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FREDERICTON CIVIC ELECTION.

Some Important Changes in the Council as the Result of Monday's Contest.

DR. McNALLY ELECTED MAYOR OVER P. FARRELL BY 103 MAJORITY.

Five New Aldermen Have Seats for the Current Year.

THE ANTE-ELECTION SPEECHES AT THE CITY HALL.

The Fredericton city council for the current year will be constituted as follows:

MAYOR.

Dr. George J. McNally.

ALDERMEN.

Wellington Ward—Ald. D. J. Stockford, Ald. Moses Mitchell.

St. Ann's Ward—Ald. George W. Ross, Ald. W. Egerton Everett.

Carleton Ward—Ald. Jas. D. Hanbron, Ald. P. D. McKenzie.

Queens Ward—Ald. John A. Edwards, Ald. Robert F. Randolph.

Kings Ward—Ald. F. W. Barbour, Ald. C. F. Chestnut.

The new members are the Mayor, Alds. Chestnut, Randolph, Hanlon, McKenzie and Mitchell.

The members of the old council defeated were:—John McKnight, in Queens, John Maxwell in Carleton.

Those who did not seek re-election were H. C. Jewett and John S. Scott.

Mr. P. Farrell, a member of last year's council, contested the mayoralty and was defeated.

The civic election yesterday resulted in the return of Dr. G. J. McNally for mayor by a majority of 103 votes over Ald. Patrick Farrell. Of the seven members of the old aldermanic board who offered for re-election, two—Alds. John Maxwell and John McKnight suffered defeat, so the incoming council has five new members besides the mayor.

The greatest intetest of course centred in the mayoralty contest, and those who have been watching the trend of events during the past few days and listened to the canvas being used against Ald. Farrell, cannot be much surprised ove(the result. The veteran alderman conducted a manly and straightforward campaign, and considering the influences arrayed against him, he has no reason to be ashamed of the vote he polled.

Candidate McNally had a good organization in the up-town district, and beat out his opponent in that section of the city by more than two to one vote. In the dawn town division, where a much smaller vote was polled, Ald. Farrell pulled out with a majority of 78 votes.

It was one of the most spirited civic battles the city has witnessed for a number ol years, but good feeling prevailed in and around the polling booths.

Mr. C. Fred Chestnut, the well-known druggist, who stood as an aldermanic candidate for King's ward, had the honor of leading the poll. He secured 671 votes out of a total of about 880 cast, which is said to be the highest polled in the city by a candidate for the city council.

The other new men, Messrs. R. F. Randolph and P. D. McKenzie, received a very generous support in both divisions of the city.

The result of the voting would seem to indicate that the candidature of Messrs. Reid, Rodgers and Kelly was not taken seriously by the body of the electorate.

Following is the official statement of the polls:

FOR MAYOR.

	up town	down town	total
Dr. G. J. McNally...	336	153	489
Ald. P. Farrell.....	154	232	386
Majority for McNally,			103

WELLINGTON WARD.

Ald. D. J. Stockford and Mr. Moses Mitchell by acclamation.

ST. ANN'S WARD.

Ald G W Ross.....	367	239	606
Ald W E Everett.....	351	216	567
Cornelius Kelly.....	134	183	317

CARLETON WARD.

P D McKenzie.....	351	142	493
J D Hanlon.....	186	177	363
Ald J Maxwell.....	172	141	313
J D Reid.....	117	28	145

QUEENS WARD.

R F Randolph.....	305	187	492
Ald J A Edwards.....	176	218	394
Ald J McKnight.....	191	163	354
T H Colter.....	235	117	352

KINGS WARD.

C Fred Chestnut.....	395	276	671
Ald Barbour.....	379	211	590
James Rodgers.....	120	174	294

The first named two in each ward are elected.

City Clerk McCready announced the result of the poll in the presence of a large crowd of spectators in the city council chamber shortly after six o'clock, and declared the successful candidates elected. There were loud calls for

MAYOR. ELECT MCNALLY,

and that gentleman responded with a brief speech. He heartily thanked the electors who had voted and worked for him, and assured those who had not given him their support that he had no ill feeling towards them. He appreciated the honor very much and would endeavor to do his utmost to advance the interests of the city. There were many important matters to engage the attention of the new council, so he expected to have plenty of work to do. He hoped to be able to justify the confidence that had been placed in him.

CANDIDATE FARRELL,

who was the next speaker, said it was scarcely necessary for him to state that the result of the election was most disappointing to him. However, he felt it was his duty to thank those who had voted for him, but he felt that he was under no obligation to those who had voted against him. When he arrived at the poll in the morning, and saw the people arrayed against him, he felt that he stood but little chance of being elected. When he considered the canvas that had been made against him, he was surprised that he got as many votes as he did. He was held up to the people as a man unfit to occupy the position of mayor because he was a Roman Catholic. He would like to know if the man who opposed him would stand up and say that he did not make a lever against him of the school law proposed for the northwest. That canvas, he regretted to say, was used on every street corner. During his career at the council board he had always tried to get along without creating religious prejudices. He had done much to break down a feeling of that kind, which had existed here twenty-five years ago. He believed that he had the intelligence and business element of the city at his back in the contest that had just closed. He had understood that a gentleman, who had supported his opponent, gave as a reason for so doing that he (Farreli) had been a party to the purchase of the old horse roller a few years ago. That statement was entirely untrue. The purchase was made at the time the late Wesley Vanwart was mayor,and he (Farrell) rather than support it had walked out of the council chamber. It was an undignified act on his part, and he had been sorry for it ever since, yet that canvas was made by a man of intelligence. He did not see how the northwest school question could be used as a canvas against him as he had nothing to do with it. They even went so far as to say that if he (Farrell) was elected separate schools would be introduced into the county of York. He held that it was criminal to introduce anything like that in a city like Fredericton, with the object of stirring up the passions of the people and setting them at one another's throats. The time had arrived in the history of this country when the element in the population represented by the speaker must be reckoned with. They are British subjects, contribute their share to the revenue and are good citizens. He would confess that he was disappointed with the election, and it would cause him a little anxiety,but it would soon pass away. He would continue to reside here if his opponents would permit him, and would do all in his power to advance the city's interests. He had felt in giving twenty of the best years of his life to the service of the city that he was entitled to the position he sought. He had felt that it would have been a good thing to have wound up his public career by passing through the mayor's chair. He wish[illegible] to return thanks for the substantial vote that he had received. He was satisfied that it was the last time that he would ever appear to the people in a public capacity. (Applause.)

ALD.-ELECT ROSS

thanked the ladies and gentlemen ratepayers for the handsome vote they had given him. He was prouder this year than ever before. He had twice before appealed to the people for election to the council board and had been successful on both occasions. He had always done his best for the city and would continue to follow the same course. He especially wanted to thank the mechanics and laborers for the splendid support given him. He thought the city needed more new factories, and he would do what he could for their establishment.

ALD. MOSES MITCHELL

in response to loud calls spoke briefly and made a capital impression. He said that since taking up his residence in Fredericton he had taken a warm intetest in the city's welfare, and now that a share of the responsibility of civic government had fallen upon him he would do his best to promote the prosperity of the city.

ALD. J. D. HANLON

said he felt such gratitude to the people of his native city for the honor done him., that he could not find words to give proper expression to his thoughts. He wanted to return thanks for the hearty vote given him and wished to say that he had nothing but kindly feelings towards those who had voted against him. He could assure them that his conduct at the board would not bring the blush of shame to the cheeks of every citizen.

ALD. BARBOUR

spoke briefly in response to loud calls. He was glad that the electors had seen fit to return him a second time, as it was necessary for a man to spend one year at the board to get accustomed to the workings of the council. There was lots of important work to be accomplished during the coming year and he would do his best to protect the interests of the ratepayers.

ALD. EVERETT,

who spoke next, said that his election gave assurance that the people had not been dissatisfied with his conduct during the past year. He had to do with many elections, but had never seen one conducted on better lines than the one just closed. It was certainly a credit to the citizens of Fredericton. He hoped the citizens would not be backward in calling his attention to matters that demanded some action on the part of the council. He promised to serve his fellow citizens to the best of his ability.

ALD-ELECT McKENZIE,

who was very heartily applauded, said he was desirous of returning thanks for the handsome vote received. He had entered the field at the last moment, and was proud of the confidence shown in him by the people after his thirty years' residence among them. He was not much given to speech making, but would go to the board prepared to do his best to advance the city's interests.

CANDIDATE COLTER

next mounted the rostrum and addressed the gathering at some length. He was not in the least down cast over his defeat, and kept the gathering in the best of humor. He wanted to know at the outset why the successful candidates in his ward were not present to return thanks to the electors. Still if they were satisfied he was gratified. He had been elected to the municipal council thirteen times and had never been defeated. He had been asked to stand for Queens ward and had given his consent. The men who opposed him, were strong men. Mr. Randolph had extensive business interests in the city; Mr. McKnight was a very fine man and so was Mr. Edwards. He believed that the latter would give away his coat and walk home in his shirt sleeves. He (Colter) was proud of the very handsome vote he had polled ap town. In the lower division his opponents had won in the fight, but had won it basely. They said "Look out for Colter, he has joined the Conservative ticket," and struck him off. He was confident that he could beat the best of them on Government lane. (Laughter) He had had some doubt at first as to whether he should prepare a rejected or an elected speech, and he split the difference by doing neither. Next year there may be another contest in Queens ward with a different result. (Applause.)

It was nearly seven o'clock when Mr. Colter concluded his remarks, and after calling for divers other candidates, successful and unsuccessful without eliciting a response, the crowd quietly dispersed.

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