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**TWENTY-FIFTH YEAR**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Promises to Make a Straight Party Fight on the Issue of a Clean Vote.**

There was a mild sensation in connection with the civic disturbance yesterday when Controller Richardson handed in his resignation to the city council, which was in session. The controller did not attend the meeting. One evening paper contained the announcement that the resignation would be forthcoming; reporters for the other journals had been assured by the controller during the morning, with given reasons, that such a course was not intended by him.

The city council also took cognizance of the sentences passed by Judge Winchester on Saturday on the election offenders and in a resolution, moved by Controller Spence and seconded by Ald. Foot, a record was made approving the petitions to be circulated for executive clemency for the convicted parties, tho it was stated that no disrespect to Judge Winchester was intended.

Controller Frederick H. Richardson has resigned. He submitted his resignation to the mayor and the city council yesterday afternoon, and on the motion of Ald. Dunn and Dr. Noble it was accepted.

Controller Spence objected to "the rignarole," as he termed the political allusions in the letter, and objected to the phrase in Ald. Dunn's motion, "the resignation be taken as read," but the mayor found the phrasing in order.

Richardson stated that his letter was written in great haste, which accounts for any ambiguity or carelessness in the manner of it, tho he said the actual resignation was made for some time past.

**Due to Bogus Ballots.**

The letter stated that the resignation was due to the fact that several voters having been cast in six wards for several candidates in the municipal elections, and that also these voters were not numerous enough to affect the election of any of the elected candidates; yet as a member of the Conservative party and under the leadership of Mr. Whitney, who stood for purity in the ballot, he had declined not even to appear to take advantage of the illegal process, and with the intention of appealing to the electorate for an endorsement of his course he tendered his resignation.

**Will Make a Straight Party.**

Mr. Richardson was seen by The World last night and questioned as to his intentions. He declared he had absolutely nothing to do with the winning the election last January, and was prepared to enter on the by-election campaign on the issue of a clean vote. He said fully convinced that he was involved in the struggle and had nothing to fear. Several matters of detail which were mentioned in his letter, he stated he would deal with later, but that he did not wish to obscure the main issue for the present.

Upon the tone of his remarks and the statement appended Mr. Richardson evidently anticipates a fierce party struggle, in which there could be no help for a man who has taken this fear. On the general question he made this statement to The World:

**Innocent of Wrong Doing.**

"The cause of the resignation is really the number of bogus ballots which were cast, and of which I, as a candidate in the election, received a proportion proportionate to the number of these ballots in no way interfered with the result of the election so far as the honest voters were concerned, there being not sufficient to reduce my majority materially, nevertheless, do not desire to have a seat either in the council or on the board of control, even with the apparent support of any votes that may be termed as mine. I have no knowledge of two booths in which I did receive any of these votes were Abraham Cahoon's and Samuel Thomson's, and the trial, which have been very thorough so far as these two booths are concerned, have not brought out with respect to these two booths covers my whole knowledge of the circumstances, and any insinuations to the contrary are absolutely without foundation.

"I intend to stand against all comers in the election for the vacant councilorship, and I believe the voters of Toronto will endorse my course in doing all that is in my power to have a clean election, and I believe that their support will justify my conscience."

**A Political Attitude.**

"So far as The Globe's comments were concerned, my decision to resign was in no way affected by them. My attitude toward the whole investigation and up to date has been solely political, and their notes and comments are biased along those lines. In the first instance they deliberately and without any knowledge whatsoever declared the election of Ward One and Two to have been dishonest. Even when it was demonstrated beyond all question that the election was honest, The Globe had not the common decency to publish the fact.

"As a matter of fact, The Globe has neglected no opportunity to make every political allusion it could, the object being, no doubt, to try and lead the people to believe that the Tory or radical organizations of Toronto were corrupt, and in this way to shield those of their party, who have profited and hold power through such means.

"Instead of The Globe's having suggested my resignation, it would have been better for it to have explained the proper course for the assessment of the commissioner to have taken after the recent arraignment by the city's two distinguished solicitors, Messrs. Riddell and Lobbs, as to his connection with the stuffing of the voters' lists."

**Election on Soon.**

The election of the vacant councilorship caused by the resignation of Richardson will be brought on with all despatch. It is not known who will be the candidates of the First Ward representative. Ex-Ald. Foot and Oliver stated last night that they tentions of not being candidates, but the inference was learned. The fight is expected to be carried out on strict party lines. It will be necessary for the assessment bylaw appointing deputy assessors, new officers for the 155 polling sub-divisions in the city and the cost will be almost as great as that of the municipal election.

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man, a merchant, Bert, his son, and a Detroit pugilist. One of the men had a revolver, which was taken from him by Chief Tye, who, however, allowed all to escape. The man assaulted is under arrest for assaulting Geo. Hagaman a few days ago and it is supposed that Ben Hagaman, the son, came over from Detroit to get even with Clack.

**CIVIC HOLIDAY, AUG. 1.**  
The city council yesterday afternoon decided, on motion of Ald. Sheppard, to declare Monday, Aug. 1, as Civic Holiday.

**The Canada Metal Co.'s Babbit babbitts.**  
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**Use Fletcher's Fuel Economic Grate.**

**Died at Galt.**  
Galt, April 11.—Robert Gilholm died at his home in East Main-street this afternoon about 2.30, after a lingering illness. Mr. Gilholm was one of Galt's best known citizens, and his death is a great loss to the community.

**CHILD'S JAW BROKEN.**  
New Sarum, April 11.—(Special.)—The three-year-old child of E. Stangell was seriously injured last night by being run over of a rig by a kicking horse. The child's jaw was broken and she received two severe gashes in the face.

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