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Happy New Year to all. Henry Ford has given a bonus of 100,000,000 to his 90,000 employees. They will all be able to buy flivvers now.

Will Ald. Graham succeed in bulldozing this year's council as he did that of 1919? If he does the people will be much disappointed.

Frontenac war is a fickle mistress. Whom she blesses to-day she curses to-morrow. With this exception: that honest Bill Patterson is ever her favorite son. Once more he heads the poll.

After all the efforts of the Board of Commerce to lower prices, it is disappointing to see the price of bread raised, as has been the case following the granting of a higher price for wheat.

The death, at seventy-one years of age, of Sir William Oeler recalls the theory he advanced that a man's usefulness ended at sixty years and that he should then make way for a younger man. He lived long enough to disprove his theory.

Few aldermen have served the city more faithfully than Ald. S. S. Corbett. His defeat, by a small majority, is a matter of regret. It was perhaps due to the over-confidence of his friends. They may be expected to atone for their mistake next year.

A successful young business man in the person of Harry Sargent ran far ahead of the ticket in Victoria ward. He was endorsed by both the veterans and the business men, and this, added to his own personality, assured his election at the head of the poll.

Labor has secured a splendid representative in the person of Dr. Fergus O'Connor, returned as alderman in Sydenham ward. He had considerable experience in municipal affairs before locating in Kingston, at one time serving as mayor of Gananoque. He is a decided acquisition.

The latest British submarine mounts a twelve-inch gun, thus obtaining an explosive power seventy-two times as great as that produced by the six-inch gun usually found on submarines. In both aircraft and undersea boats Britain is abreast of the times.

Ald. Simmons, the only man who had the courage to criticize Ald. Graham and to expose his unauthorised use of the city's property last year, met defeat in Cataract ward. His absence from council this year is a matter of regret. He can be assured, however, that others will carry on in his temporary absence.

City Engineer McClelland, in his annual report of building operations, issues a very reassuring statement for the year just closed. He reports that building permits amounted to \$657,530, or more than double those of the preceding year. Eighty-six residences were erected in the city in 1919, as compared with fifty-two in 1918. Kingston is growing.

A campaign is on in Philadelphia to raise \$200,000 to be spent by the churches in advertising, with a view to increasing their membership and securing a larger attendance at services. One of the arguments advanced in behalf of the movement is that it is profitable for retail business of any kind whatever to advertise.

Ontario's Parliament. When one visits the City of Toronto now and looks upon the fine home in Queen's Park of the Ontario legislators, it is hard to picture the primitive conditions under which the members of the first House met. When Governor Peter Russell called the first session of Parliament in Upper Canada to meet in York on June 1, 1797, the home of the two branches of the House was two small frame buildings situated near what is the foot of Berk-

THE NEW CITY COUNCIL

A good day's work was done on Thursday when the people elected the city council for 1920.

On Wednesday the Whig pointed out that the city had lost, instead of gained, industries during 1919, and asked if this did not suggest the necessity of introducing some new blood into council. It advised that the progressive young men in the ranks of labor, the veterans and the business men's organization should be given a chance. That is exactly what the electorate has done.

The election of eleven new aldermen means the infusion of considerable new blood into council. And it is well. There are enough of the old guard left to temper extreme enthusiasm with prudence. The new personnel is made up of representatives from the different organizations which appealed for support, showing that the people cared little or nothing for clique, but a great deal for the individual candidate's fitness. We believe that, with few exceptions, the people decided wisely. Some good men belonging to the old council have fallen by the wayside, but, luckily, their successors possess the qualifications that bespeak efficient public service.

In four of the wards the new men headed the polls, and in four others they secured second place. This would seem to clearly indicate that the people were not satisfied with the record of the council of 1919, and were determined to effect a change. Some clever and successful business men, most of them young in years, have been called upon to assume the duties of public service. There is no doubt but that they will amply justify the confidence reposed in them. For the past few years the city council has been sadly in need of "more pep," and this is the valuable element that the new men will supply. The Whig believes that, on the whole, the people have made a wise choice. It regards the future of Kingston as safe in the hands of the men who have been elected to guide its destinies during the coming year. New men, new policies, new ideas, are assured. Problems of great moment to the city will present themselves this year. These include: better railway connections, an improved and enlarged harbor, a new hotel, a new public library, a soldier's memorial, a better street railway system, the appointment of a capable industrial commissioner, a more equitable assessment of property, a housing scheme, a rejuvenated Board of Trade or—better still—the creation of a Chamber of Commerce, new schools and the abolition of fees, etc. It will thus be seen that the new council will be called to pass upon many important and pressing problems. The Whig has every confidence that they will not disappoint the expectations of the citizens who elected them on Thursday.

PUBLIC OPINION

Take Warning. (Brantford Expositor.) Next year being Leap Year, all eligible bachelors will need to adopt "Safety First" precautions.

"Probably." (London Advertising.) An Austrian astronomer predicts a great event 150 years hence. Probably settlement of the Irish question.

Awful Stuff. (Exchange.) The dangers of war, even a war in which poison gas was used, are equalled in peace when one tries to "right" some of the drinks of a dry land, as will testify scores of persons who have suffered from imbibing "red-eye" or prohibition time brand.

War Ended Too Soon. (Buffalo Express.) A certain "Christmas prayer," which is being circulated in Germany tends to confirm the opinion that the war ended a month too soon. It should have lasted till the Germans were ready to pray to God, instead of to "the German spirit," and that they might be delivered from empire and its consequences, rather than that empire and glory might be restored to them.

A Dangerous Doctrine. (Philadelphia Record.) It is the belief of many persons that if a business is conducted efficiently and with a reasonable amount of honesty, there should be absolutely no limitation placed upon the growth of its operations. That seems to be a dangerous doctrine; for it is not difficult to conceive situations where vast swollen industries might become so extended as practically to overshadow the Government. To escape such a menace the people would probably turn to State Socialism. The safest course lies between the two extremes.

Canada-East and West

Dominion Happenings of Other Days.

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