

THE DAILY MAIL

Published every afternoon (except Sunday) at 327-329 Queen Street, Fredericton, by
THE MAIL PRINTING COMPANY.
 Subscription Price, \$4 per year, by carrier; \$2 per year by mail.
 Telephone 67.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1918

THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

It will be generally conceded that His Worship Mayor Mitchell, who is retiring from office after four years' service, has proved a most capable chief magistrate. During his term he has labored with all his well known energy to advance the interests of the city, and a gratifying measure of success has attended his efforts. In his capacity of first citizen, especially since the great war broke out, many calls were made upon him, but always found him ready and willing to do his part, and in his undertakings he never failed to command the support of the best element of the population. Holding office during the most trying period in the history of the British Empire, he was called upon to perform tasks of a nature such as never came within the scope of his predecessors in office; yet with a resourcefulness which was most commendable, he faced new conditions, met and overcame every obstacle, and at the same time gave close attention to the ordinary routine of his office. His Worshipship retires to private life with a clean and honorable record in civic politics and carries with him the best wishes of his fellow citizens.

In Mr. R. B. Hanson, K. C., who takes office as Mayor without a contest, the citizens have secured the services of a bright and energetic young lawyer, whom we believe will discharge his duties in an efficient manner. Mayor Hanson is new to civic politics, but the experience gained in the office of City Solicitor, which he has held for several years, will stand him in good stead. The acceptance of the office of chief magistrate means to him a personal sacrifice, but one which he feels it his duty to make for the good of the city. His new duties are important and in the discharge of them he is fairly entitled to the hearty support of the members of the City Council and citizens generally.

It is to be presumed that the aldermanic board, which is a fairly representative body, will lose no time in organizing and settling down to the important work of civic government.

MR. BRYAN'S CASE.

Some of the American papers are inclined to resent the treatment accorded to Hon. W. J. Bryan at Toronto, where he was refused a hearing at a public meeting, but others are inclined to look upon it as an event quite understandable. The New York Sun seems to show a pretty fair grasp of the situation when it says:

"The conduct of the Canadian ex-soldiers, ungracious though it was, is thoroughly understandable. Mr. Bryan was beating swords into ploughshare paper weights and was preaching disarmament, universal peace and practical non-resistance, while these men were squatting in water-filled trenches and dodging German shells, wearing gas masks to defend him and the rest of us from German aggression.

"He was exchanging high philosophic thoughts on international arbitration with the amiable Dumba while that astute diplomat was stirring up strikes in American factories. From him Mr. Dumba got the idea that our Lusitania notes were for domestic consumption only, designed to quiet a small and unruly faction of Americans and not intended to warn the Teutonic nations that we would defend our rights.

"Mr. Bryan quit his office because he could not agree to a policy toward Germany that might end in a collision that power, and subsequently, while its agents were seeking to dismember the United States, he was exerting his influence to make success for their schemes possible. To the disturbers Mr. Bryan personifies our sloth and reluctance to bear our share of civilization's enormous burdens, and while it is impossible to overlook their rudeness, it is not very hard to comprehend their attitude."

Says an Ottawa despatch: "No election ever held has come anywhere near entailing either the work or the expense of this one. An ordinary gen-

eral election costs about \$700,000. The 1917 election will cost upwards of \$3,000,000. Arrangements for it, and the aftermath, still in progress, have taken over four months. The Act provides that the members cannot be officially gazetted until the overseas returns come in by mail, but there have been negotiations to waive this provision, subject to the correction of any errors."

The new City Council, when it completes organization, will meet to order the assessment for the ensuing year. It is to be hoped that our civil rulers, in preparing the estimates, will—as politicians so often say—"have due regard for economy and the needs of the public service."

Baltimore American: The destruction of London by the Zeppelin was a failure, the starvation of England by the submarines was a failure, the attempt to stop American troops from reaching Europe was a failure, the drive on Paris and Calais was a failure, only the rae of defenceless Belgium was a success, and yet Germany wants the United States to recognize that she has won the war.

New York Tribune: Germany in domination over Austria, Turkey, Ukraine, Poland, Lithuania, Livonia, and only needing to wait in grim atience for Finland to fall into her grasp, and at peace with her western neighbors and the world, would be a Germany not only undefeated but triumphant. Such a triumph of militarism and imperialistic ambition would be a great disaster for the world.

Through Our Sieve

A man never has to go half way to meet trouble.

Now is the time for all good hens to come to the aid of the pantry.

Every time a small boy gets a whiff of the odor arising from the kitchen he proceeds to get hungry.

Is Nicholas Romanoff to get his old job back at the hands of his old friend the kaiser?

Some women are naturally built for short skirts and others merely think they are.

Another thing this war has taught is that it is well to look also before the other fellow leaps.

"Whatever has become of the old-fashioned man who used to butter his cake?" Maybe he is still insisting upon the butter.

Trotsky's statement that Russia's weakness was her strength might have been all right, if the other fellow had taken the same view of it.

As for the old fashioned citizen who limited his agricultural labors to mowing the lawn he is going to get some hoe handle-callouses this coming summer.

It has been discovered by astronomers that a star in Ophiuchus is nearer the earth than they had calculated. Perhaps the earth had better begin honking its horn.

There are two in this wide, wide world who will always laugh at a man's jokes—his mother and his sweetheart—but when he marries the latter he does a sum in subtraction that is fatal to his reputation as a wit.

Meeting Was Not Held. The annual meeting of the Local Improvement Association was not held last night owing to a misunderstanding. The meeting will be held next Monday night instead.

A CHILD HATES OIL, CALOMEL, PILLS FOR LIVER AND BOWELS

Give "California Syrup of Figs" if cross, sick, feverish, constipated.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicious "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. See that it is made by "California Fig Syrup Company." Refuse any other kind with contempt.

COULD NOT STOP THE HEADACHES

Until She Tried "Fruit-a-tives"—Made From Fruit Juices

112 CONBURG ST., ST. JOHN, N.B.
 "I feel I must tell you of the great benefit I have received from your wonderful medicine, 'Fruit-a-tives'."

I have been a sufferer for many years from *Violent Headaches*, and could get no permanent relief.

A friend advised me to take 'Fruit-a-tives' and I did so with great success; and now I am entirely free of Headaches, thanks to your splendid medicine."

MRS. ALEXANDER SHAW.
 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c.
 At all dealers or sent on receipt of price, postpaid, by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

CIVIC ELECTION IS ENTIRELY BY ACCLAMATION

TWO IN WELLINGTON; ALD. BURNETT RETIRED

Alex. W. Davidson, in Queens, an Unexpected Candidate
 —Wm. McKay "Father of the Council."

The expected nominations for the civic election did not all materialize yesterday, in fact so few were made that it is sure now a contest will not take place as in Wellington ward, the only ward in which two candidates were nominated, neither candidate was desirous of putting the city to the expense of an election and Ald. Burnett withdrew his papers, allowing Mr. Burpee to be elected by acclamation. In the other wards and in the mayoralty the return was by acclamation. The election is to take place on Monday next when the nominees will be declared formally elected.

Mr. R. B. Hanson was elected mayor by acclamation. The nomination of ex-Mayor W. S. Hooper in opposition to him was expected up to the last minute but for personal and family reasons Mr. Hooper did not permit himself to be nominated.

The Nominations.
 Nominations for alderman resulted as follows:
 Wellington—Ald. C. W. Burnett, D. W. Burpee.
 St. Ann's—F. L. Cooper
 Carleton—Ald. T. S. Wilkinson.
 Queens—Alex. W. Davidson.
 Kings—William McKay.

Ex-Ald. W. E. Farrell was expected as a candidate in Queens-ward and nomination papers for him had been taken out. Mr. Farrell, however, decided at the last minute that he would not permit himself to be named as a candidate.

The aldermen are elected for two years and the mayor for one. The aldermen who have served only one year of their terms and consequently did not have to run an election are Judson Barker, R. J. Baxter, Joseph Walker, D. J. Shea and J. A. Reid.

Father of the Council.
 In consequence of yesterday's nominations Deputy Mayor Walker must surrender his position as "Father of the council" to which Ald.-elect McKay succeeds. The new alderman for Kings ward was elected first to the City Council in 1876 and remained at the board for five years as representative of the ward he now represents. Later he was appointed road master, an office which he held for twenty-five years. Subsequently he was appointed health inspector from which office he retired a few weeks ago.

The return of Mr. McKay as alderman has caused an unusual situation. He is chairman of the Police Commission and the mayor is a member. The City Council thus includes in its membership the majority of the Commission although at the time of the creation of that body it was the intention to remove control of the police force from the Council and thus prevent it from being an issue in civic politics.

The nomination of Mr. Davidson in Queen's ward was unexpected. Ex-Ald. W. G. Clark filed papers for Mr. Davidson a few minutes before four o'clock. The retiring members of the Council who will say farewell tonight are Mayor Mitchell, Ald. Everett, Ald. McLellan, Ald. Lemont and Ald. Burnett.

Made First Flight.
 Mr. Walter Kitchen, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kitchen of this city, who enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps some time ago, is now in Texas. In a recent letter to his parents here he stated that he had successfully made his first flight. Mr. Kitchen states that there are two hundred men in the camp where he is located and they found the training very interesting.

John J. Weddall & Son

have just opened an

Exceptionally Fine Line of

Ladies' House Dresses

All Sizes. All Colors and Medium Prices.

Any person needing a dress for morning work would do well to see these. This is the season for

Peabody's Womens Overalls. We have them.

John J. Weddall & Son

Pictorial Review Patterns.

JAP-A-LAC

Household Finishes

Varnish Stains in eight attractive transparent colors and natural.

Enamels in six colors and flat white and gloss white.

Gold Paint for wood or metal.

Aluminum for wood or metal.

Floor and Porch Paint for inside or outside use.

Call for a color card.

R. Chestnut & Sons

PLUMBERS AND HEATERS

THE HARDWARE PEOPLE

WHOLESALE

RETAIL

This Store will close at 6 p.m. Every Saturday during January, February and March.

Notice of Legislation.

Public Notice is hereby given that application will be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, for the passage of an Act authorizing and empowering the City Council of the City of Fredericton to grant further exemptions in respect of Free Water, Free Sewerage and Free Taxation on the site, plant, equipment, stock in trade and property generally of The Hartt Boot & Shoe Company, Limited.

Dated at Fredericton, N.B., this 6th day of February, A. D. 1918.
 MOSES MITCHELL,
 Mayor.
 G. R. PERKINS,
 City Clerk.

4 wks



RAZOR STROPS THAT ARE DIFFERENT

No man can get pleasure or comfort from shaving unless his strop is absolutely right.

Our Stropps produce 100 per cent keen edge always, and insure the highest razor efficiency for a life-time.

Come in and see the splendid stock we have here.

STAPLES' PHARMACY

ALONZO STAPLES, Prop.
 Agency for Miller Standard Rubber Goods.

No Advance in Price

The Daily Mail

Will be sent to any address in

New Brunswick,

For One Year

for

Two Dollars

Payable in advance

A large shipment of records just arrived

Grafonolas on easy terms

E. O. MacDonald

Music Store

560 Queen Street