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FUNNY CIVIC CONTEST.

JOHN K. STOREY A CANDIDATE FOR
MAYOR IN HARVEST.

Some incidents in connection with filing
of the Paper—Where the contests are and
who made a dead silence of election—Six
aldermen at large.

The civic contests have been made
so the contest has narrowed down to five
contests.

There are three candidates for the office
of mayor—four wards are in position
in four wards while six candidates are in
the field for aldermen-at-large. Only two
of these may be elected and the most inter-
esting question of the campaign is what
two will get the most votes.

With considerable hesitancy and much
trouble in such the merchant candidate
and his friends, John K. Storey, acceded
to the wishes of his many friends and filed
his nomination on Tuesday. He was on
the street early in the morning getting ad-
vice from his friends as to what his course
should be. Some were very blunt in their
remarks and plainly intimated to John K.
that he wouldn't get a hundred of votes and
advised him to stay out of the contest. Of
course he would not believe them and their
advice, if anything, only strengthened him
in his decision to run. He never failed to
have a comforting word for his worship,
Mayor Sears, when he met him on the
street and even tried to do so as to induce
a citizen whose vote he was sure of to give
his opponent's nomination. "But he is
going to withdraw," said Storey.

There was some started the rumor that
either Dr. Quigley or Count de Bury, was
to be nominated by their co-religionists for
the office and Mr. Storey was much con-
cerned. "Of course," he said "if that was
the case he would not run because a large
number of his friends came from that
quarter." But, after some friend of Dr.
Quigley had given him a satisfactory
dial of the situation as far as he was con-
cerned and he had seen the Count himself,
Mr. Storey was once more reassured and
went to dinner in a calmer frame of
mind. Then, in the afternoon he filed his
nomination.

Mr. Wallace also filed his and some of
the names found supporting him indicate
that he will get many votes from his per-
sonal friends and from those, who, no
doubt, wish to see a change in the mayoralty.
His intimate friends and supporters are
rather under the impression that there
is some understanding between Mayor
Sears and Mr. Storey but those who know
them thoroughly are not inclined to this
view. What Mr. Storey wanted of his land-
lord, Mr. Sears, has not been granted to



There'll Be Music In the Air.
There'll Be Music Everywhere
When I'm Elected Mayor.
(From John K. Storey's Card.)

of mayor—in fact an assessment of
\$1000 on personal or real property that is
not encouraged; if all that is necessary,
but when Mr. Moulton found that the
assessor continued to value his property at
the same amount after he had retired from
the firm very naturally and properly he went
before that body and asked for a reduction.
His valuation was reduced to \$500 and he
was taxed upon that. In spite of this fact
there were those who advised him that he
was eligible to be a candidate and conse-
quently he went to the Clerk's office
to file his papers. The common
clerk refused to receive them and
for a time there was an animated dis-
cussion. Mr. Wardrop merely said he
was acting under the law and could do no-
thing else. Mr. Moulton sought and obtained
advice that the action of the assessors was illegal because he did not make a
sworn statement to them. So the matter
stood for a day or two until the good
sense of Mr. Moulton and his friends con-
vinced them that it would not be possible
for him to run. There is no doubt but
that he would have received a very hand-
some support that had he been in the field
and no candidate would have had more
energetic workers.

As the time approached four o'clock
and the nomination of Mayor Sears was
not filed his friends began to remember
how he had only, two or three minutes
ago the year before and they wondered whether
he might not make a mistake this
year by putting it off too long. But he
did not and the paper was received in
time. His worship had not gone to the
trouble of getting many names. He had
the necessary three or four and that was all.
It looks as if he was under the im-
pression that the opposition to him is not
strong and that he can be elected without
any trouble. Many a man has made a
mistake in this way and his worship may
fall into the same error. There is a
spirit of indifference abroad in regard
to the mayoralty and many men are so
careless about the result that they will not
go to the polls at all. When it is consid-
ered that there is only opposition in four
wards, one in the south end, King's ward,
one in the North End, Lansdowne, and
two in the West End, Gays, it can readily
be imagined that the vote will not be a
large one. There are several men in the
present council who would not lift a finger
to help the present mayor, in fact they may
be counted to do what they can against
him. So taking all things into considera-
tion the vote on Tuesday may be a sur-
prise, though at the present time the gen-
eral impression is that Mayor Sears will
secure his reelection.

How will it be with those aldermen who
are opposed. Dr. Christie is again faced
by his adversary of last year, Dr. Smith.
The latter has been unfortunate in his
election campaigns for on both occasions
he has been unable to do any canvassing
on account of illness. Dr. Christie does
not do any because he thinks it is not nec-
essary. The same spirit of independence
seems to actuate him as Alderman Millidge
which put tersely is, if the people don't
want them to serve them, they don't want
to serve the people.

Goya's ward has three candidates—the
former alderman I. E. Smith, an ex-alde-
man, Enoch B. Colwell and Mr. C. B.
Balyea, who was a candidate last year.
There was another candidate for mayor,
Mr. Moulton, who is the acknowledged
leader of the Knights of Pythias in the prov-
ince. Mr. Moulton is popular with those
who know him and his many years of busi-
ness in St. John have brought him into
contact with a large number of people.
About a year ago he was a partner with
William Kunkin, the grocer, and
while he was in that business he was as-
sessed on two or three thousand dollars
worth of personal estate. That was more
than sufficient to qualify him for the office.

REASON FOR A NEW LAW

WHY THE CITY ASKS FOR FIXED
ARBITRATORS' FEES.

The Notable Account of Arbitrators Che-ley,
Pugley and Vroom is one Case—Mr. James
In Dewart and the case Total Printed for
Members' Information.

Sept. 24—Considering date of awards pre-
pared by E. corner, stages flag changes to
inclose land covered by enclosure \$100 each.....

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Attending to obtain flag of signature to de-
positing as required by the Statute, cor-
respondence with witnesses in the United
States, etc.....

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position.....

Notice to counsel on different occasions.....

Moneys paid out:

For copy of Act.....

E. Marshall, attorney, letters on and
certificates.....

G. Goron, going to tip Lake and
elsewhere to obtain signatures to depo-
sition.....

De. reporter.....

Golding's bill for team.....

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NO MORE LICENSES WANTED.

The Proposal to Issue More Monies With
Much Opposition.

The liquor license commission for the
city of St. John want to issue more li-
censes. They have power to give 75 new
besides those given to hotels and clubs and
the liberal sprinkling of three months per-
mit to sell.

They are anxious for more revenue, so
it is said, though why they should concern
themselves about the revenue is not ap-
parent.

Everybody will agree that enough liquor
licenses are issued in this city. The saloon
men themselves say there are too many.
The wholesale dealers who supply them
agree with this view. They claim that many
of those in the business do not make
enough to pay their license and that when
spring comes around they have to assist
them to that end. It is well known that
quite a number of dealers have gone out of
the business because the trade is so cut up
and on account of the expensive license.

The temperance people are agreed that
if there must be licenses they should be re-
duced in number instead of increased.
They are scattered all over the city now
with the exception of Carleton where the
people took a stand against them and they
are going to object very vigorously against
the proposition to issue more. But practi-
cally speaking the commission has been
issuing about all the licenses they please.
If there is a new applicant he may get a
full and complete license but some one of
the 75 will have to be content with a
partial. There is always some reason to
be found for this course and so one more
added to the list.

But it is also said that there is a plan to
increase the license fee. If this is true it
is not easy to understand how more
licenses, can be issued. In brief, they
will not be taken out.

There is a general belief among the
small dealers that the license fee is a
most unfair one. The man on Sheriff
street, or the City road, can't understand
why he should pay as much as the man
who keeps on Prince William, or Charlotte
or Union streets. These men reply that
they are under a higher rent charge and
that qualifies affairs but the dealer who is
remote from the centre of population can-
not see it in that light. That was
one of the reasons why Charles Ward
who keeps the one mile house wanted to
have the county line changed. He gets
no police or fire protection or light out
there and his taxes are the same as those
in town. It does seem unfair. Mrs.
Bradley and others on the Old Westmore-
land Road can make the same complaint
so far as the license is concerned with al-
most equal justice.

Cost of Civic Elections.

A candidate for alderman a year or two
ago boasted that the entire expense of his
election was \$260. Needless to say he
stayed at home. From \$20 to \$50 is per-
haps the average candidate's expenditure.
If they advertise in all the papers the cost
is greater. This year there isn't much ad-
vertising. Then their ballots will cost
five or ten dollars; their ward books an
much more and lunches, home hire, and
cigars on election day something more.
One mayoralty candidate last year spent
\$1,000, the other, probably half as much
again. John K. Storey's outlay will not
reach these figures. Some aldermen when
elected by acclamation say that they have
saved from one to two hundred—and their
time, but then an alderman's time is not
supposed to be worth anything.

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