. McCann favored a mean between the resolutions of Ald. Newman and Graham. He would like to see the number of aldermen reduced to fourteen, with a one-year term.

In a discussion of aldermanic attendance, Ald. Nickle informed council that last year Ald. Couper took the prize for being the most regular attendant.

"That's because he comes down on a good road," said Ald. Richardson. Ald. O'Connor declared himself in favor of Ald. Nickle's resolution for eight aldermen, elected by the whole

people. He thought that civic improvement would be marked by such a council. The ward system was a curse, he claimed, for it kept out of the council some of the best business men of the city. These men would not get down to the ward-begging level. Instead of a few men manipulating the election of the council, Ald. O'Connor said that the people would elect their representatives. Conditions of electing the council should be changed to suit the conditions of to-day. It appeared absurd to him to have twenty-two men governing Kingston. More efficiency would be got from a council of nine.

Ald. Graham said his idea was to reduce the number of wards to five by amalgamating Sydenham, Ontario and St. Lawrence wards into one.

Mayor Sutherland remarked that so far as he could see, the people wanted to get back to the one-year term.

### GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

**Feldman and Christie Company Drawing Large Audiences.**

Another large audience witnessed the Feldman and Christie musical comedy company at the Grand Opera House last evening. The piece produced was "The Heart-Breakers." The cast handled their different roles well.

Beatrice Williams scored in "The Sweetest Girl in Monterey" and in the solo in "Cuddle Up." She was loudly applauded. Mr. Bayard and Miss Agnes Geary contributed their share in the singing and won applause by their artistic tango dance. Miss Ivy Tupper won praise for her ballet dancing. Mr. Christie made a hit in "Girls What Do You Think of This?" and his eccentric dancing. Feldman sang several songs and won applause. The performance closed with "The Yama Man," in costume, by Miss Agnes Geary and the girls. The chorus acquitted themselves creditably. Nelson Adair, the double voice vocalist, contributed "In the Heart of a Great City," "Mother Macbride."

To-night the bill will be "Dooley's Trip to Reno."

### Pickering-Veale

A quiet wedding took place at the manse of the First Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, when Miss Pearl Veale was united in marriage to Harry F. Pickering. The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. Douglas Laing. After the marriage ceremony, the bridal party drove to their new home on Nelson street, where the bride held a reception for her numerous friends. The performance was a desirable and useful presents testified to the popularity of the contracting parties. The bridal pair left on the midnight train for Ottawa on their honeymoon trip. Upon their return they will be keeping in their home on Nelson street, which is nicely furnished and ready for occupation.

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"Teddy" Kelson Home.

"Teddy" Kelson, one of the greatest hockey fans in the country, is back in the city, and will remain here for the winter. He has been away a couple of years, residing in Montreal, Brantford and Peterboro, and also had a trip to his old home in England. He will be warmly welcomed by his many friends.

### Important Change of Time.

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## "Till the Boys Come Home," a Boy's Production, Is New British Song

Ivor Novello, Who Composed the Air Which Rivals "Tipperary" in the Affections of Tommy Atkins, Is but Twenty Years Old.

(Special to the Herald.)  
Herald Bureau,  
No. 130 Fleet Street,  
London, Sept. 22.

High up in a pretty flat over the Strand Theatre lives Ivor Novello, the twenty-year-old young man who composed "Till the Boys Come Home," which is certainly the most popular war air he has since "Tipperary." For months the men in khaki have sung it as they swing through the streets every office boy whistles it complete without it, every office boy whistles it and recruiting bands blare it forth and the row of Italian street organs that remain grind it out with variations.

It is not a ballad to fire the martial spirit, but rather a reminder of home set to a swinging yet most touching melody. Here are the words of the chorus:

"Keep the home fires burning,  
While your hearts are yearning,  
Though your lads are far away  
They dream of home,  
There's a silver lining

Through the dark cloud shining,  
Turn the dark cloud inside out,  
Till the boys come home."

Young Ivor Novello, a born composer, is a brilliant pianist and was one of the most accomplished choristers in England, but it was "Till the Boys Come Home" which has given him fame.

"I do not know what inspired me to compose the song," he remarked to me. "I had in my mind the idea of keeping the homes as happy as possible while the soldiers are away, and in half an hour I had invented the air, not a note of which has since been altered."

His later song, "Ladde in Khaki," strikes a catching note, but "Till the Boys Come Home" remains the favorite, in fact, there is no escaping it. Of this song Lady Tree wrote to Novello thus: "It must be a great pride to you to see the soldiers' delight in your music. How splendid for you to have written the war songs! That half glad, half wistful song haunts one now wherever one goes and it will echo all over the world."

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### Letters to the Editor

**It Was False Report.**

Kingston, Oct. 12.—(To the Editor): In last night's issue the engagement was announced between Miss Maggie Blaney and Thomas Watson. As there is no truth to it I would like to contradict it.—Thomas Watson.

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