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VERDICT OF THE PEOPLE.

And How it Affected the Common Council For the Year to Come—Dr. Daniel Gets a Splendid Majority for Mayor.

Tuesday was an ideal day for holding the civic elections. It was as fine and warm as Easter Sunday and that is saying a great deal.

Interested parties were at the polls when they opened at 8 o'clock and they began to work with eagerness and avidity. The mayor's fight was supposed to be a close one and the friends of Dr. Daniel were willing to work to see him reach the goal he tried for two years ago. The friends of Dr. Christie looked for the same result. They too were anti Sears men and, in the main, for Dr. Daniel.

The activity of these two parties gave a fairly good idea of how the contest would result. In the North End they had it all their own way. In some of the wards Dr. Smith did not have a representative. The men who had talked the most did not work for him on election day, and this is one of the reasons why Dr. Christie beat him so badly in his own ward and his own end of the town. In Lorne ward, particularly, the majority Dr. Christie got was sufficient to elect him. He won there by 198 votes and his majority over the whole city was only 177. This is what organization and a fair amount of cash did. There were no votes bought but teams were in abundance and voters like to be called for and driven to and from the polls election day.

An analysis of the votes shows some curious things—things no fellow can understand—which cannot be explained. Mayor Sears did not get a majority in any ward in the city. In Prince alone he tied his leading opponent, Dr. Daniel. In Victoria, on the contrary, Mr. Moulson received his only majority. There he counted 108 votes. In one other ward, Lansdowne, he beat Mayor Sears who in his turn was beaten three to one by Dr. Daniel. There is where Dr. Christie got in his fine work. It was said that the Mayor had stated that he had no wish to preside over the council again if Dr. Christie was elected. The latter did his best to satisfy him in this respect.

How Capt. Keast came to grief when all of his friends were away head can be explained by the candidature of Thomas Hilyard. The latter belongs to the North End and his friends gave ample evidence of that fact. Even in Lansdowne he beat the captain ten votes but in Lorne he was behind him 108. The result in the South End was disastrous to the captain and the majority against him 249 votes.

Another of the "ticket" Ald. Stackhouse, went out with Capt. Keast. He did not get the same solid support in the North End as his colleagues and he went under. Ald. Colwell had a handsome majority on the eastern side of the harbor besides carrying Carleton and the result was his victory.

The West side friends of Ald. Allan did not rally to his support as they should have. Dominion politics had an influence there that they failed to exert in any other section of the city. Colonel Armstrong is a strong conservative and the might of the Smith-Lockhart faction was for him. The result was that in one ward Col. Armstrong won by 16 votes. That by the way, is the ward that Mr. J. B. M. Baxter will represent in future and his association with Col. Armstrong in political and military affairs no doubt led him to give him an active support instead of remaining neutral. The "civic reform association" did not oppose Mr. Baxter and while that may not have made much difference in the end it was a surprise to learn that one candidate it endorsed was working against Ald. Allan, who was also endorsed. His defeat is more a matter of regret to his friends than to himself. The busy man of affairs once drawn into civic business can hardly explain why he continues to seek re-election. Frequently it is to try and carry out some suggestion he has made and which he would like to "father." But he has little regret and a sense of actual relief if the people say they want another man. So it is with Ald. Allan whose year's experience has enlarged his ideas as to the demands of the public even from a civic politician.

Ald. Seaton can well afford to be proud of his vote. As representing the South end upon the alderman-at-large ticket, he was pitted against a gentleman, Mr. C. E.

Wilson, who is practically unknown, save in his own ward. He was a close second to Mr. Hilyard who was only 60 votes behind Ald. Tufts, who led the poll. Last year Ald. Stackhouse received the greatest number of votes and this year he was defeated. So fickle is public opinion.

When the fight was over the workers

no matter how slight, which might influence them. "Say Jack wasn't it Mrs. who said there were too many dry goods clerk at the and ball a winter or two ago?"

The other fellow said he thought it was. Without hesitation they both voted for that lady's husband's name and voted for his opponent. But the clerks lost their votes in this ward.

That Liquor Case Dismissed.

The decision in the liquor case against Mrs. McCutcheon was a surprise to those who listened to the evidence which of itself was one of the wonderful things heard in the court. The decision exonerated Mrs.

NO FINE IMPOSED.

An Important Decision in the Police Court—Affecting Drunks in Charge of Their Friends

The activity of the police late last week and to some extent in this has provoked a smile around town. The "cases" they came across seemed to be of a different kind from those who usually occupy the benches. The power of the grape also appears to have increased if one may judge from the nature of the charges laid

respectable and reputable citizen should and he began to argue the question. There is always danger in doing this on Saturday night but the young man neglected this precaution and the result was in a short time he found himself in the police station with enough charges against him to make a deposit of \$80 necessary. His companions escaped arrest but they looked after their friend and soon saw him at liberty. When the case came on it was defended and while the evidence of the police was straightforward enough the magistrate dismissed the case because the prisoner was in the hands of his friends.

Another young man had \$50 deposited for him because he attempted to argue with an officer when he was arresting another man. At the same time the policeman was seeing him home in a friendly fashion and met the subject of the argument in a condition that he thought suitable for the lock up. The decision of a policeman upon such questions should be respected after midnight and the young man erred when he interfered. The fine imposed against him was allowed to stand and the \$50 was returned.

One of the witnesses in the case first mentioned has suffered for his willingness to give evidence. He naturally told the court who he was and what business he was in. It seems that for some time—a year or two or least—he has been a clerk in the city and, just recently, started out in business for himself. The district commissioners have not handed his name in to the assessors and so he is not on the list of rate payers. The police listened to his evidence and they soon discovered that his name was not on the chamberlain's books. Then an information was laid against him for doing business without a license.

That was not the end of it. A Saturday night arrest is apt to lead to a liquor conviction. A man must get his liquor somewhere and in many cases the idea is not only to prove a man drunk but to make him an involuntary informer. He is asked where he got his liquor. Some are cute enough not to remember, others as witnesses, on their oath, have to remember but do not know that they are not compelled to answer such a question. This is what happened in this case and the chief who was on hand promptly laid an information on the answer of the witness. But that is another story.

The management of the police force never needed attention more than it does at present. Internal differences and favoritism are destroying its efficiency. The system of spying makes every man fear his neighbor and naturally that harmony so essential to successful work is lacking.

Progress' opinion on these police matters has always been outspoken—too much so, many think—but the necessity for fearless talk may not be so apparent to them as to newspaper writers who know what is going on. To show that "there are others" who think the same, read what appeared in an evening paper Wednesday.

"Acting apparently by the orders of the chief of police and in direct violation of all law the police officers of the city have made a number of arrests recently which were entirely unjustifiable and for which the officers ought to be either punished by the magistrate or reprimanded or dismissed by the chief. The other day a respectable citizen was dragged before the magistrate for arguing with another some question in which both were interested. On another occasion recently an arrest was made for drunkenness and on top of that was placed two other charges. Again on Saturday night another citizen who is alleged was under the influence of liquor, was arrested and enough charges made against him by the officers to make the Chief call for an \$80 deposit before he would release him. On another occasion within a few days an officer went into a man's place of business at night when the proprietor was engaged clearing up and because the man wasn't sufficiently civil to suit the policeman he arrested him, and charged him with drunkenness. These are a few of the cases which have engaged the attention of the magistrate and have been briefly mentioned in the newspapers.

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SUNLIGHT SCENES ON ELECTION DAY.

Dr. Christie at Work on his Majority in Lansdowne Ward and Dr. Daniel Gazing complacently out of Queens Ward Booth Window. (Court House)

gathered to spend the hour or two before the returns would come in. The city building corner got the greatest crowd, for there, of course, the official returns would be received. But telephone messages are swifter than street cars or horses and a good idea of the result was soon furnished by the Globe bulletins. Aldermen and candidates watched the result as it appeared. Candidate Moulson sat in his carriage until the last bulletin was shown and then drove home. Count deBury arrived on the scene too late. Mayor Sears was not around and Dr. Daniel and those elected were having a jubilation meeting on Germain street. Then the latest thing out, the automobile, took the mayor elect and Ald. Christie about the city. They thus had an excellent opportunity of viewing the condition of the streets of the city and all will hope that may result in some good.

There are four lawyers and three doctors in the present council, one grocer, one engineer, one fish and one lumber merchant, a contractor, a printer and an insurance agent.

Claims Col. Jones as Her Son.

Some time ago Col. Geo. West Jones of the Artillery received a letter from his brother in South Africa, which the military mail authorities out there had handed over to the lieutenant to forward to St. John. It was from an old lady in Scotland, who claimed the Colonel as her son, of whom she had not heard for years. Her son's name must have been Geo. W. Jones, for the old lady wrote very familiarly to our local militiaman, whom she thought to be among the soldiers in Africa. It was a reckless chance the good old Scotch lady took at having her strange missive delivered, but thanks to a combination of circumstances it found its destination, at least as far as the name Geo. W. Jones, is concerned, but there may be several persons of that name in her Majesty's domains.

Had a Grudge Against Candidate's Wife.

Two dry goods clerks were in doubt as to who to vote for in a certain uptown ward on Tuesday. They were on their way to dinner and did not have a great deal of time for pondering. Their ballots were all marked but for this one ward and somehow or another they hesitated about marking it, trying to think of some reason,

McCutcheon but confiscated the liquor. She swore she did not own it. Whether this will introduce a new element into liquor information remains to be seen. It will be an easy trick for an unlicensed vendor to transfer his stock to the premises of some other party and he need not have large enough quantity on hand to be afraid of confiscation.

against some of the offenders.

In olden times it was not considered a great breach against society to run into the arms of a policeman and be locked up. It was a part of the experience of many citizens who today are held in the highest esteem. Society has changed, however, and so has the police force. The young man who goes home nowadays has to be able to see things as they actually are. He is not supposed to take more than a portion of the sidewalk. The police do not take the trouble to mark chalk lines down the centre to guide the wayward pedestrians but they expect them to take an imaginary straight line and if that should be in the curve of an S some officers are not disposed to wait and allow his comrade on the next beat the chance of getting home earlier than him because he has made an arrest.

These recent arrests have caused a good deal of talk. They would have been passed over in silence had the offenders been the same old people who don't take a drink all the week, give no trouble to any body, but Saturday night fall easy victims to a few glasses of beer and the police. But these prisoners moved in high circles. They were young business men for the most part and they assumed that they had greater privileges than their brethren of the lesser order. Their ability to look after themselves or be looked after by their friends was no doubt the basis of their argument, but policemen in this city have not been educated to the fact that a man under "the influence" being looked after by his friends has much greater privilege than the one who has nobody to look after him and is apt to become an eyesore and a nuisance on the street.

Three young men last Saturday night were on Charlotte street and King Square. They were happy, noisy and in such a rollicking mood that they caused quite as much amusement as they seemed to be enjoying. They were not insulting anybody but snatches of song would occasionally testify to their exuberance of spirit. When they met the police on the square the officers asked them to make less noise. Now there are times when such a request appears out of place to some people and one of the trio took offense. He was inclined to resent the imputation that he was acting otherwise than a

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