

THE ELECTIONS.

Civic Contest Resulted in a Number of Surprises.

ALDS. MOORE AND RODGERS AMONG SLAIN.

Ald. Farrell Returned at the Head of the Poll.

FOUR NEW MEN WILL HAVE SEATS IN THE NEXT COUNCIL.

The civic elections yesterday resulted in the defeat of two members of the old council who offered for re-election, Ald. John Moore in Queens ward, and Ald. James A. Rodgers in Kings. Four men new to civic politics will occupy seats at the board this year. They are W. Edgerton Everett, in St. Ann's ward, John McKnight and Harry C. Jewett in Queens ward, and Dr. F. W. Barbour in Kings ward.

The contest was one of the quietest in the history of the city, having passed off without an exciting incident of any kind. The several candidates worked hard for victory, but the best of good feeling prevailed among them, and those who labored in their interest at the polls. A fair sized vote was quietly polled, and it cannot be said that the result is a very great surprise to those who have been watching the trend of affairs of late. The weather conditions were perfect for an election and an unusually large number of lady voters turned out, and what is more they all seemed to cast their ballots for winning candidates.

THE RETURNS.

The official returns of the contest in the two divisions are as follows:

St. Ann's Ward.

	City Hall	Court House	Total
Ald G W Ross.....	285	190	475
W E Everett.....	288	159	447
Cornelius Kelly.....	123	161	284
James L Clayton.....	41	26	67

Carleton Ward.

Ald P Farrell.....	275	220	504
Ald J Maxwell.....	247	217	464
James D Reid.....	191	91	282

Queen's Ward.

John McKnight.....	305	186	491
H C Jewett.....	257	180	437
Ald John Moore.....	188	184	372

King's Ward.

Dr F W Barbour.....	316	176	492
Ald J A Edwards.....	215	196	411
Ald J A Rodgers.....	163	153	316

Wellington ward returned Alds. Scott and Stockford without a contest. Mayor Palmer was also elected by acclamation.

Ald. Farrell is returned at the head of the poll, and all the successful candidates had substantial majorities over their opponents. Probably the greatest surprise of the day was in Queens ward where Ald. Moore, one of the veterans of the council, went down before two new men. Ald. Rodgers' defeat in Kings ward did not exactly come in the nature of a shock to the electorate.

Post Election Speeches.

A crowd of several hundred electors assembled in the city council chamber at the close of the poll, and heard the official returns read out to them by City Clerk Beckwith. Afterwards there were short speeches by several of the candidates, and all were given a most cordial reception.

Ald. Farrell

who was the first speaker was given a very hearty reception. He said it was difficult for him to find words to express the gratitude that he felt for his election. When he considered that he had been at

the council board for so many years, and had assisted to pile up so many evils on the people, his re-election by such a substantial majority seemed little more than miraculous. From the bottom of his heart he wished to thank those who had given him their support. He could say truthfully that he had not approached a single elector with the object of asking him for a vote. It was the best conducted civic election he ever saw, and all concerned were good natured over it. All he would say for the future was that he would go to the board prepared to do the best he could to advance the city's interests. He congratulated the new men on their election and promised to render them all the assistance in his power. There were some important matters to come before the board during the coming year, one being the proposed improvement to the water works intake. There was a strong feeling among the public that a filtration system is needed, in fact the people are almost unanimous in favor of such a change. Whatever is done in that direction must not be done until careful enquiry is made and all information obtained. If it becomes evident to the citizens that our water supply is impure, a reasonable amount expended to make it pure will be of great importance considering the interests involved. He wished to return his heartfelt thanks to the lady voters for the hearty support given him. Many of them went to the polls at personal inconvenience to themselves, not because they believe in woman's rights, but merely to show that they are interested in the government of the city.

Ald. Elect McKnight

who was heartily applauded, said it was the first time that he had ever attempted to make a speech in public. He was very thankful for the hearty support given him, and later on he might have a longer story to tell them. He would not make any promises, but would endeavor to do his best.

Ald. Elect Barbour

who was very warmly received, said that for him it was a very pleasant ending for a very pleasant day. He had been most kindly treated by the other candidates and had not a word to say against them. He had entered the contest with some misgivings and was not sure yet that he had not made a mistake. He started out perfectly independent and would do his best to serve the city. He wished to thank all who had voted for him and more particularly the ladies.

Candidate Reid

who was next called for, responded with a burst of eloquence, that must have made some of those present regret that they had marked his name from their ballots. He said that he went into the field to please the press which had been clamoring for greater public interest in civic matters. He had had experience abroad which he believed would be useful to the citizens of Fredericton. He did not see for one thing why the young men of the city allowed themselves to be so burdened with taxation. The disparity in taxes is not creditable to this town. Why should the poll tax here be \$6 or \$8 when in other places with more modern improvements, such as Boston, it is only \$2. The ladies, he said, were a phenomenon and he could find nothing to equal them. When he was a young man their highest ambition was to be dressmakers, but today they are competing with men in the learned professions, and in nearly every walk of life. Gentlemen, by leaving me out you made a mistake, and I will give you a chance to redeem yourselves next year. I was a stranger in a strange land for 23 years, and if you would find my equal you will have to go a long way. If you don't believe me ask Major Copley, who has had an opportunity to study me. Another year I expect to sweep the board.

Ald. Elect Everett

who was most cordially received, returned his thanks to the electors in a very acceptable speech. The ladies not only voted for him, but had given him the benefit of their influence, which was a very important matter in an election. He hoped to be more familiar with civic affairs at the end of a year than he was now.

Ald. Ross

said he was also indebted to the ladies for a very generous support. One of the canvasses made against him was that he had expended \$125 of the citizens' money,

to provide a pool table for the firemen. Chief Lipsett would bear him out in saying that there was no truth in that story. The firemen had made the purchase with their own money. Ald. Ross referred briefly to what he had been able to do for the fire department and announced that he was very proud of his victory.

Ex-Ald. Moore

said that though a defeated candidate he wished to thank those who had given him their support. He had no hard feelings against those who had voted and worked against him. He was glad to hear Ald. Farrell declare himself in favor of water filtration, as he had opposed the movement on a former occasion. If impure water was responsible for the outbreak of sickness, then the aldermen who had voted against filtration were also responsible. He hoped the new aldermen would look sharply after the appointment of committees, and not allow the work to be out and dried before hand. His responsibility had not been great last year, and it would be less during the coming year.

Ald. Elect Jewett

who was loudly called for, responded in a brief speech. He said he felt very proud of the generous support given him, and he hoped his course at the board would be as satisfactory as the election was to him. He thanked those who had given him their support.

There were loud calls for Clayton and Rodgers, but neither of these gentlemen saw fit to respond, and the gathering quietly dispersed.

Woodstock Fire.

The residence of Mr. H. N. Payson at Woodstock, was destroyed by fire yesterday. Partially covered by insurance.

Notice of Meeting.

The Daughters of the Empire will meet tomorrow afternoon, at 4 o'clock, at Mrs. G. C. Vanwart's.

A Well Known Fact.

It is a well known fact that the Victoria Mission Circle concerts are always worth three times the price of admission. The programme for tomorrow evening is a good one, including selections by the cello trio, a male quartette and solos. Remember Wednesday evening, March 16th in the Methodist vestry, admission 15 cents.—d.

Special Notice.

The following ladies and gentlemen will take part in the grand concert to be held in the Opera House on Thursday evening, March 17, under the auspices of the A. O. H. of this city: Miss F. J. Palmer, Miss May Dolan, Miss Mame McConnell, Miss Lynch, Mr. W. A. Adams, Mr. John Elney, Mr. Lay, Master Leo Dolan, Mr. Wm. Malone. Lovers of music should not miss this grand concert. Seats on sale at McMurray & Co.—d.

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Reception and Musicales

In the PROVINCIAL HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT, on the evening of

March 18th, from 8 until 11 o'clock,

In aid of the Victoria Hospital. Mrs. Snowball, the Honorary Vice President for New Brunswick, has consented to receive, assisted by the Provincial President and Vice President. A splendid programme of local talent. Prof. Cadwallader's Orchestra and the R. C. R. Band will both be heard. Single admission 50c. Tickets at McMurray's.

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