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IN THE CIVIC FIGHT.

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MEN WHO ARE SEEKING ELECTION.

Why the Claims of Some Men Should be Considered—Reasons Why the People Have Lost Confidence in Some Candidates—Portraits of Some of the Men.

The civic campaign is now fully on, and Tuesday next the 20th inst. will see rather a sharp contest. The fact that four men are in the field for mayor means a close and decisive struggle, and every elector who can be got to the polls, male or female, old or young, alive or—dead will be represented.

From the centre thought of Mayor Robertson's Carleton address the matter of building wharves at Sand Point is the pivotal question with the electors. Pursuing this thought to its general interence the question will be asked by the voter, are the new men who are asking our suffrages, wharf builders or not? Do they know as much about the best plan of constructing wharves, that will stand the strain of the tides, will continue to stand upright though the foundations on which the engineer supposed they were to stand, were dredged away from under them? Can they get themselves worked up to such a pitch of assurance that they will decide the better way to expend the public money is by paying it out by day's work instead of under the contract system? Can they do as well as the council of last year did with the finances, returning as good a report at the end of the fiscal year—with as many bills carried into the year to come?

The old and the new candidates—the men who have represented the city and those who now ask that opportunity—must be judged for their fitness for the position. It will not do to condemn the old unless the new are better.

It is seen that W. D. Baskin and J. B. M. Baxter are once more asking the suffrage of the electors. Are they men whom the citizens care to entrust with the interests of the city? They were at the council before—they had the confidence of the electors and lost it. Mr. Baskin was a school trustee, appointed by his fellow colleagues at the council board. Why was he not returned to the school trusteeship? Why was he not returned to the council. Why did the electors choose other men in preference to Baskin and Baxter? These are questions that should be asked not by the respective wards where these gentlemen run, but by the city at large.

At the last moment Alderman McPherson was confronted with opposition in Prince Ward. His opponent is Mr. Thomas Kickham. Electors will ask who is Mr. Kickham, and what are his peculiar qualities? Why should he be elected to represent the city. They will also ask is Alderman McPherson opposed because he made such a bold and determined fight against the new market law. This will suggest to the electors that before counting their ballots they should carefully study the features of that market law and see whether Alderman McPherson was not right and whether some of the older councillors were not culpable in allowing themselves to accept a law under a threat. The statement was made at the council board respecting the law, that the city was told to accept this law or none, and Alderman McPherson refused to be coerced.

Alderman McMullin is opposed by Mr. A. A. Mabee. Will some one tell why? Mr. Mabee has as yet not taken the electorate into his confidence either on the public platform or through the columns of the press, and told why he should be returned and a man who has held the confidence of his ward and the city left out. There must be some cause for this determined opposition to Alderman McMullin. It was attempted for days to secure Mr. R. C. Elkin as a candidate against him, but that gentleman could not decide that the contest promised success. For days Mr. Elkin was on a balance, sometimes strong for combat at others not so decided. Then he concluded that he could not conscientiously oppose Mr. McMullin, and the fact was announced. But following on this came the tidings that Mr. Mabee was in the field, and on nomination day the paper of the gentleman was filed. His name is on the ballot paper, and he is in the fight. Now the election may place against each the years of Alderman McMullin at the board—the fact that he has the confidence of the council, and has a satisfactory record behind him, and

on the other hand there is a respectable citizen, an untried man—who has yet a record to make. Where does the choice lie?

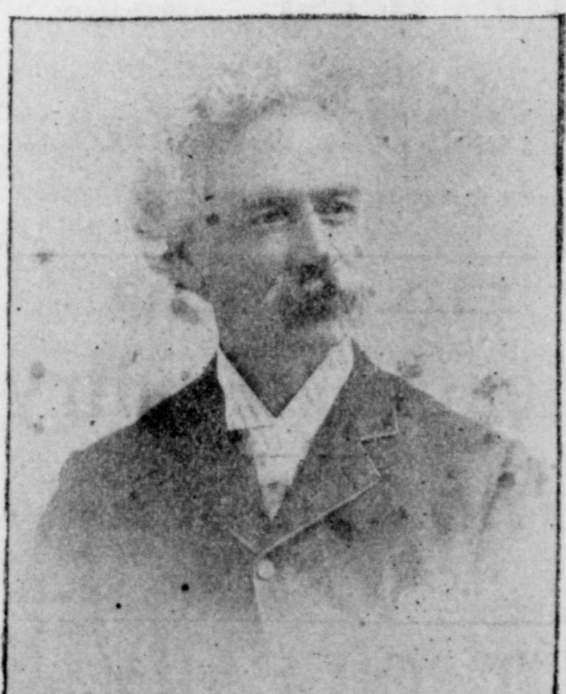
Lansdowne ward presents a peculiar sight; three men, with Alderman Christie, Geo. E. Day and Thomas Miller, in the fight. It is pretty well assured that the contest will lie chiefly between two of these the third man being ignored in a great measure by the electors. Despite the fact that Miller's nomination is lawfully filed there is some doubt expressed as to his continuing the fight, for it was announced in Thursday morning's papers that he was not in the contest, but an evening paper came out with a bold announcement that he had not authorized the statement published in the many papers. And it may be that Mr. Miller will make yet another announcement, though he is yet in the field.



Charles McLaughlan is a man whom all the citizens hold in respect. He has been before the citizens before as a candidate for the mayoralty and the plea was then put fourth that the time was not opportune for his return to office, as the then incumbent had undertaken certain work that could not, so the electors thought, be as well done by another man; whether this was true or not the electors can judge for themselves. Mr. McLaughlan is a man of honesty and integrity—he knows the requirements of the city, has the ability to defend, the precept ion to suggest, and the skill to plan. He asks the suffrages of the electors at the present time because he believes, and a large portion of the electorate believe that he will make a very satisfactory chief magistrate. Whether he secures the seat or not the fact is he will poll a very large vote and there are many indications that he will be a victor.



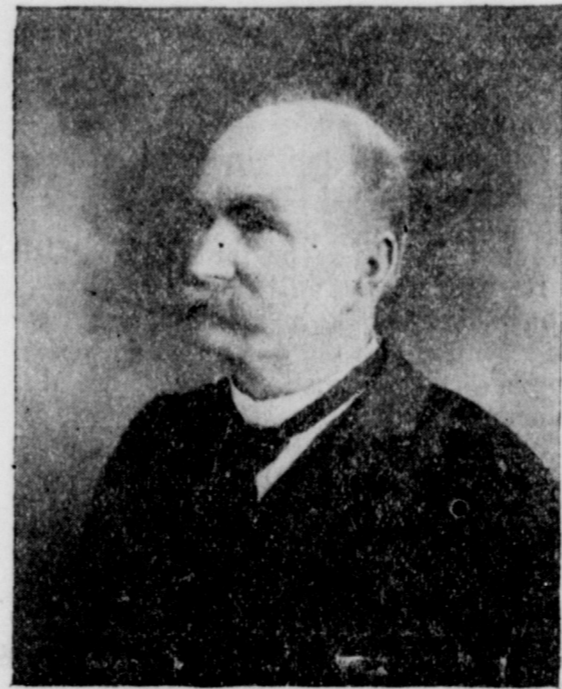
Mr. Geo. E. Day, whose profile appears on this page, is a well known printer, one who has by his own efforts and careful business tact secured for himself a good standing in St. John. He brings into the field in his canvass for alderman a good knowledge as to civic affairs and necessities.



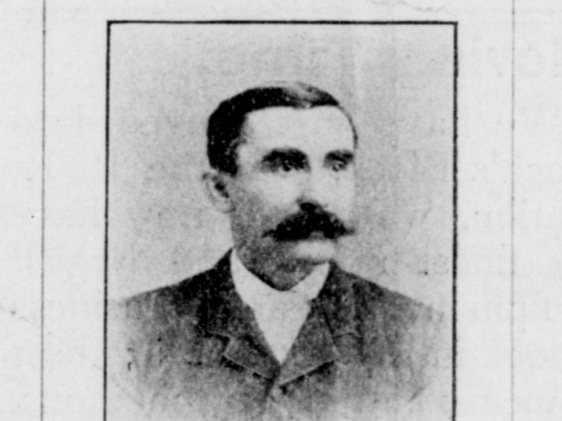
Mr. I. E. Smith has been in the council for some years and has been a good alderman—a man of sound judgment, fair in his decision, he always considered the interests of the city before those of a personal character. He's a good man to vote for and elect.



Ald. D. McArthur, whose portrait is here given has represented the city at the council board, and has won considerable credit because of his action on several important questions. He was one of those who opposed the action of the council in giving out city work by the day instead of by contract. His efforts have been appreciated and he has secured the good will of all by his courtesy, tact and genial good fellowship. He is a successful business man, and a satisfactory alderman at large.



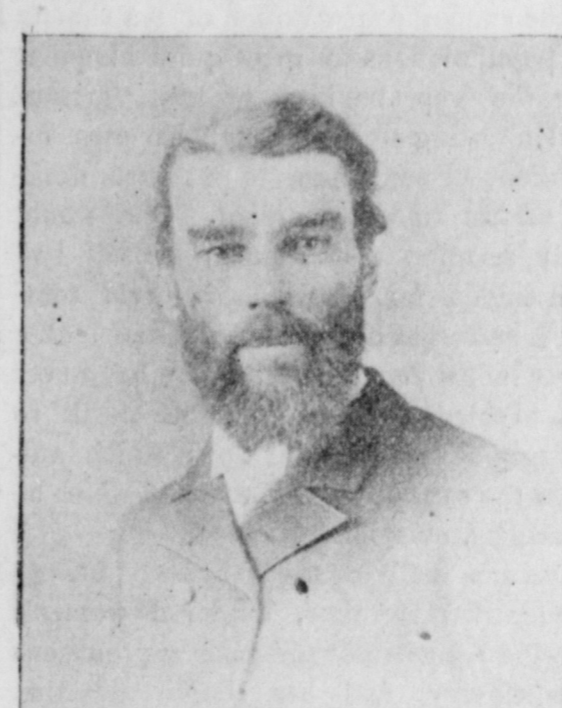
One of the ablest and most business-like members in the present aldermanic council is Ald. Stackhouse of West End. The people of Carleton as well as east sides well know his sterling worth and returned him honorably last election. His judgment on Sand Point affairs, founded on actual acquaintance with the natural formations and style of work there, placed him in a very responsible position in the council. Ald. Stackhouse is again in the field.



Mr. H. I. Her was an unknown man last year. Here is his photo. He is venerable in appearance and if as wise as he appears should be a perfect sage at any Council board.



Mr. Sea'on has been an alderman and will be again. He is a printer and knows much of city affairs.



N. W. Brennan, who asks the suffrages of the citizens as a candidate for alderman for Dufferin ward is a well known business man, is prudent and economical in his own business and should therefore be a man that would give a good account of himself at the council board. He has many friends in the city outside the societies to which he belongs, and will make a good showing against his formidable opponent. Mr. Brennan if elected can be depended on to safeguard the interests of Dufferin ward in particular while general city work will also receive his best attention.

HE FAVORS LILY LAKE

But Failing That, Thinks Rockwood Park is Next Best.

Mr. J. L. Stewart of the Chatham World writes PROGRESS as follows regarding the name of the new park:

"Some years ago, when Joe Knowles was collecting gas bills and manufacturing many more puns than now, when Will Reynolds was editing the Humourist, when John Livingston and Wm. Elder and Timothy Anglin and Edward Willis were journalistic chiefs of St. John, when George James Chubb stood at the corner that bears his name and smiled genially on all his acquaintances, when George Stewart introduced auction sales of bankstock with speeches on the glorious future of the Liverpool of North America, and when Lanergan was playing Don Caesar de Bazan and Iago at the dear old dead and gone Lyceum, years before I retired from the hard work and poor pay of St. John newspaperdom to the ease, opulence and dignity of newspaper publishing on the North Shore, I used to visit Lily Lake, climb over the ledges, among the cedars, gather lilies and scramble down the rocks at its outlet, and dream of the beautiful park of which it might become the central glory. It was one of my stock subjects for newspaper treatment, and I covered a good many sheets of paper with appeals to the city to buy up the land around it and keep it as a pleasure ground for the people. But the City Fathers wouldn't listen to the proposition. "What! Buy land outside of the city for a park. Beautify Portland by the expenditure of St. John taxes! Preposterous, young man, preposterous!"

But the cities have been united, the park dream has been realized, and now you are naming it. I fondly hoped, when the scheme for selecting a name by ballot was announced, that the name that is endured to me by so many old associations, and must be endeared to most St. John people, would be chosen by a large majority. But they are too familiar with it, and evidently regard it as commonplace, for Lily Lake Park has received but two votes. I am reconciled, in part, by seeing that Rockwood heads the list. This is a good name. It is distinctive and descriptive. It fits the place better than any other name than Lily Lake could. It, also, perpetuates the memory of one of the finest gentlemen who ever lived and died in St. John. I hope there is in St. John enough sense of the eternal fitness of things to keep this name at the head of the poll. There are Victoria parks by the hundred, Victoria hotels, Victoria corsets, Victoria everything. Every family in the empire has a Vickie or Torie among its daughters. The choice of that name will be no honor to the Queen and give no dignity to the park. As an expression of loyalty, or a method of celebrating the Jubilee, it is too cheap. Hundreds of towns have Victoria parks. St. John will have the only Rockwood Park in the world if the people select that distinctive descriptive and appropriate name."

Umbrellas Made, Re-covered, Repaired Duval, 17 Waterloo.

AN ASYLUM SENSATION.

AN INMATE OF THE ASYLUM GIVES BIRTH TO A CHILD.

Some of the Facts Connected with the Case—The Woman Had Been Living with a Family at Bay Shore last Summer—Who is to Blame in the Matter?

The community in general will be called upon to learn of a case regarding one of the inmates of the Provincial Lunatic asylum which is of a most sensational character, and has already caused considerable talk on the streets. The case in question is one of rare occurrence and will cause some surprise, not only among the residents of the city but throughout the province.

The story is connected with the name of Alice Cassidy who has for many years been an inmate of the asylum, and who a few days ago gave birth to a child while living in that institution. The Cassidy woman is in the vicinity of forty five years of age and a native of Westmorland county N. B. She is said to have been married to a French Canadian by whom she had several children but had not been living with her husband for some time previous to having been removed to the insane asylum. Her insanity has never been of a violent nature and she consequently enjoyed many privileges which some of the more unfortunate inmates had been deprived of, such as being allowed to walk about the asylum grounds etc. The fact of the matter is that the woman's insanity is said to have been of such a mild form that the superintendent had at one time partly made up his mind to discharge her from the institution.

The facts of the case, about which so many rumors are afloat are as follows: During the early part of last summer the late Dr. James Steeves who was at that time superintendent of the asylum, with his family removed to his summer residence at the Bay Shore. The Cassidy woman who is an expert seamstress and who was known to be perfectly harmless, was taken to live with the Steeves in whose household she made herself useful in many ways. Meanwhile Dr. George Hetherington was appointed superintendent of the asylum to succeed Dr. Steeves who was in failing health. Dr. Hetherington assumed control of that institution August 17th, and upon being more acquainted with his duties received information to the effect that the Cassidy woman was living with the Steeves family at the Bay Shore where she remained until September after which she returned to the asylum. She had only been back a short time when the newly appointed superintendent noticed that the woman was pregnant. The matter was immediately reported to the commissioners who in time recommended that the woman should receive special care from Dr. Hetherington. Relatives of the unfortunate woman were at once communicated with but owing to limited circumstances they were unable to render her any assistance whatever.

The woman has been questioned relative to the case but nothing of a satisfactory nature can be learned from her although she seems to realize that she has done wrong.

The story does not end here by any means and it is in the interests of the public generally that a thorough investigation should be made. The unfortunate inmates of the insane asylum are sent there for care and protection and the people of the province have a right to demand that it be given them. The public will likely hear more of this unfortunate affair.

It Was a Great Success.

President Wilkins of the Polymorphians must have been a happy man Tuesday night when he found himself surrounded by four candidates for the mayoralty and many alderman and would be alderman. The occasion was the club's smoker. The programme was a varied one. There were surprises of various kinds but all of them were of a pleasant nature. All the candidates made requests for votes and each and every one of them received promises galore. Alderman McGoldrick had enough friends to give him a tremendous "sard off". He is an old Polymorphian and has always been a popular one. The main object of the smoker was accomplished—to show the club's strength to the civic rulers and to impress them with the fact that they could assist largely at the celebration in June.

Chairs Re-seated, Cane, Splint, Perforated Duval, 17 Waterloo.