

TORONTO WILL BE HUB OF CANADA

If Public Ownership and Hydro Are Supported, Says Mayor Church.

Mayor Church and other candidates for municipal office dropped into the meeting last night of the ratepayers of Ward 5, held in the West End Y. M. C. A., and organized by J. Phinney, more candidate for that ward.

The mayor was heartily applauded as he entered, especially by the returned men present. His address was brief and he was the only speaker during the evening who escaped heckling. After expressing regret at Sir Adam Beck's illness he said that the transportation bylaw was the most important question the people would have to vote on today. If a putty man had been in office in 1914, he said, the people would be paying five cent, railway fares today and probably seven cents in 1921. He had opposed the buying of the Metropolitan Railway at \$50,000 and had stood by the Hydro, which will revolutionize Ontario. He stood for the Hydro radicals and the civic abattoir, which, he said, was an asset, but needed better management. He promised his loyal support to the board of education for the coming year. Toronto, he said, had come thru so far the period of unrest better than any other city and when the Welland Canal was deepened, the harbor improvements consummated, the Hydro radicals completed and the Toronto street railway a public utility, Toronto would be the hub of Canada.

Controller McBride also dropped in and received a vociferous welcome. He was heckled constantly for the ready reply for every question. "The Telegram," "Black Jack," and "Tommy Church," came in for a severe straining. He had just come from a meeting of the U. A. C., where he had answered at least fifty questions on concluding had received from the meeting the greatest ovation. "Sam McBride had ever received." The same paper that has abused the late E. F. Clarke when he was mayor and opposed public ownership of the street railway then, could not hurt him by its tirade of abuse. "They know that if Sam McBride is mayor to-morrow night they will stop out," he said. Mayor Church, he said, had never kept his word. He was anything but the returned man, but was anything but their friend. He had been the first to break the resolution that returned men would receive priority over others in the matter of civil service jobs, when he got a relative a job in the Hydro Electric. "He's the mousetraps of the Telegram, that's all," he said. He had thought the early closing of the city because it meant ruin to small business holders, mostly disabled returned men or soldiers' wives most of their business in the evenings.

Fighting the Press. Ballantyne said that he was fighting the press of the city in order that the citizens may get public municipal ownership against private interests. He said that despite the fact that he had no experience inside the council, he had no experience inside the council in other matters that qualified him in the position of mayor. He was heartily in favor of all other bylaws to be voted on than the one for the commission of three.

Controller Maguire stood a severe heckling well and emphasized his public ownership principles. He stood behind Mayor Church, he said, against all interests that were detrimental to the citizens.

Col. Jesse Wright, for controller, asked for support as a soldier candidate. He was for the reformation of the assessment act or the administration of it, and for public ownership.

James Simpson Firm. J. J. Simpson, for controller, emphasized the public ownership principles also. He asked the electors to discriminate against recent converts to public ownership in favor of those who had stood for it years ago, when it was an unpopular stand.

J. Phinney, for alderman, said that he would fight against the disgraceful conditions that prevail in the police court and would strive for a social service committee for the uplift of the criminal in the most of the property committee, parks committee, etc.

Other speakers were: Alderman Ramsden, for controller; Joseph Bell, for the board of education; Alderman Blackburn, for alderman; J. McBride, for the board of education, and Captain J. Lawton, for the board of education.

PETER ACTS FOR PREMIER

A short meeting of the Ontario cabinet was held yesterday afternoon. Hon. Peter Smith, provincial treasurer, presiding. Premier Drury, being engaged in a conference down town in connection with finding seats for homeless ministers. Mr. Drury left Toronto last night to spend the holiday on his home farm at Crown Hill.

TO JAIL FOR POSTAL THEFTS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Fred Saunders, who had been an employe of the post-office for about one week, received the minimum penalty for robbing the mails when he was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. Evidence showed that he had opened parcels and had destroyed the wrappers, keeping the contents.

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CITY HALL NOTES

Today's the day and by tonight there will be many sore heads and many heads laying on down cushions. In short, the municipal election will be a thing of the past and all Toronto will know who the mayor for 1920 is to be and who the lords and masters as controllers and aldermen will be for the same period. The two chief actors for the mayor's chair were both confident of success when seen last night. Mayor Church, when asked if he had any final word for the public, replied: "My final word in this election will be on the magic lantern boards after the election and it will not be in second place."

It was said yesterday in labor circles that the workers, recognizing that Mr. Ballantyne was out of the running for the chair, were switching their votes over to Mayor Church. Probably the fact was responsible for the mayor's merry mood last night. At any rate the stock of the present holder was well up in business circles. The manner of Controller Maguire's oratory seems to have fallen off during the past two days and voters are coming to the conclusion that it would be unwise to swap horses while crossing the stream at the present moment.

Alderman Winnet, one of the most level-headed men in the Council and a candidate who is endorsed by every newspaper and everyone else, said at a meeting last night that he had reliable information that the trusts were burning the telegraph wires in an endeavor to defeat Mayor Church, as they considered his downfall at the present moment would be a big blow at public ownership. He warned the public in its own interests not to let the trusts get a finger in our city affairs at the present time.

In city hall circles yesterday it was generally acknowledged that the fight between the present mayor and Controller McBride would be a severe one but nearly everyone expressed the view that "Tommy" would get home by a short neck. For the board of control there were many guesses. It was generally conceded that Controller Maguire was a sure thing and then a few guesses for the remainder of the controllers. Ramsden, Gibbons and Ball, with Maguire leading, is a favorite. Another equally almost as popular runs: Maguire, Robbins, Cameron, Ramsden, Ball. Despite these forecasts, however, it is impossible to get anything like a reliable list as the ground to be covered over others and the combinations too many. That a good many surprises are in store is sure, as the voters at the present time are just in the mood to perform the unexpected.

Get out early today and place your vote in the right place for mayor, controllers and aldermen, and do not forget to put a "yes" to all the questions concerning the bylaws.

December must have been a month in which there was plenty of work in Toronto, as the number of applicants for city relief during the month shows a decided decrease. The total number of applications approved for all classes of relief was 451, whilst a year ago it was 517.

There has been a building boom in Toronto during the past year. From figures issued from the city architect's department yesterday it would appear that work passed by the department during the past year amounted to \$19,420,000.

There have been 32,450 brick dwellings erected at a cost of \$8,139,000. Six banks were built at a total cost of \$259,500. There were 295 brick front and roughcast dwellings erected valued at \$600,000; 70 frame dwellings costing \$109,100, and 20 offices at \$148,450.

No fewer than 2,550 garages were built during the year, costing \$1,150,000. There were six theatres erected costing \$711,000; 15 warehouses totaling \$753,255, and 300 stores, costing \$1,460,000.

The smallpox figures showed a decided improvement yesterday. Thirty-one fresh cases were reported and 45 patients discharged from the hospitals and quarantine. There are now 81 hospital and 437 quarantined cases in homes, making a total number of 518 cases in the city at the present moment. Altogether 1,843 people have had smallpox and 1,325 of these have already recovered. The number of homes quarantined is 494, whilst individuals quarantined as exposures have dropped to 1,319.

According to Dr. Hastings the restrictions debaring unvaccinated children from attending school will not be lifted on their return next week. According to the M.O.H. nothing can be done in that direction until the new board of health for 1920 is organized and takes some action.

During the past year 336 people met violent or sudden death in Toronto. More than a third were found dead in their homes or were stricken on the street. Last year these deaths numbered 26, and in 1917 they were 38. A small percentage of deaths this year is attributed to "poisonous liquor" sold by illegal vendors. The following list shows the cause of each sudden death: Suddenly stricken or found dead 119, automobiles 56, falls 22, drownings 20, suicides 15, burned 15, railways 14, street cars 12, gas 9, murders 8, poisonings 4, electrocuted 3, shootings 3, cycles 3, heat 2, hangings 2, elevators 2, machinery 2, suffocation 2, drugs 2, smothered 1, fits 1, crushed 1, pile-driver 1, horse 1, kick 1, sleighs 1, lightning 1, scalded 1, wagon 1, falling tree 1, paralysis 1.

There were eight murders during the year, just double last year's total. There were six poisoning cases as compared with five last year.

The figures of tragic deaths by months were: January 25, February 18, March 25, April 27, May 28, June 30, July 34, August 25, September 33, October 36, November 28, December 25.

In regard to Sir Adam Beck's illness the mayor yesterday issued the following statement:

"Mayor Church said he deeply regretted to hear of the illness of Sir Adam Beck. He had been expecting for some time, owing to his work in the great public ownership projects for the benefit of the people. His health has broken down by the strenuous time he has had and the stiff

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These are some of the things that will make this truly the Greatest White Sale we have ever held. The other things you will read about day by day in our store news, for there will be fresh surprises every day. For months our organization has planned and worked to make this occasion a notable one. Purchases have been made in large quantities to secure such concessions in prices as are distinctly unusual to-day. Busy fingers have stitched and hemmed and embroidered for weeks just for this sale. And we are proud to lay before you at the beginning of the New Year the results of our work.

Remember—We could not duplicate these goods at these prices to-day. Ordered long ago, they come to you at far less than you would pay in the regular way. And—just a bit of additional good-will—during January all sheetings and pillow cottons bought during this sale will be hemmed for you, free of charge.



Sheetings and Table Linens

The Linen Section has always had reason to be proud of its reputation for good values—and especially so during our January White Sale, but this year's event gives promise of being the greatest success in our history. No prudent housekeeper of to-day who has anxiously watched rising prices, will want to miss the remarkable offerings we shall feature daily. On Friday we shall present:

- ENGLISH BLEACHED SHEETING, a good heavy quality, 72 inches wide. Value \$1.50 per yard. January Sale Price \$1.00
- ENGLISH BLEACHED SHEETING, splendid quality, 81 inches wide. Value \$1.85 per yard. January Sale Price \$1.20
- AMERICAN EXTRA FINE SHEETING, 81 inches wide. Value \$1.85 per yard. January Sale Price \$1.35
- HEMMED PILLOW CASES, size 42 inches. Value \$1.60 per pair. January Sale Price \$1.10
- HEMMSTITCHED PILLOW CASES, of best quality, size 45 x 36 inches. Value \$3.00 per pair. January Sale Price \$2.25
- FINE IRISH LINEN EMBROIDERED CASES, size 45 x 36 inches. Value \$7.00 per pair. January Sale Price \$4.95
- LINEN DAMASK TABLE-CLOTHS, good quality, in the most desirable designs. Size 2 x 2 yards. Value \$10. January Sale Price \$6.00



On Friday, crisp and new, we open up a big, brand-new shipment of one thousand pieces of lingerie, each one bearing the meaningful "Dove" label, that tells its story of perfect fit and finish, fine materials, daintiness, correctness, and individuality of style. There are undermuslins of every type, including fine Pink, Blue and White mull and dainty cotton crepe—so easy to launder, and of late so hard to obtain.

- KNICKERS of mull, 50 per cent. silk and cotton crepe, in Pink, Blue or White, hemstitched, hand-embroidered, Vandyked and lace-trimmed, and priced \$1.95 up
- NIGHTGOWNS of mull and crepe are in plain shades or in Pink, Blue and Lavender, daintily flowered. \$1.95 and up
- DRAWERS are in fine white nainsook only, some with hemstitched founces, others finished with tucks and embroidery at 95c and up
- UNDERSKIRTS of white nainsook, with deep founces of embroidery in many different patterns, are \$2.65 and up, priced at \$1.65 and up
- ENVELOPE CHEMISES are in cotton crepe and mull, in soft and pretty colors, as well as white. They are hemstitched and hand-embroidered and priced at \$1.95 and up
- CORSET COVERS are of White mull, trimmed with embroidery and Val lace. The \$1.95 price is \$1.95
- ATHLETIC COMBINATIONS in White mull are daintily feather-embroidered and hemstitched in Blue, and \$1.95 and up priced at \$1.95 and up

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- BLEACHED BATH TOWELS, extra large size. Value \$1.40 each. January Sale Price 89c

Wool Coatings

- GREY COATING, 54 inches wide. Regular \$5.00, for yard \$4.00
- BROWN AND FAWN MIXTURES, Regular \$5.50, for yard \$4.50
- AUTUMN BROWN COATING, Regular \$6.50 value, for yard \$5.50

Dress Goods Section—Main Floor

Choice of 97 Different Styles in Sample Voile Blouses for \$3.95

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One of the best of our many splendid blouse events. Think of choosing from ninety-seven different styles, fashioned from beautifully fine voiles, dimities and cross-checked muslins. Some are tailored models; others are dainty with the daintiness that Val, Guipure and replicas of Baby Irish Lace impart.

One girlish model is threaded with black ribbon. Another of pale Pink dimity has wide White collar and cuffs. Knife-pleating is also frequently featured. Many of them are slightly soiled, crumpled or mused, but the tub will make them like new. Sizes mostly 34, 36 and 38. No phone or mail orders.

Friday—Blouse Shop—Second Floor.

All Our Misses' Suits Must Go So We Mark Them—Every One \$35

Original Values were up to \$95

Considering former values, there will be no question as to the shortness of their stay with us now. The early comers will have best choice. Materials are Velours, Tricotines, Silvertones, Broadcloths, Jerseys and Cheviots.

Colors are Brown, Heather, French Blue, Oxford, Navy, Grey, Henna and Black. Beautifully lined they all are, in plain and figured silks, and finished with braid and button trimming.

On Sale Friday—Misses' Shop—Second Floor.

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The best English and American makes—Horrockses', Crewdson's, Miller's, Ryland's, and other famous brands are included—so that our January Sale enables you to secure the finest makes at less than the cost of ordinary qualities. Here are:

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- FINE NAINSOOK, 36 inches wide, soft finish, worth to-day 60c per yard. January Sale Price 40c
- WASH DIMITIES, in pretty self checks, 30 inches wide. Value 52c per yard. January Sale Price 37c
- WHITE FLAXON, good quality, 40 inches wide. Value 45c per yard. January Sale Price 33c



opposition he has received from corporations and others with regard to the Hydro light and power and radial schemes.

"The people have themselves to blame, as it is impossible for any man to carry on under such a strain. The care of office have not borne lightly on him and the 200 Hydro municipalities sympathetic with him in his heroic illness, as past president of the Hydro-Electric Light and power, and vice-president of Hydro radials of the

province, I have cabled our sincere sympathy. Altho he said little or nothing he felt his defeat in London very keenly, after the battles he put up for the province and all he did for his own city. He has got nothing but abuse and ill-health for his efforts."

Mayor Church at noon yesterday gave an address to the men of the British Baldwin's Limited plant at Ashbridge's Bay. He got a rousing reception, and was introduced by Mr. A. M. Russell, the general manager.

The mayor dealt with the harbor improvements and the industrial development of Ashbridge's Bay. He said there was an era of prosperity before the city. For every dollar spent in the west end harbor improvements ten dollars had been spent in the Ashbridge's Bay district.

Next year the harbor board will seek to secure other British industries for the harbor, he said, and Mr. Cousins was going on a trip in order to secure new industries for the harbor improvements.

He had always been a consistent supporter of labor, the Hydro and the returned soldier, altho for the latter he never claimed any credit.

Controller Maguire and Controller Robbins, and Alderman Ball also spoke, and received a good reception. They dealt with the by-law, harbor improvements and other matters.

DUCHESS GREET'S GIRL GUIDES

Lady Pellatt, chief commissioner, has received the following message of greeting from Her Excellency the Duchess of Devonshire to the Canadian Girl Guides:

"My warmest greetings and best wishes to the Canadian Girl Guides for 1920. The success already accomplished has been most satisfactory. I trust that the coming year will see rapid advancement in membership and that the already high standard of efficiency will be maintained. (Signed) Evelyn Devonshire."