

## GARDNER IS NEW MAYOR OF GALT

Assmussen Wins Three-Cornered  
Fight In Kitchener.

OWEN SOUND BY-LAW PASSED

City Will Start Construction of  
\$450,000 Building.

Municipal contests held in five Western Ontario municipalities yesterday produced several keenly contested fights. Those voting were Galt, Kitchener, Owen Sound, Point Edward and Waterloo. The bulk of the municipalities vote on Monday of next week.

### Galt

GALT, Jan. 1.—In the keenest majority fight Galt has ever known J. E. Gardner was to-day elected mayor over A. E. Willard, seeking re-election for a second term, by a majority of 15. A record vote was polled, due to the fine organizations of the rival candidates for the chief office. It is said the victor had the finest organization that was ever known in a local civic contest. The mayor-elect is one of the city's best known young business men, a member of the firm of P. W. Gardner & Son. He has been mayor of the city for the past three years. The defeated mayor was elected a year ago by over 400, having made the assessment on his issue and opposed the return of the then mayor, seeking a second term, thus breaking an old precedent of giving a mayor two years in office—the second without a fight. The present campaign was a warm one, but free of any bitterness. Of the seven aldermen of last year to seek re-election two went down to defeat, R. F. McDonald and S. J. McLane, and there will be three new faces in the 1925 body. In the only contest for school trustees at Troy won with flying colors in ward 5.

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School trustee—Ward 1 (one to be elected)—A. C. Troy, 435; R. K. Service, 253; J. H. Hancock, 195. Plebiscite—For a Board of Education—For, 2,576; against, 1,283. For change of election date—For, 2,573; against, 1,282. After the results were known a mass meeting was held in the city hall, at which the candidates addressed the electors. The feature of the meeting was the fine way in which the electors made their choice, pledging their support to Mr. Gardner and making an appeal to all to become voters and to vote their differences for the good of the city.

### Kitchener

KITCHENER, Jan. 1.—Ald. N. Assmussen, ex-M.L.A., was elected mayor of the city to-day in a three-cornered fight, having a majority of more than 100 over Ald. L. E. Hazen and Ald. O. W. Thompson, respectively. The largest vote in a municipal election in the history of the city was polled, 5,219 electors casting their ballots, or half the total number on the list. The new Council consists of the following persons: C. J. Massel, C. Greb, C. C. Hahn, S. H. Sturm, W. P. Clement, A. Exton, P. Dreger, J. Bailey, E. Ratz, A. A. Armstrong, George Lucher, R. A. Dietrich, L. Knipfel, W. Hartung and F. K. Ferguson. Each of the nine members of the old Council who ran were returned. The electors also sanctioned the proposal to hold the annual municipal elections on the first Monday in December, the vote standing 3,068 for and 1,502 against. A proposal to increase the members of the police commission by two elected members also was endorsed by 2,371 to 1,461 votes.

### Owen Sound

OWEN SOUND, Jan. 1.—At the municipal elections to-day Owen Sound voters by a majority of more than 100 voted for the by-law to erect a million bushel elevator in this city. The city will proceed at once with the erection of the structure, which it is expected will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000, and will sell it to a company largely composed of well-known Owen Sound firms, which will pay the city for the elevator in 20 annual installments. The vote in favor of the by-law was 1,523, while only 246 electors cast ballots opposing the by-law.

Mayor Christie was re-elected to office by acclamation, while all members of the Board of Education were similarly elected. Sixteen men contested the 12 seats on the City Council. The two new members of the Council are James Allen (foreman) and F. H. Horton (agent). The members elected and the votes polled by each are: T. Willoughby, 2,145; William Breeze, 2,040; J. K. Leslie, 1,916; W. Cleland, 1,904; E. MacRobert, 1,733; J. P. Brown, 1,744; James Allen, 1,523; F. H. Horton, 1,523; O. Allen, 1,223; D. J. Bars, 1,114; F. D. Horton, 1,009; E. J. Sivil, 956.

### Point Edward

POINT EDWARD, Jan. 1.—William Barrett was re-elected reeve of Point Edward at the annual municipal elections to-day, defeating William Darbyshire by a vote of 200 to 128. The two are old rivals and the contest was a hot one. The by-law to raise \$4,300 for the consolidation of the village debts carried by a vote of 126 to 25. P. R. Bray, a member of last year's Council, headed the poll for that body, and Councillor Charles Kennedy was also returned. Richard Brown, Alfred Blackwell, however, who served last year, were among the defeated. The two new faces on the board are those of William Carr and J. R. McLeister. The vote for councillors was as follows: P. R. Bray, 215; William Carr, 146; J. R. McLeister, 120; Charles Kennedy, 110; Stephen Earl, 85; Richard Blackwell, 85; Alfred Blackwell, 82; Frank Godley, 70; Arthur McDermott, 51; Edward Haslip, 41; Ed. Kennedy, 38. A feature of the contest for school board was the election of Mrs. Mary Hamilton as one of the three successful candidates. The result for trustees was: Howard Croley, 192; W. J. Finch, 156; Mrs. Mary Hamilton, 135; D. J. McCurdy, 124; J. S. Walters, 70. There was a good deal of interest in the several contests, and despite the cold weather the vote was fairly heavy.

### Waterloo

WATERLOO, Jan. 1.—Despite the absence of a majority election in

## A CLERGYMAN'S TRIBUTE TO THE MAJESTIC PLAYERS

Rev. H. B. Storey, Minister  
Southern Congregational Church,  
Telephone 2615-W.

405 Grey St., London, Ont.  
December 31st, 1924.

MR. R. J. RYAN,  
Manager Majestic Theatre,  
London, Ont.

Dear Mr. Ryan,—Permit me to congratulate the Majestic Players on their excellent reproduction of "The Fool," which I witnessed on Monday night.

Every member of the company acquitted themselves creditably. Mr. Edward Cullen is eminently qualified to fulfill the role of "The Fool."

Waterloo, there was great interest in the campaign owing to the close fight for the reeve, which was won to-day by the present incumbent, Louis F. Dietrich, over William H. Kutt by a majority of the electors. Two of the old Council members were beaten, namely Henry E. Weiler and Daniel Bohlender being the new members. The latter is a newcomer and headed the poll, while Mr. Bohlender is a former mayor. C. R. Gies, who entered the race for the water and light commission, making the first fight for that body since 1920, ran away from his opponents, polling 1,612 votes, nearly the complete vote of the commission. Mr. Gies was the commissioner displaced by Mr. Gies, who is out for reduced gas and water rates and open meetings of the commission. The results were as follows: For reeve—L. F. Dietrich, 732; W. H. Kutt, 420. For Council—The first six elected: Henry E. Jacob, 788; John H. Kaufman, 753; Daniel Bohlender, 739; John Bauman, 705; Ira Snyder, 679; E. J. Bauer, 646; H. E. Weiler, 642; Graham Hamacher, 610; and Norman E. Ratz, 456.

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## TIGHT BLOCKADE GREET'S RUMMERS

Last-Minute Orders Held Up  
Along Detroit River

SMUGGLING IS CHECKED

After Three Days of But Little  
Interference

Special to The Free Press.

WINDSOR, Jan. 1.—Bootleggers who attempted to deliver their last-minute New Year's liquor orders from Canada early to-day were met by a tight river front blockade of state police.

According to rumors there had been a steady procession of automobiles loaded with liquor, which for three days had dared the law and the state police, crossing the Detroit River and landing cover miles below Grosse Ile. Part of the ice caravan wended its way along the shores of the Huron River, to Dixie highway and Toledo, it was reported.

One bootlegger met with death yesterday after attempting to escape the police, who were attracted by the car. He was shot through the head, which had crashed through the ice on the river. By means of steel plates fastened to his shoes to prevent slipping on the ice the bootlegger managed to walk a mile and a half to Port Moultrie, on the American side, but when he arrived there he collapsed and was found frozen to death.

The police found 21 cases of beer in the sunken automobile.

Salvage Motor Car  
FROM THE ST. CLAIR

Recovered From 30 Feet of Water With  
Five Cases of Liquor On Board

PORT LAMBTON, Jan. 1.—The car that went to the bottom of the river while crossing the St. Clair here on Friday night, in which James Leiden and another American nearly lost their lives, was located on Tuesday in about 30 feet of water and was rescued about 7 o'clock in the evening with its contents of five cases of "wet goods" and the dog, which went down with the car.

The car was recovered by Messrs. Bradley Roberts and Thibodeau by cutting a channel through the ice and hauling the car to the shore. It was taken to Algonac by the owner. Federal officers were on the scene a short time before the recovery of the car, but failed in the seizure of the same, which was removed from the river in their absence to Marine City about half an hour later.

The car was slightly damaged and had only been purchased by the owner the day before it broke through the ice. The spot where the car went through is a treacherous one and considered unsafe at any time during the winter. A car went to the bottom at the same spot last winter and was released in the same manner.

APPOINT TRUANT OFFICER.

CAYUGA, Jan. 1.—The Board of Education met for the last time in 1924 on Monday evening. The session was lengthy and devoted chiefly to the passing of accounts and winding up the business of the year. About the only action was the appointing of E. H. Humphrey as truant officer, in place of the late Alex. Mitchell.

ST. THOMAS, Jan. 1.—One of the most stubborn fires the local department has ever had to fight occurred this afternoon in the block immediately west of the Empire Hotel and east of the fire station. It was over three blocks. Three apartments and four stores and an office were considerably damaged by the fire, which had to be fought under adverse conditions by the local fire-fighters. The cause of the fire, although not definitely known, is thought to have been started by a short circuit in the electric wiring and the damage is estimated at about \$25,000. It was discovered about 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The fire started at the rear of the Eureka Electric Appliance Shop and quickly spread to the upper stories where the fire damaged the apartments occupied by J. G. Young, Mr. McLean and Mrs. McKendrick and the water caused considerable damage to the store occupied by J. A. McKendrick, plumber; Eureka Electric Shop; G. E. Foreman; and J. A. McDonald's black and white stationery, and Dr. Alex. Turner's office.

The fire-fighters had to fight against both the fire and the elements and the strong wind spreading the flames and the cold causing intense discomfort and hard work to the men. It was over three hours before the fire was put under control by the fire department.

GIVES ALARM

According to Mr. Young, who lives above the Eureka and Foreman stores, he was sitting in the back room of his apartment and at about 2:15 he noticed the smoke pouring upward from the rear of the building. He phoned for the department and in a moment the whole rear of the place was a mass of flames, the long wooden balconies falling.

## FOSTER ELECTED TORONTO'S MAYOR

Veteran Member of Council De-  
feats Mayor Hiltz.

O. T. A. FIGURED AS ISSUE

Gibbons, Hacker, Robbins, Mc-  
Gregor Are Elected.

THE VOTE.

Foster ..... 33,841  
Hiltz ..... 31,293  
Winberg ..... 2,265  
Fieldhouse ..... 292

TORONTO, Jan. 1.—(Canadian Press Dispatch).—Toronto citizens to-day refused to give W. W. Hiltz a second term as mayor of the city and elected Thomas Foster, who has served in the City Council as alderman and controller for the last 20 years.

The election of Mr. Foster was one of the greatest surprises in a mayoralty contest here for many years, but the total vote polled fell far short of the 82,531 cast last year. The complete returns show that only 67,797 electors took part this year in the choice of chief magistrate. Of this number Foster polled 33,841, as against 31,293 for Hiltz, giving the new mayor a majority of 2,548. Harry Winberg and Samuel Fieldhouse, the other mayoralty candidates, polled 2,265 and 292 votes, respectively.

Only once before in the past six years have citizens of Toronto refused to give a second term to their chief magistrate. That was in 1901, when the late E. A. Macdonald was defeated.

The new mayor is a Conservative in politics and dean of the City Council. Although a temperance advocate, he announced during his campaign that he was in favor of Government control of the sale of spirituous liquor. Mr. Hiltz is also a Conservative and a strong supporter of the Ontario Temperance Act.

The Temperance Act figured to a considerable extent in the campaign and during his campaign Mr. Foster declared their support of Mr. Foster in their avowed desire to make the O. T. A. an issue in the contest.

### BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Board of Control consists resulted as follows:

Joseph Gibbons ..... 29,172  
E. H. Hacker ..... 24,365  
W. D. Robbins ..... 32,691  
D. C. MacGregor ..... 31,288  
R. H. Cameron ..... 27,397  
James Simpson ..... 14,485  
James Birks ..... 4,272

The first four were elected.

The two men who defeated D. C. MacGregor, a former alderman, and W. D. Robbins, a former controller, Simpson and Birks ran on the official Labor ticket, from which Joseph Gibbons, agent of the street railway men's union, was excluded. R. H. Cameron, of last year's board, was defeated. Mr. Foster ran for the mayoralty.

A referendum on the question of seeking permission legislation from the Ontario Government whereby the city could carry out an audit of the books of the Consumers' Gas Company, with a view to ascertaining the basic cost of producing gas, was carried by a vote of 3,194 of 4,872 against.

The only by-law submitted carried by a vote of two to one. It calls for a lengthier and more complete inspection of the city's waterworks system, owing to the present system being taxed in summer close to capacity. Works Commissioner Harris declared that a breakdown of the present plant at the height of water consumption is a prospective danger. The vote was 2,424 for to 12,125 against, an affirmative majority of 12,229.

THE ALDERMEN.

The aldermen elected are:

Ward 1—Ald. W. A. Summerville, Ald. Robert Linton and Ald. G. J. Spence, all by acclamation.

Ward 2—Ald. S. W. Wynn, Ald. John Winnett, Ald. C. A. Risk.

Ward 3—Ald. Harry Hunt, J. G. Ransden, Joseph Singer.

Ward 4—Ald. Nathan Phillips, Ald. S. J. McBride, Ald. A. C. Pearce.

Ward 5—Ald. C. Blackburn, Ald. B. J. Miller, Ald. W. A. Stewart.

Ward 6—Ald. Brook Sykes, Ald. S. T. Wright, Ald. S. S. Laxton.

Ward 7—Ald. Samuel Ryding, Ald. F. G. J. Whipple, Ald. W. C. Baker.

Ward 8—Ald. Robert Dibble, Ald. F. Baker, Dr. W. N. Robertson.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Ward 1—The following were elected: Lonn W. Thoms and Percy M. Douglas.

Trustee-elect Trull is a new member, taking the place of Rev. F. E. Powell, who retired.

Ward 2—Hugh L. Kerr and Samuel J. Thomas. Trustee-elect Thomas, a new member, takes the place of Dr. J. E. Forfar, who lost his seat by only 11 votes.

Ward 3—John Wanless and F. R. Marshall. The latter is a new member, succeeding William Houston, who was prevented from re-election by offering himself for re-election.

Ward 4—Joseph M. Gordon and William R. Platt. Both are new members. The latter defeated Trustee John McClelland by 224 votes.

Ward 5—Dr. Caroline Brown and William H. Harper. The latter is a new member, succeeding Trustee Samuel Platt, who retired.

Ward 6—William C. McEwen and Magnus A. Brillinger. No change in this ward.

Ward 7—Mrs. Edith L. Groves and Frederick B. Edmunds. No change in this ward.

Ward 8—A. O. L. Burness and Loftus H. Reid. The latter is a new member, succeeding Dr. E. C. Beer, who retired.

Two of last year's trustees were defeated at the polls. They were Trustees Dr. James E. Forfar and John McClelland.

Elections were held in some near-by places with the following results: Mimico Township—Mayor, J. H. Doughty, re-elected; reeve, W. A. Edwards, re-elected.

New Toronto Township—Mayor, G. E. Jones, re-elected; reeve, W. E. Jackson, re-elected.

Scarboro Township—Reeve, Robert McCowan, re-elected.

York Township—Reeve, W. M. Graham, re-elected.

Toronto Township—Reeve, Leslie Pallett, re-elected.

Portlands Township—Reeve, T. A. C. Tier.

PLAN NEW BRIDGE AT  
THE GOVERNMENT PARK

WINDSOR, Jan. 1.—Hon. Geo. P. Graham, minister of railways and canals and M. P. for South Essex, has notified Superintendent H. F. Conover, of Rondeau Government Park, that the department would not forward the construction of a proper bridge at Sturgeon Creek will soon be given.

Mr. Graham states that an attempt will be made to induce the Provincial Government to bear a proportion of cost of the proposed structure.