Meeting of the Ratepayers.

Who Heckle the Candidates Considerably.

Mr. Parsons' Glowing Eulogy Mayor Little.

Ald, Cooper and Others Get a Fusillade Sewers, Streets. Sidewalks, Schools, Etc.

The ratepayers of the fourth ward great gusto last night at Stanley Hall, corner Colborne and Pall Mall streets. The speakers were not limited to those on the official programme, and the spectators took a hand in whenever an opening occurred. The majority high school in Ontario where so few of the speakers were heckled right and left, but good nature predominated. Mr. E. J. McRobert made a capital chairman, and his duties were not entirely prefunctory, as he was timer and referee to boot.

this gathering in the fourth ward- to do everything, but where there He wisely suggested that a time limit | do? be put on the speakers. By vote of that he had only received six days' being allowed ten minutes extra to reply. He needed it, and more.

ALD. COOPER. Ald. Cooper said he tried his best to do as he promised. He denied a stateent in the Free Press that he had accused a Mr. Griffith of being drunk, and that he had refused him work. Mr. Griffith did not want more work than he received. What he did say was this, that no man could secure work on the corporation who came in liquor or with liquor. Mr. Cooper reviewed the work done in ward four during the year. He pointed to the bridges, the new sewers, culverts, street improvements, etc. There had been \$4,296 spent in the ward on general work, and over \$1,200 spent on the Dufferin avenue pavement, which men had been given employment in No. 4, and every team in the ward had had its share. He had had strong and also a fire hall. Ald. Garratt had fought against him, when he should have been with him. If Ald. Garratt had backed him, No. 4 would have had the fire hall; but Ald. Garratt

onslaught on Ald. Cooper, claiming that Mr. Griffith did want work, and he (Mr. Walker) had given it to him, although he did not really need him. Mr. Walker complained that the north end of the ward had received nothing. All the money went to the front streets, and none to the back. There were streets which had never been visited by a snow plow or a Ald. Cooper-They're out of the city,

Mr. Walker-No, they're not; and I can show them to you.

E. N. HUNT. Mr. E. N. Hunt, one of the aldermanic candidates, was received with applause. Mr. Hunt said he had had pleasure of seeing the four-room addition to St. George's school erected. (Applause.) The Princess avenue school and its staff had also been greatly improved, so that the fourth ward had now two of the finest schools in London. They had endeavored to get a four-room addition and a new two-room school for the ward, but the funds would not permit, and they had to be content with the addition. He thought, in canvassing in the North End, that the ward needin the North End, that the ward needed some improvements in the way of streets—(Hear, hear)—and if elected he would endeavor to do something to improve the North End. Mr. Hunt alluded to the cave-in of the sewer in South London. The contractor blamed it on the local men, but as a matter of fact the timbers but as a matter of fact the timbers were put in under the instructions of the Toronto foreman, though he was cautioned by the London workmen

Parsons spoke of the waste or water under present conditions, and advocated the general use of meters. He thought \$400 a month was a large amount to spend for civil engineers, that his directions were not proper. amount to spend for civil engineers, and when they needed those men he A Ratepayer—Are you in favor of Mr. Hunt—Yes.

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A Ratepayer—Are you in favor of Join the Knights of Labor because its ing outside for them. (Applause.)

JAMES FITZGERALD. Mr. James Fitzgerald said he had served three years as an alderman, and had done his best. It was while he was in the council that the steam so much good. He alluded to the im-provements on William and Maitland streets, which had most of the traffic to 17 or 18 mills. from the north, and urged the necessity of good roads. It would pay to put down the best roads, that would stand for all time.

JOHN TURNER.

sented the ward for nine years on the School Board, during which the number of rooms in the ward had in the same and had in th ber of rooms in the ward had increas-ed from 16 to 22. He accused Mr. Hunt of voting to send a good teach-er from Waterloo street school to Beckett

do his best to serve No. 4 ward in perticular and the city in general. "Aid. Cooper talks about his ward," added Mr. Turner. "I hear that Mr.

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cooper never consulted any of his colleagues on anything. When they won't work in harmony, but pull against each other, I don't think it is right." The speaker thought they should have a fire hall in the fourth

Question-Will you fire three or fou city engineers if you are elected?

Mr. Turner said he would go in for firing the Toronto man. He subscribed to the nine hour a day re-

Crawford Beckett-There ere seven engineers in the city's employ in the city engineer's office, and Chip-man, the waterworks engineer and the school board engineer. If that ain't seven, count 'em.
Mr. Turner did not think the city

engineer could do the School Board work without assistance.

W. H. MORGAN. Mr. W. H. Morgan, candidate for school trustee, said he believed in the present system of schools, and all should be more than delighted with the educational results. He thought discussed municipal matters with it would be economy to add a couple of forms to the public schools and take them off the high school, to save building another school. Considering the good results, the cost of the Collegiate Institute was comparatively cheap, as the Government contributed teachers taught so many pupils.

Messrs. A. Callahan and W. T. Strong, aldermanic and School Board candidates respectively, were called upon, but were not present.

CROSS-QUESTIONING. Ald. Cooper was given ten minutes The chairman, in introducing the to reply. These men, he said (referspeakers, said he was pleased to see ring to the candidates), were going the largest in the city. He had been a committee, and when five hands told there were 1,800 votes in the ward. went up against him, what could he

the audience fifteen minutes were al-lotted each speaker, Ald. Cooper, as foreman told him that he had inthe only old member of the council, structions to give the Irish as little work as possible. "That's all nonsense," said Ald. Cooper. He contended that he gave orders to the foreman to give work to

any man, black or white, so long as he lived in the ward. Mr. Turner and Mr. Scarrow had some little altercations with the speaker, which the audience relished. Ald. Cooper claimed that he was the only supporter in committee of the nine-hour clause in the sewerage contract. "Gentlemen," continued Ald. Cooper, earnestly, "there have been 89 cords of gravel dumped into holes north of Oxford street."

A fusillade of questions was fired at Ald. Cooper by Crawford Beckett, John Walker and others. The alderman pointed with pride to the work done on the streets, which he enumerated. "And if it hadn't been for Graydon, I was the finest in the city. Eighty-five would have had Maitland street, too," he added.

"Time!" said the chairman. had had its share. He had had strong opposition in the council. He had to fight for No. 4, but he got \$500 above questions." The speaker took credit the appropriation. They might call it ward grabbing, but No. 4 was entitled to it. Ald. Cooper said he fought hard for a school for the North End.

J. M. PARSONS Mr. J. M. Parsons, the mayoralty

candidate, said he was in a measure a stranger to them, as he had no munhad backed him, No. 4 would have had backed him, No. 4 would have had the fire hall; but Ald. Garratt wanted an addition to the central hall, which was not needed.

JOHN WALKER.

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Mr. Little, a man who is without a peer in the city." It was a benefit to the people, he said, that a man like hall the should devote his time and the people has not needed. talents to them. But there could be no harm in him (the speaker) oppos-ing him. He found a great deal of opposition to the mayor's administration, and he wanted to see how many were of the same opinion. He believed the mayor was thoroughly in earnest. and that he had performed his duties with an energy not surpassed by any citizen in the speaker's knowledge; but he thought the mayor was being led astray by others. He believd that Messrs. Jones and Essery, when water commissioners, were deluded by experts, and that Mayor Little was also letting himself be led astray on sewerage matters by experts. He did not see how nine or ten sewers could empty into one of the same diameter and sometimes less. They needed a sewer running down the river eight or nine feet in diameter. The whole fault was with the Ontario Government. They forbade sewerage entering the river, but permitted the city to do it in another way. The new sew-erage system would be like the waerected it was said there would be no more expenditure, but the cry was still ed surplus of the commissioners was not real. The city was charged over There were men in London capable of was sorry to see an outsider get the doing that kind of work without goconstitution forbade a lawyer being a member. He believed in equal rights. But on the Free Libary Board there were three or four lawyers all in a bunch. This was a mistake. The next member of the board should roller was purchased which had done blacksmith, to keep up the mechanical portion. The speaker said his aim would be to keep the tax rate down

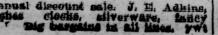
Mr. Crawford Beckett then took the floor and sailed into Ald.Cooper, whom he accused of rejecting his (Beckett's) tender, although it was the lower. "Of

"You have no right to make such a statement," said Ald. Cooper, rising Beckett said he merely said Ald. South London.

Mr. Hunt corrected Mr. Turner by stating that the removal was made on Principal Baker's recommendation, and he believed in the judgment of the principals.

Mr. Scarrow said Mr. Turner should post himself before making such statements.

Mr. Turner, continuing, said he did not believe they should tear up first-class streets and leave others untouched. If he were elected he would do his best to serve No. 4 ward in





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Lively Meeting of South London Electors.

Mayor Little's Opponent Eulogizes Him Highly.

Politics Introduced and the Meeting Is Thereby Made Warm.

The electors of South London assembled at Trebilcock's Hall last night to listen to the various candidates for municipal positions. Mayor Little was position, but Mr. Parsons, his oppon- their approbation. He would not deal ent, spoke very strongly in favor of took the privilege of objecting to some the absent candidate. Mr. John Ken- statements of the previous speaker.

He first dealt with the insinuation

Mr. John M. Parsons made his debut as mayoralty candidate, and was tender of a city contractor, which given a fair hearing. He stated that was \$1,700 higher than the tender achis reason for not being at the meet- cepted. his reason for not being at the meeting in East London Tuesday was that he did not know anything of it. Proing himself as a candidate, would admit of an opportunity for the people to show their appreciation of Mr. Litsaid the main trunk sewer was not being constructed large enough. The King street sewer is to be 3 feet by these four sewers go through the new main at a satisfactory rate. Mr. Parsons knew that an automatic arrangement was to be put on at flood time, but he thought it would be more of a nuisance than otherwise. It would allow all the sludge in the sewers to flow into the river. This would be a low all the sludge in the sewers to flow into the river. This would be a menace to the public health. The speaker blamed the Ontario Government and Mayor Little. He said although doubtless Mayor Little was sincere, he was led astray by the socalled "experts," as were ex-Water Commissioner Jones and ex-Mayor Essery in connection with the water works when the new pumps were out. works when the new pumps were put in a couple of years ago. If the money had been spent on meters it would have effected a great saving, and ratepayers would now be getting cheaper water. The meter system would also help reduce the discrimination now made in favor of larger consumers. The Fair Board, Mr. Parsons said, was costing the city too much. The Free Library Board was being run by lawyers, and he hoped the council next year would see that a mechanic was on the board to look after the interests of this class. Referring to the street railway company, he claimed there was discrimination in their favor. No revenue was received by the city for the street railway rink at Springbank, while the owners of rinks in the city had to pay their taxes. It was an oversight to have allowed the company to cross the city bridges. Some people would not ride over the bridges except on Sunday. In conclusion, Mr. Parsons said he had to go to another ward meeting, and let the people there see what he looked like what he looked like.

GEORGE DEACON. Mr. George Deacon, an old gentle-man, was allowed five minutes in which to present his scheme for prop-

so long as they were good men. (Applause.)

MR. HILLIARD. Mr. Hilliard was the next candidate called upon by the chairman. He spoke very briefly, merely announced that he was a candidate for aldermanic honors and stating that he had not been invited to attend the meeting, and would not make a speech.

Many of the auditors urged him to go on, but Mr. Hilliard took his seat without further words. ALD. McCALLUM.

Ald. McCallum was loudly cheered. He stated that this was his third time

to come before the citizens for elec-tion as alderman. In reviewing the

past year, he said that after the municipal and political tug-of-war at the first of the year, the council settled down and got to work nicely. One important thing which came before No. 3 committee, of which he was a member, was the matter of fire alarm boxes, which was bowled out by the council. Regarding the construction of the street railway, he had voted that no foreign labor be employed, and the same men that opposed him on that ground were now making a kick about the ten hours' clause in the sew-erage bylaw. He explained that if the vote had gone the other way on this atter question the work would have been considerably delayed. MR. P. H. BARTLETT. Mr. P. H. Bartlett, a candidate for seat at the council board for the

first time, was the next speaker. Regarding sewerage matters, he said there was not a contest. A good sewerage system was needed by the city. There could not be any reasonable objection to the details, as it was the work of experts. It had been said the sewers were not large enough—but he thought the experts had not been misled. With regard to the work that had been let, the fact that it had gone to an outside contrac-tor, he said, is a very serious mat-ter. Outside cities gave their contracts to their own contractors, and outside contractors were harder on the men. A city contractor had the city's interest at heart. He said, "I don't go to the length of saying no matter what the difference, give the contract to a city man, but I would go a long way." Mr. Bartlett took exception to Ald. McCallum's vote on the 10-hour clause. Referring to the temperance question, on which he had been asked to declare himself, Mr. Bartlett said he had always supported it. He was one of the first to advocate the passage of the Scott Act, which he believed was a step in the right direction. "Any attempt," said he, "to extend the privileges held by the liquor dealers, would be a mistake. I understand there is a movement in high quarters towards relaxation of the law against liquor sellers. I am against any such attempt." So far as the council could influence matter of the plebiscite, Mr. Bartlett said, they should see that there is a fair expression of public opinion. Concluding, Mr. Bartlett said if elected, he would act without fear, and without favor to any men or party

THE NEW TRUSTEE. Mr. J. Macpherson, who was elected school trustee for the sixth ward by acclamation, thanked the electors for with school board matters now, but of Mr. Bartlett that the council were blameworthy for not accepting the

ceeding, he spoke very highly of works.

As the speaker continued on this about the work that is being done on the sewers. Mr. Macpherson upheld tie. No man should be put in as mayor year after year without opposition. Mr. Little had done a great deal for the city, but the taxes ought insinuation that they were not friends Large sums could have been saved.

Dealing with the sewerage matter, he said the morkingmen as "mean." He asked for evidence of the anti-temperance movement. perance movement alluded to by Mr. Bartlett, Referring then to Mr. Bartlett's statement that he would, if elected, represent the whole city and 4 1-2 feet, and there were three more like it all emptying into a 3-foot main. It is impossible to put a cat through a keyhole, neither could the flow from Mr. Bartlett's political bias the speaker under the whole ward, and in order to prove mr. Bartlett's political bias the speaker as keyhole, neither could the flow from Mr. Bartlett at a political meeting Mr. Bartlett at a political meeting, having said he would like to see the Grit party undergo a process of ironing, but he would not like to be around unless there was a large quantity of Hobbs' disinfectant there. For this statement Mr. Macpherson vigor-

had questioned Mr. Ashbridge about the complaint, who admitted there was a certain amount of grounds for that kind of thing. He censured Mr. Macpherson for what he termed his said he was so disgusted at the way both parties had acted this year that it would be a hard matter to get him to vote this time. (Incredulous 'Oh's' and laughter.)

Mr. Macpherson again took the plat-form. He stated that probably one reason why he was elected by acclamation was because he never called his opponents hard names. Mr. Bartlett replied that the state-ment made by him referred to by the last speaker was a joke, arising out of the name, "Laundry Specialist," which had been applied to him. He wanted to avoid a contest on political lines. Politics should not figure in civic and business matters.

ALD. PARNETT. Chairman Kennedy thought they had had enough politics for one night, and asked Ald. Parnell to leave it out of asked Ald. Farnell to leave it out of the discussion. Mr. Parnell gave an interesting review of the year's work. In his connection with the council he had nothing to do with politics at all. In answer to Mr. Parsons' statement about the sewerage, he said, "Remem-ber that we have only let about \$10,-000 of the work, and there is nearly a quarter of a million to do. When Ald. Gerry said he was not an expert. He was simply a plain working man. He had not been in the council long enough to be on the inside track, and would not go into many details. During his term of office he had never the complete of high taxes, Mr. Capyres. bine. The speaker also accused Aid, coper funding the ward to be robbed of 150 cords of gravel.

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R. E. O. P. A., which was instrumental in practically killing the scheme of the city owning its own electric light plant, whereby the cost of 70 cents per head could have been reduced one-half. He spoke against the ward-grabbing system, and took credit for the introduction of system-atic methods of superintending the work in the city engineer's office. After a vote of thanks to the chair-man the meeting broke up.

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