

EDWARD SEARS IS CITY'S NEW MAYOR

After Hottest Election for Thirty Years He has Immense Majority --- Five New Men in Council---Ald. McArthur Beaten---Two Year Term Snowed Under.

The civic elections of 1906 are a thing of the past, and the successful candidates can rest easily for twelve months, that is if it is resting easily to look after the city's affairs during that space of time. The successful candidates were about bright and early this morning, despite the late hour of receiving the returns, and the inevitable hand shake and congratulations were very much in evidence. There will be five new men at the council board, as well as a change in the incumbent of the mayoralty chair. Only two of the old aldermen were defeated, Ald. Frink, who sought the chief magistracy's seat, and Ald. McArthur, who took the alderman at large field to run for Dufferin ward.

Mayor elect Sears' majority is very substantial and the successful candidates with the exception of Dufferin and Dukes ward, were good pluralities.

According to the official figures there were a few errors in the Queens ward returns, as published in the morning papers. In that ward for Ald. at large, J. M. Smith received 81 votes instead of 88. Lewis received 428 instead of 370, which increases his majority by 58. Kichham was credited with 40 votes too many, 165 being the count instead of 205. Willet's lead is also cut down 5 votes, 339 being the figures instead of 344. This will make a slight difference in the totals, but will not affect the result.

The defeated candidates for the most part take their defeat good naturedly, and express thanks to their friends who assisted them both by work at the polls or by their votes.

There were quite a lot of suppressed excitement at City Hall last night, and until an early hour this morning, as the large crowd which had gathered there received the returns from the various wards. The first returns were received from Stanley, and the other wards followed at intervals until after 3 o'clock, when the count from Queens was received.

There was quite a long wait for the results from Dufferin and Queens. It was not until they were heard from that it was definitely known that Ald. Vanwart was re-elected and that Ald. McArthur was defeated.

Shortly after 3 o'clock the returns from Dufferin came in and it was seen that McArthur was leading Willet by a few votes. After waiting some time the common clerk decided he would receive the official vote of Queens ward later this morning. An unofficial list was, however, received that showed what the result was.

Calls were made for a speech from the mayor elect, and Mr. Sears responded. He said if he could find speech he would like

to return thanks to all who had helped him pile up such an immense majority. He went into the contest relating the importance of the matters at issue. He had seen many of the electors and talked over the various matters, and felt that he was there as a result of his action. He knew the people were with him, but little dreamed the figures would reach those before him. While grateful for their efforts in his behalf he could not but feel regret for those who had been beaten. It was no reflection on them, it was not that the people loved them less, but that they loved him more and felt that he could right whatever wrongs there were.

It lay with him to see how well he could fulfill this trust. He wanted to do his duty to the city which he loved. He longed to see it prosper and asked all the citizens of St. John to assist him with that end in view. After again thanking those present, he resumed his seat.

There were cries for Ald. McArthur, and in response the alderman spoke a few words. He claimed he would have been elected but for the unfair canvass made against him. He thanked all those who unsolicited and without pay had rolled up the big vote that had been recorded for him. He did not feel defeated by a lack of 40 or 50 votes. With regard to the water question he had never admitted there were any claims and would always advise that Engineer Barbour's recommendations to the board be adopted.

That day a canvass had been made against him by personal enemies. In conclusion he said he could only trust that his successor would give the same pains and attention to civic matters that he had given the last twelve months. When the time came he would again be in the field and he had no doubt his friends would rally round him.

Expresses His Thanks

To the Editor of the Times:

Dear Sir,—Permit me to take this opportunity of thanking my numerous personal friends, and all who in any way contributed to my very large vote of yesterday, which is certainly very remarkable under all circumstances and shows great personal strength of voters. The determination and pluck shown by those of friends yesterday who came forward without solicitation and gave their time and influence freely. Again thanking the electors for the increased vote of confidence as recorded yesterday and assuring the public that I am greatly pleased with the vote, and always ready, as in the past, to do my whole duty by every citizen of St. John. I am Yours truly,

DOUGLAS McARTHUR.

streets. She has also a sister, Mrs. Henry Miller, living at 473 Essex St. Lynn, Mass., and who has, it is stated, been sending the deceased \$5 per month since she started living alone. The police telegraphed Mrs. Miller this morning about the death. Officer Gosselin also notified Mrs. Morrison this morning of her mother's death. Coroner Kenny told the Times this afternoon that in all probability he would not hold an inquest.

HE GOT HIS WATCH BACK

Monday night between eight and nine o'clock Patrick Walsh reported to officers Gosselin and Lee that his silver watch had been stolen from him by Manzer Eatan, a colored man.

When Eatan arrived on the west side he was met by the officers and asked about the watch. He stated to them that Walsh sold the watch to him for fifteen cents and when requested by the police to hand the watch over, did so. It appears that Walsh had been drinking and to get the price of a couple of drinks Eatan says he sold the watch. Walsh does not wish to prosecute the case and was content with receiving his watch. Eatan is out fifteen cents on the bargain.

The harbor fishermen are reaping a harvest along the harbor front today. The mild weather during the past two days has caused the gale-force winds to come in from the bay and all the boats are getting large catches.

HARRY WHITE SENT UP ON FORGERY CHARGES

Another Charge of Forgery of an Express Order for £411 Will be Laid Against Him on Friday --- He Pleads Not Guilty.

Harry B. White, charged with forgery, in connection with the Dominion Express office, was this morning committed for trial on the P. J. Donohoe and Geo. E. Price charges. That makes three charges that White has been committed on, he having been sent up for trial on the "Domino" case.

On Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock another charge of forgery will be laid against the defendant. The prosecution alleges that White sold an order for \$411, payable at the bank of Nova Scotia, to P. F. Collier & Son, through their agent, Mr. McNair, and that he completed the charges to be laid against the prisoner.

George E. Price, druggist, said he was a branch agent for the Dominion Express Co., and he had never given Harry B. White authority to sign or to use his name; nor did he ever authorize him to

take any blank orders out of the order book.

Stanley M. Wetmore, clerk in the previous witness' store, said that he remembered Mr. White, between Feb. 28 and March 3rd, coming into the store and saying that he wanted to get a couple of money orders. He went to the desk and the witness asked him, "Aren't we responsible for them?" He requested the witness to tell Mr. Price that it would be all right. He had to use the orders before he got back to the office. The witness said that the defendant signed his initials on the stubs of the three orders taken. The orders were produced purporting to be signed by Geo. E. Price. The witness said they were not signed by Mr. Price or himself.

To all these charges White pleaded not guilty, and was remanded until Friday.

SAN FRANCISCO HAS AWFUL EARTHQUAKE; GREAT LOSS OF LIFE

Shock Came Early This Morning---Said to be 1,000 People Killed---Water Supply Cut Off and Many Fires Add to Horrors---Many Buildings Crumble to Earth---Sacramento and Los Angeles Also Suffer.

SAN FRANCISCO April 18—San Francisco was practically wrecked by an earthquake at 5:10 this morning. The business section of the city from Market street to Mission street and from the Bay back has been almost completely wrecked. The Call and Examiner buildings are destroyed.

Many buildings along Market and Mission streets, including the department stores collapsed. Hundreds of people in the cheap tenement districts are reported killed. Fires are raging and owing to the scarcity of water are practically beyond control. Business is practically suspended. The office of the Postal Telegraph Co. in the Hobart building are wrecked as is the Associated Press building at 302 Montgomery street. The residence portion is but slightly damaged although nearly every house has been more or less injured.

The Postal Telegraph Company received information that the greatest damage from the earthquake was done to property in the following streets: Drumm, Davis, Front, Battery, Sanson, Montgomery, Kearney, Spear, Main, Beale and Fremont.

No Water to Fight Flames

NEW YORK, April 18—At about 9:40 the Postal Telegraph Company had communication with their San Francisco office but lost the connection again almost immediately. In the brief period that the wire was working the San Francisco office reported that a number of buildings had collapsed and that the dead and injured were being taken from the ruins as rapidly as possible. At the time this message came through the principal danger was from the fires. A number of which had started and were making great headway owing to lack of water.

Many Buildings Falling

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 18—At 3:33 this morning the Postal Telegraph Co. here stated that the only information obtainable from the west was that their operations at San Francisco had left their building in that city and reported that many buildings were collapsing and that many fires were breaking out with no water available to fight the flames. People were fleeing from the affected districts.

1,000 Lives Lost

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 18—At 9:15 a. m. the Postal Telegraph Co. here had received the following information from Los Angeles: It is reported that one thousand lives have been lost in the earthquake at San Francisco. Both the Postal and the Western Telegraph buildings in that city have been destroyed.

A disastrous fire is eating its way up the south side of Market street, and accounts was within three blocks of the Palace Hotel.

Water mains were bursting and the fire department was absolutely helpless. Business has been entirely suspended.

Many St. John people have friends or relatives in San Francisco, and the Times office was besieged by eager enquiries all day. Among St. John men in that city is George B. McLeod, son of H. D. McLeod, of the Dominion Savings Bank. Mr. McLeod is with the Hammond Lumber Co.

GREAT LAKE UNDER CITY

Cave in at Charleston, W. Va., Reveals Existence of Subterranean Lake Under Heart of City.

CHICAGO, April 18—A despatch to the Record-Herald from Charleston, W. Va., says:

The city of Charleston was thrown into excitement yesterday by the discovery of a gigantic cave directly beneath the town. The cave contains a large lake.

Men blasting rock made the discovery of the lake and cave in when the discharge caused the earth to crumble and fall in, leaving a great hole.

Workmen ventured into the cave in exploring it for a considerable distance. They discovered the lake and returning to the surface procured a small boat, in which they rowed about for several hundred yards. There are limestone formations in the cave in similar to those in the noted Luray caves. The water of the lake is remarkably pure and is cold and sweet to the taste. A systematic exploration of the cave in will be begun today.

Rev. T. A. Moore, of Toronto, assistant secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, passed through today en route to P. E. I., where he will assist in trying to defeat the bill now before the house, to allow street cars to run on Sunday.

C. W. McLean, of Ekin's Point, Cumberland Co., his daughter, Miss Victoria McLean, and his grandchild, Master Carry McLean, narrowly escaped drowning on the river last Friday morning, their horse and rig went through the ice.

ORURO IN PORT

The West India steamship Oruro, Capt. Seeley arrived in port this morning from Bermuda, Windward Islands and Demerara with a general cargo. The following is a list of her cabin passengers: W. D. McKenzie and wife, Dr. W. F. Burns, T. J. Seeley, H. T. Goddard, W. H. Harrison, W. H. McKie, J. Mills, W. Walcott and son, Mrs. S. D. Lewis.

Six second cabin and four steerage passengers including 3 Chinese, also came up in the Oruro.

The vessel had a very fine trip up from Bermuda. The Oruro has on board about 1200 packages of molasses to land here.

LATE LOCALS

Work was commenced on the construction of the street railway tracks into Fairville this morning.

The Montreal stock market opened stronger today, with light dealings and slight recessions later.

The ice at Fredericton started during the night and moved a few feet when it jammed against the bridge piers. It is liable to start again at any moment.

The steamer Hampstead leaves today at 3 o'clock for Shamper's wharf. The City Queen will start on Saturday for Gagetown, and the Majestic leaves tomorrow. The Victoria will probably start Monday.

The bishops will meet at Halifax on the 28th inst. for the purpose of submitting three names to be sent to Rome in connection with the appointment of the successor to the late Archbishop O'Brien.

V. A. Danville, of Chatham is in the city.

BRILLIANT NUPTIALS

Miss Jennie Ross, of St. Stephen, and W. H. T. Spinney of Yarmouth Married Today

ST. STEPHEN, April 18—(Special)—Miss Jessie Brunner Parker Ross, second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert K. Ross and William Townsend Spinney, of Yarmouth, N. S. were married in Trinity church this afternoon by Rev. J. A. Winchell, M. P. P. The police learned today that the old cruiser has been broken in on several occasions, and how much brass has been taken is not known as yet. The boys were remanded in the police court this morning.

The bridesmaids were Misses Gladys Blair and Mildred Todd. The flower girls were little Misses Kathleen and Aileen Byrne and Helen McNeil. The groom was supported by Eric Spinney of Yarmouth, C. A. Whitlock, N. Mark Mills, Frank A. Daston and Harold Purves were ushers.

At the close of the ceremony a largely attended reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Spinney left on the evening train for a visit to Montreal, Quebec, Toronto and Boston, intending to return to Yarmouth by boat.

DEATH OF "BLACK POPE"

ROME, April 18—Father Louis Martin, General of the Jesuits, known as the "Black Pope," died shortly before noon today. He had been suffering from cancer in the breast.

The funeral of Mrs. Stephen J. Lauckner, who died yesterday at her home, 177 Sydney street, will take place tomorrow (Thursday) and not today as has been stated.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

When the Times new reporter was coming to work this morning he met a procession of gentlemen who were going fishing. They said this was a good day for them to go fishing.

HUMAN AMBITION.

They were talking about the civic elections, and the influence of ambition upon the human mind. One man wants to be mayor, and another an alderman, while still another yearns to get an office in some civic department.

REFORMING ENERGY.

Six gentlemen named Sears, Lockhart, Lantulum, Willet, Rowan and Christie have chartered a barouche and will make a careful tour of all the streets of the city. They will also hold a series of conferences with civic officials, and get next to all the civic departments, contracts, and finances. These six reformers are not a majority of the council, but they are confident that they can make several converts, and make this city blossom as the rose. It is a large contract, but they are reforming energy humps itself, it's surprising how things do happen. Watch the BIG SIX.

DEAN PARTRIDGE HAS PASSED AWAY

Eminent Fredericton Clergyman Died This Morning---African Church Loses Valuable Member---Rev. W. O. Raymond Pays Tribute to His Work in the Church.

FREDERICTON, April 18—(Special)—The Episcopal Church in New Brunswick lost one of its ablest divines, and Fredericton a most popular and worthy citizen, this morning, in the death of Rev. Dean Partridge, which occurred at the denary at nine thirty o'clock.

Not only was he beloved by the church people of the city, but no clergyman enjoyed greater popularity with all denominations, and sorrow over his demise is universal. The dean has not enjoyed good health for more than a year, but his last illness, which was due to an attack of jaundice, dated back a period of seven weeks. He had a bad turn on Saturday of last week, and it became quite evident to the attending physician that he had only a few days to live. He had another serious turn yesterday afternoon, but during the evening he rallied somewhat, until temporarily, and for a time rested easy.

At two o'clock this morning he lapsed into unconsciousness, and remained in that condition until the end.

He is survived by a widow and family of five sons and four daughters, viz: Mrs. W. B. Wells, Westfield; Francis E. New York; Mrs. Gilbert Fennell, Montreal; Arthur and Aubrey of Rochester; Muriel, Charlotte, Harold D., and Basil G., at home.

During his residence here the Dean took an active interest in all matters pertaining to the material and moral advancement of the community. He was president of the local branch of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, president of the S. P. C. A., and was identified with several church organizations. He was an able and scholarly preacher and an indefatigable worker in the Master's cause. He ranked high as a musician, and a few years ago was instrumental in organizing a choral society here. In 1900 the Dean received the honorary degree of LL.D. from the University of New Brunswick.

One brother, Rev. John Partridge, is a resident of California, and a brother and sister live in England.

It has not yet been decided when the funeral will be held, but a compliance with a request made by the diocese, the body will be interred in the parish burial ground, Kingsclere. Services will be conducted at the cathedral and it is expected many clergy of the diocese will take part.

The following appreciation of Rev. Dean Partridge by Rev. Dr. Raymond will be of special interest to readers of the Times:—

The news of the death of the late Dean of Fredericton, though an unexpected loss in view of the grave reports as to his condition which have lately appeared in the daily papers, will nevertheless come as a shock to the members of the Church of England, not only in this province but throughout the Dominion. No one of our clergyman was more widely known or more generally appreciated for his varied gifts and talents. He was foremost among the scholars of the Church, an eloquent preacher and platform speaker, actively in-

terested in educational work, a musician of no mean abilities, a valuable man in the councils of the Church and most faithful in his pastoral work. Busy as he was with the duties of his calling he nevertheless found time to take an interest in other matters. He was a good citizen and deeply interested in any movement having for its object the betterment of the community in which his lot was cast. He was a man of kindly heart and most sympathetic toward the younger clergy, with whom he was brought into close contact at the time of his ordination, as being the Bishop's examining chaplain. The impress of his strong personality will long remain in the hearts and minds of those who knew him best. Following so closely upon the death of Canon DeVeber and Canon Roberts, the loss to the Church will seem all the greater. He is taken away in the midst of his usefulness and the place he filled in the councils of the Church and in his office as Dean of Fredericton will indeed be hard to fill.

Who's Who for 1903 has the following biographical sketch of the late Dean:

Francis Partridge, D. D., Hon. D. C. L. and LL. D.; D. D. and D. C. L. King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia; LL. D., University of New Brunswick; Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, N. B., since 1894. Born at Dursley, Gloucestershire, 1846, son of Charles and Catherine Partridge; married in 1868 Louisa, youngest daughter of John Gillet of Bristol, Educated at Lady Catherine Berkeley's Grammar School, Wootton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire and at St. Augustine's College, Canterbury; came to Canada in 1868; appointed head master of the grammar school, St. Andrew's, N. B.; ordained a deacon in 1869 and a priest of the Anglican Church in 1870 by the late Bishop Medley of Fredericton; rector of Rothesay in 1872; Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, 1879; secretary of the Synod of Fredericton 1879-1881; rector of St. George's, Halifax 1881; secretary of the Synod of Nova Scotia 1881 to 1884; Canon of St. Luke's Cathedral, Halifax 1883; Lecturer in apologetics in King's College, Windsor 1889; examining chaplain to Bishop of Nova Scotia and rural dean of Halifax 1889; examiner in Hebrew and classics, King's College, Windsor, 1889; lecturer in Canon law since 1889; public orator, since 1891; examiner for Divinity degree of Provincial Synod of Canada since 1890; member of Provincial Synod of Canada since 1874; member of General Synod since 1892; examining chaplain to Bishop of Fredericton.

Dean Partridge published various sermons and lectures and a work on Hebrew grammar without points. His principal recreation was music, and he was the composer of many anthems, services and songs. The funeral of Dean Partridge will be held on Friday afternoon.

BRASS STOLEN FROM CRUISER

Yesterday afternoon Joseph McElheney, aged 17, and Carl Kemp, aged 15 years, were arrested by Officer James Greer on Mill street, on suspicion of stealing a quantity of brass.

Officer Greer saw the boys going along Mill street with about twenty pounds of brass and questioned them about it. They did not tell a very straight story, but said that they had gotten it in the York Point ship and were going to sell it to a Jew.

It has been learned that the brass was taken from the old cruiser "Aetolia" lying in a slip near by and owned by Ed. Lantulum, M. P. P. The police learned today that the old cruiser has been broken in on several occasions, and how much brass has been taken is not known as yet. The boys were remanded in the police court this morning.

THE SUDDEN DEATH OF SAMUEL BLAINE

Well Known Citizen Died in Boston Early This Morning --- He Had Been Afflicted With Cancer in His Throat.

Word was received here this morning from Boston of the death of Samuel Blaine, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of this city.

The news was a great shock to his friends he had not been ill and his death was entirely unexpected. He had been troubled somewhat lately with a growth of cancer in the throat and decided to go to Boston and consult a specialist as to the advisability of undergoing an operation for its removal. Accordingly he left here on Tuesday the 10th inst. accompanied by his wife and it was expected that word would be received of a reassuring character, it was therefore a great shock when the telegram announcing his death which occurred at three o'clock this morning, was received.

Mr. Blaine was one of the oldest employees of J. & A. McMillan, having been in the service of the firm for the past thirty-eight years. His father, Col. A. Blaine and a brother Alexander Blaine are also employed in the Prince William street publishing house.

In the order of Knights of Pythias Mr. Blaine was one of the best known and hardest working members, and his death will be a distinct loss to the order. He was one of the oldest members of New Brunswick Lodge No. 1, and of Cygnus

Company No. 5 of the Uniform Rank.

He was a past chancellor of his lodge; has served as a grand representative, filled almost every office within the gift of the lodge and has always been an indefatigable worker in its interest.

He was in harness, up to the time of his death, occupying the position of Master-at-arms in his lodge, and he was at his work in McMillan's right up to the day that he left for Boston.

The officers of the order of K. P.'s could not say this morning whether it would be a Pythian funeral or not, as that remains for the widow to decide. It is felt however, by the Knights that he should be interred with full Pythian honors.

Chancellor Commander, C. S. Everett, of N. B. Lodge, has communicated with members of the order in Boston, to look after the funeral arrangements there. It is expected the body will leave there tonight and arrive here tomorrow at noon. Notice of the funeral will be given tomorrow.

Besides his wife, who was Miss Case, sister of John H. Case of this city, he is survived by his father and mother, one sister, Jenny, at home, and two brothers, Alexander, employed in McMillan's, and James, in the Savings Bank. Mr. Blaine was about 50 years of age.