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EAST END MEETING

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City Gas Company, but from that day health estimates were \$5,000, but they spent \$7,000 to build a smallpox hospital, and it was a good move. We spent \$5,500 for relief, and we must take care of our poor. And now we have a surplus of more than \$5,000.

The Tax Rate.

Ald. Ferguson then compared the rate this year with that of other years, and said this year was an improvement on last year, when everything is considered. He thought the council had done their work honestly and fairly.

"I have been very much criticised in certain quarters," he said. "That is all very well, but people should be consistent. I want you all to know where I am on the Sunday car question. When we have 50,000 people and a majority vote for it we will have them. If I am in the council then I will vote for them."

Ald. Ferguson said there had been considerable talk about the deal for the land where the power distribution station and water plant is being built. That, he thought, was business entirely between him and the London Street Railway Company. He came back from a business trip to take the matter up with the London Street Railway Company, and they didn't come for three weeks.

Referring to the hydro-electric, he said, he had taken some objection to the scheme before it passed. But now thought it was the duty of citizens to push Niagara power now that we have it, and make it a success. He spoke of the time when he had secured an increase of 25 cents a day for the civic employees, and in closing asked all for their support.

Some Questions.

Mr. J. M. Parsons asked Ald. Ferguson the following questions:

Question 1. How much has the aldermanic delegations cost the citizens for the current year, including Medicine Hat and Calgary?

2. Will you explain to the taxpayers why your name does not appear at the four leading hotels or among the list of delegates with their wives and daughters published in full in the Medicine Hat News? And why your name does not appear in the official report published in the Canadian Municipal Journal of Montreal as mover, seconder, or as having taken any part in the debates that followed?

3. The delegates' expenses together with the association fee of \$129 cost the citizens \$610. Will you please tell the electors present wherein London benefited, by reference to what you saw and heard at the said convention?

Ald. Ferguson replied as follows:

Question 1. I will give you the figures tomorrow at the city hall. 2. Ald. Ferguson asked Mr. W. A. Wilson to read a letter from his relative, G. K. Leeson, in which it was stated that he met Ald. Ferguson in Medicine Hat the last of July. In regard to his name not appearing in the Canadian Municipal Journal, Ald. Ferguson said he had taken part in the debates, and had made a speech which was not published because he was severe on certain members of the convention who had more pull than he had. He read an affidavit sworn to by Thomas Patterson, mayor of Calt, who declared that Ald. Ferguson was at Medicine Hat and Calgary.

In regard to the third question Ald. Ferguson said the figures were correct.

What Is Needed.

"What we need in London," he said, "is more boosters and less knockers. Instead of scattering the impression for and wide that London is governed by nonentities give those who do their best credit for doing it, and you will not be running around as you have lately been trying to get candidates." He thought London should remain in the association of municipalities in order to keep up to date, because the association can deal with corporations better than any individual can. He cited the present cement merger case as an example.

Ald. Beattie.

Ald. Beattie was the next speaker. "I'm a sort of home-grown article," he remarked. "I was born within three blocks of the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, and have lived here all my life. You have been very good to me in the past, and I wish to thank you for what you have done. During my career I have always endeavored to serve you faithfully, and I ask you to go one step farther and to show added confidence by electing me to the chief magistrate's chair. I stand before you as an advocate of no politics in municipal affairs. I think you should pick out the best men you can regardless of politics or creed. I have been criticized regarding my relation to Niagara power. It has been said of me that I have been working for the corporations. The only corporation I have worked for is that of the city of London. I am not now, and never have been, an opponent of cheap power. I voted for it as probably most of you have. When the contract was presented I looked it over carefully to see where the city benefited. One of the papers came out, 'Alderman Beattie opposed to cheap power.' That was not correct. I was not opposed to cheap power, but to anything that was not giving the city a fair deal.

"As soon as I looked at the contract I saw that the aggregate cost amounted to \$3,000,000; that there were thirteen municipalities interested, one of them Toronto, and yet London was paying \$77,000, or about one-fifth of the total cost. I did not see why London should be charged so much more than St. Thomas, which is as distant from the source of supply as London, and so I stood out against it, not because I was opposed to cheap power, but because I wanted to get better terms for the city.

"The contract is entered into now, and if I am elected mayor it is my intention in every way to try to further the interests of cheap power. 'Ugly things have been said of me regarding this subject. It has been said that I had stock in the City Gas Company, and therefore was opposing cheap power. I want to give that statement an emphatic denial. Thirty years ago my father was president of the

to this not one of my family have had a cent's worth of interest in that company.

"It has also been charged that I have an interest in the London Electric. I have no such interest. The starting of this story was a mean, low, cowardly thing to do, and the man who repeats it is little better than a coward.

Sunday Cars.

"I confess that I did not favor Sunday cars in the council. But no matter what my conviction may be, I am a law-abiding citizen, and just so soon as our city census shows that we have 50,000 people, and that the majority want a bylaw submitted, if I am in the mayor's chair, I will see that it is submitted. And I will be the first one to see that the people get their desire, as far as it is in my power.

"I quite coincide with the remarks made by the preceding speaker, regarding the tax rate. The council has only about \$200,000 which they can control.

"I think that the city streets have been starved in the past. We must economize, but we must not do so at the expense of efficiency."

Mayor Stevely.

Mayor Stevely thanked the electors for the support they have always given him, and the newspapers for fair reports. "No matter who are in the council," he said, "the tax rate will be much higher next year. He would like to see a new council elected, just to show people that it couldn't really do any more than this year."

As a candidate for the water commission, he told the people that there are some important things coming up. He knew all about the contract with the waterworks, and also for power, having followed the latter closely for two years. He thought it would be good business for the citizens to return a candidate, who like himself was thoroughly in touch with the situation. He explained the bylaws to be voted upon, and said he would not support the bylaw for conduits for underground wires, in regard to the sewers, he favored the extension.

In reference to the garbage bylaw he said it was the women who were responsible for it being presented.

Of Sunday cars, he thought, the people should rule.

Mr. A. T. McMahon.

Mr. A. T. McMahon, in presenting himself for election, stated that if he was elected to the board he would see that the business was conducted in an honest and straightforward manner.

"I have not been an advocate of Sunday cars," he continued, "but we are a part of the public who are entitled to a public position, and, if elected, in this, as in every other matter, I will strive to meet the wishes of the people. And if you mark your ballots for me I will feel that I have been fully rewarded for any inconvenience to which I have been subjected."

Mr. Philip Pocock.

Mr. Philip Pocock said he was very pleased to make his first appeal in East London. He was a candidate for the water commission as a result of a petition presented. In regard to the waterworks, he said, it has cost \$1,650,000, and the outstanding debt was \$728,000. After paying everything, more than \$100,000 has been saved. The waterworks department, he thought, was a most important one. There is a chance, he said, for a good businessman to increase the revenue from the waterworks. Had a good clear-headed businessman been at the head of things in just years, he thought a good deal more might have been derived.

This year the returns show a loss of \$9,000 compared with last year. He thought there was an ample field for practicing economy.

Niagara power, he thought, was very similar to the water system, so far as the running of it was concerned. He did not think one single cent should be expended unnecessarily for distribution. If it were London would be at a very serious disadvantage with other cities. In the last five years London has not secured factories as other cities have, because the electors have not been selecting the right men to represent them. Election time is the time to criticize. He felt that he was capable of handling the business of the city in a businesslike way, and asked the support of the electors.

Ex-Ald. Matthews.

Ex-Ald. Matthews, one of the candidates for the water commission, stated that he felt fully competent to represent the city on the water board.

"I know just what that board has to do," continued the speaker. "It is easy to do. They have to run the waterworks. I know just what that board has to do. They have to run the waterworks. I know just what that board has to do. They have to run the waterworks."

"I think that the waterworks department, instead of issuing debentures for extensions, should pay cash, and save the interest."

"In regard to the factories of the city, it is easy to explain why they don't come. Anybody can get factories if they build them, and if you want them you will have to bonus them. I'm not saying that this is wrong, and I think London did well in giving \$100,000 to the Grand Trunk shops."

"I hope you will use discretion in your choice for the water board. I am not on any ticket. I'm a volunteer candidate without anybody to pull strings on me. I owe no debt to anyone, if I am elected, but you, the electors, and you will I serve."

The Aldermanic Candidates.

Ald. Moorhead gave a brief account of various items of business that came up during the year in the council.

Mr. W. A. Wilson remarked that he was going into the council to try and better affairs. May be I can, and may be I can't, but I'm going to try, he remarked. "I have no account to give of my stewardship tonight, and I thank the Lord for that." He stated that he was in favor of the garbage bylaw.

Ald. Fitzgerald spoke briefly of his actions in the council during the year.

Ald. Cooper considered it a pleasure to come up and visit the east end of the city once a year. "Much that has been said on the platform tonight you may take in at one ear and out of the other," remarked the speaker. "I'm not going to tell you what I have or have not done, because you must give every man in the council the credit. This council has been as good a council as there has

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Prime Rib of Beef au Jus.
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VEGETABLES.
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been for the last thirteen years, and there have been men on it who are a credit to the city.

"Don't give me any aristocrats at the head of affairs. If you put in enough of them to rule they will ruin you," said Ald. Cooper. "They did it once. They asked me if I would support a utility board slate. What use are they? They have no more brains or ability than the men on the council."

"I have never done anything that wasn't honest," he continued. "What about the backskin?" asked a voice from the back of the hall.

"That matter is going to hurt me some, but I was right," Ald. Cooper replied. Continued on Page Ten.

LOS ANGELES MYSTERY

Girl Engaged to Millionaire's Son Believe To Have Been Murdered.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—In the belief that her 15-year-old daughter Bessie was poisoned, Mrs. Jennie Priest has asked the district attorney to investigate the death of the young woman. It is alleged by the mother that Miss Priest was engaged to Harry Sayre, a Newark, N. J., millionaire's son, and

that she had a woman rival. Search is being made for the woman.

Miss Priest died in Glendale on Christmas Eve, after an illness lasting twenty days. Five physicians who attended her agreed that death was due to poisoning. Two diagnosed the malady as strychnine poisoning, a third as zinc poisoning. The others have not ventured an opinion.

It was learned that Miss Priest was the guest of her supposed rival at a dinner at a restaurant, and that she became violently ill immediately afterward. In her delirium she constantly accused the woman with whom she had dined, and during brief periods she exhibited letters from Mr. Sayre, in which he is alleged to have warned her against her alleged rival, though no reason was given for his fears. Mr. Sayre is in Arizona.

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ANGELIC PRELATE AGAINST MOVEMENT

Kingsford, Dec. 20.—Rev. R. B. Waterman, of Carp, who wrote in opposition to the Laymen's Missionary Movement, has in "Church Life" of this city stated his position at length. In a reply to the criticism he has received. He does not object to lay speakers in his church, but they must be duly licensed, and speak as church-

men. All must be within the church. He agrees with Bishop Pufford, in his spirit of "no compromise."

He will not recognize sister churches nor work against application of churches as expressed by the Synod of Ottawa, to which he belongs, as that surrenders the Anglican position as a Catholic Church. He will not fraternize where he cannot recognize.

If the bishops of Canada have adopted the resolution of Ottawa Synod they have gone, he said, beyond the bounds, and he repudiated their leadership, because in this instance it would make almost unbearable the lives of some of her most loyal priests. He rejoices that the bishops are not the church of God.

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CRUSHED UNDER WHEELS.

North Bay, Dec. 29.—A distressing accident occurred at Temagami station, on the T. and N. O. Railway, just as the express for North Bay was pulling out.

Wm. Anderson, miner and prospector, who owns a mine at Doherty, eight miles from Temagami, had just purchased a ticket for Oakville, where he was going to visit his parents, and made a rush for the train, which was already in motion. He missed the step and fell under the wheels.

KILLED AT CROSSING.

Buffalo, Dec. 30.—Hurrying to the bedside of a patient Miss Emma Heldstrum, 22 years old, a trained nurse, and a companion were instantly killed at a grade crossing near Depew, about twelve miles from here, last night. Walter Lindholm was driving the sleigh, containing the nurse. It was bitterly cold, and the two were so heavily covered with wraps that they did not hear the rapidly approaching passenger train on the New York Central tracks when they reached the crossing. The engine smashed the cutter to splinters and instantly killed both occupants.