

JAMES A. BELL
County Engineer

Born in the township of Lobo, county of Middlesex, in 1851. Educated in county schools and by private tuition. Graduated as an Ontario land surveyor in 1875. Elected member of Canadian Society of Civil Engineers in 1887. Came to St. Thomas in 1876 and has resided here since. Engaged in surveys of Canada Southern Railway and had charge of erection of Cantilever bridges over the Niagara river in 1883. Was city engineer of St. Thomas from 1882 to 1891 and from 1896 to 1911 and engineer for the county of Elgin since 1882. Now engaged in private practice under the name of Jas. A. Bell & Son.

Was married to Kate Darrach of St. Thomas in 1882. Family consists of five sons.

Residence: 81 Elm street.

WALKER C. CAUGHELL
Clerk, Yarmouth Township

Born near Yarmouth Centre January 5, 1859. Mr. Caughell received his education at Yarmouth Centre public school and until his appointment to the position which he now holds, in 1901, assisted his parents on the farm. His father, John C. Caughell, was assessor for the township of Yarmouth and Mr. Caughell gained considerable knowledge of township affairs through his parent whom he used to assist in his official capacity. For the ten years prior to his appointment as clerk Mr. Caughell was auditor for the township. He is secretary-treasurer of the Elgin Municipal Association, associate auditor of Elgin county, second vice-president of the Municipal Association of Ontario, treasurer and a director of the St. Thomas Y. M. C. A.

He is a member of the A.F. & A.M. and of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Married in 1883 Miss Annie Marlatt, daughter of the late Joseph Marlatt, Yarmouth.

Residence: 27 Regent street.

PATRICK MEEHAN
Alderman; Shoe and Leather Merchant

Born in Ireland, 1848, son of Frank and Catherine Meehan. Educated in Ireland and came to Canada, settling in St. Thomas in 1872. Spent eleven years in the service of the Canada Southern Railroad, 1872-1883; entered the boot, shoe and leather business in 1884 and has been engaged in it ever since, occupying one stand on Talbot street for over thirty years. Elected alderman of St. Thomas 1882; mayor by acclamation, 1889; re-elected, 1900, by the largest majority ever given a mayor in the city; was very active in locating the city hall on its present site, thereby connecting St. Thomas East and West, and removing the sectional feeling that existed previously; appointed justice of the peace, 1905.

A member of the Catholic Church and a Conservative in politics.

Married, 1882, Miss Julia Regan, of London. There are four boys and four girls.

Residence: 836 Talbot street.

LEONARD GEORGE THOMPSON
Alderman

Born in Walkerton, Bruce county, 1868. Educated in the public and grammar schools of his native town and removed to St. Thomas 1888, where he began his railroad career. Mr. Thompson has had a wonderfully varied and interesting career, serving in the transportation departments of upwards of a dozen railroads and steamship lines throughout North and South America, visiting Scotland and Ireland in the pursuit of his numerous duties; served with U. S. regiments with distinction during the Spanish American War and was wounded at the battle of San Juan Hill; served with his regiment with General Funston during the guerilla warfare in the Philippine Islands, returning via San Francisco. He received an honorable discharge with rank of sergeant major and record of distinguished service. Returning to St. Thomas he again entered railroad work as conductor on the Wabash; after his resignation he engaged in business for six years.

Past president of the B. of R. T.; member I. O. O. F.; charter member and trustee L. O. M. No. 999; elected alderman 1914.

F. L. BRINKMAN
Alderman; Trainmaster, Pere Marquette

Born in Michigan City, Indiana, August, 1869; educated in the public and high schools of his native city.

Entered upon an active career at an early age, starting as a messenger for the M.C.R.; has been connected with the United States Rolling Stock Co., of Hegewick, Ind., the Pullman Car Co., Pullman, Ill., for two years; the Featherbone Co., at Three Oaks, Mich., and removed to St. Thomas in 1889 with the last named concern with whom he continued till the dissolution of the firm.

Entered the service of the Grand Trunk R. R. in 1892; served with the M.C.R. for nine years, both in the Western and Canadian division until 1903. When the Pere Marquette opened their Canadian division in 1903 Mr. Brinkman went with them as a conductor and has risen until today he holds the position of yardmaster with that road. As an alderman in the city for the past six years he has always stood for the best in civic government and enjoys the goodwill of his fellow citizens to a marked degree.

He is a member of K. of P.; I. O. O. F.; L. O. O. M.; B. of P. T.; Canadian Association Trades and Labor Council.

Married Miss Middleton of St. Thomas, in 1887. There is one son in family.

Address: 79 Elgin street.

J. T. WEBSTER
Alderman; Automobile Dealer

Born in 1863 in Ekfrid township, Middlesex, Ontario; educated at public school section No. 1, Ekfrid. Mr. Webster came to St. Thomas in 1880 and secured employment with the Canada Southern Railroad, now the M.C.R., in the bridge construction department. In 1891 he was appointed general foreman, which position he held until 1910, when he resigned and purchased a livery on Elgin street and the garage of the Elgin Automobile Co. at the rear of the Grand Central Hotel. While in the employ of the M.C.R. Mr. Webster was also active in other lines, operating the Palace Livery for a few years and in 1889 bought the greenhouses on St. Anne's Place, which he conducted until 1904, when he sold out to Ralph Crocker. His livery was destroyed by fire two years ago and since he has devoted all his time to his garage which is one of the most up-to-date in Elgin county. This year a large addition has been made to same in order to accommodate his rapidly growing business. Agent for Reo and Russell motor cars. Now serving his second consecutive term in the city council. Chairman of the public works committee 1914.

Member of Alma Street Presbyterian Church and K. of P. Married in 1884 to Miss Mary Lethbridge. There is one boy and one girl in the family.

Residence: 99 Gladstone avenue.

C. A. HAMMOND
Alderman

Born 1860 in Oro township, East Simcoe; son of William and Violet (McKinley) Hammond. In 1879 he removed to Hartford Mills, New York State, with his parents, and after passing through the public school there, assisted his parents on the farm until 1880, in which year he went to Bergen, N. Y. In that same year he came to St. Thomas and was employed as yard switchman on the Canada Southern Railroad. In 1881 he entered the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad as brakeman, with headquarters at Auburn, N. Y. In 1882 returned to St. Thomas and entered the service of the M. C. R. as brakeman; four years later he was promoted to conductor on freight and construction trains; in 1890 Mr. Hammond received severe injuries in a wreck and never re-entered the services of the company; in 1893 he entered the wholesale and retail cigar and tobacco business, which he conducted for 20 years at the corner of John and Talbot streets, disposing of same in May, 1913, to W. Martin. Elected to city council in 1914; elected chairman of the Board of Health and as such has inaugurated one of the best garbage systems in the country.

Member of A. F. and A. M., R. A. M. and C. O. F. In religion a Latter Day Saint.

Married in 1900 to Anna Louise McQueen, (since deceased). Has one daughter.

Residence: 57 Alma street.