



Montreal Ski Club on a tramp at Lake Manitou.

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At the Ski Club Competitions.



Montreal Ski Club Competition. John Rudd turning a flip on Skis.

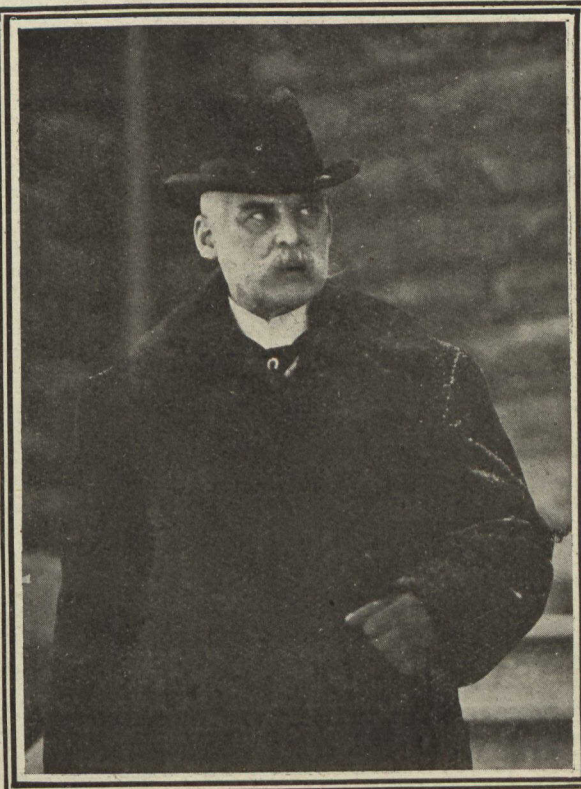
The Irish Mayor of Montreal

FIGHTING Irish is again to the fore in the new Mayor of Montreal, Dr. J. J. Guerin, who has a medical lieutenant on the new Board of Control in the person of Dr. E. P. Lachapelle. The Mayor represents thirty thousand Irish. McShane will be remembered as another Irish mayor—lately very ill, but anxious to get out and vote for honest government. A man in Winnipeg—he must have been Irish, too—wrote Dr. Guerin a week before the election, telling him if he expected to want another vote "real bad" to wire him and he would be on hand. But with almost ten thousand majority for Guerin the vote wasn't needed.

It was surely a clean-up day for the Irish washerwoman. Every man on the citizens' slate elected for controller and a citizens' candidate for alderman elected in every ward but one; as though the people knew it was now or never; such a load of dirty linen accumulating for years down at the City Hall.

But they're bound to wash it clean. These four controllers may not be the most brilliant quartette in Montreal. But it isn't brilliancy that counts just now. They've had too many stars down at the City Hall—falling ones lately. The old council was about as scintillating a constellation as you could imagine. Most of them loved darkness rather than light—the "23," because—well, let it go at that. They're out now. The new Board of Control will see that expenditures for 1910 are not "malversated." There's a million dollars to save somewhere. The Board of Control with Dr. Guerin at the head will get nominally \$27,000 to do it; for each controller \$5,000 and for the mayor a \$2,000 bonus; though the Act of the Legislature that empowered Montreal

to have a board of control and to cut down its aldermen by half, made the maximum salary \$10,000—and so the Citizens' Committee nominated it; but



Dr. J. J. Guerin, Mayor-elect of Montreal.

the old council, determined to have a final gasp, cut the estimate in two. Expectation—that the new council will raise the salary to the limit.

However, that's not a vital question. No doubt if these five men can stop a million-dollar leak in one year they will have begun to earn \$50,000. Collectively they will be worth every dollar of it. Trust the Irish Mayor. He has done a deal of talking with his coat off in the campaign. He will now proceed to roll up his underwear sleeves and show Montreal how a real live mayor pledged to honesty and efficiency earns his money. He has had plenty of experience, both professional and public; was in the Legislature and the Quebec Cabinet.

His English lieutenant, Mr. F. L. Wanklyn, is one of the grippy men in Montreal. He is an expert engineer and on that side he will have ample scope for his talents in the needed extensions to the Montreal water service and the just as necessary improvements to Montreal streets. They need a new conduit and a new aqueduct; also a probable filtration plant. As for the streets—more power to the elbow! They are in a bad way. Pavement contracts aggregating more than a million were held up last year owing to the "23." Besides, Mr. Wanklyn is an authority on finance, being vice-president of the Dominion Coal Co. in whose offices overlooking Victoria Square will soon be held a coalition meeting of Dominion Coal and Dominion Iron and Steel.

Dr. E. P. Lachapelle is a medical expert who will be well able to co-advise with Dr. Guerin and Mr. Wanklyn on the sanitary improvements necessary in Montreal. Mr. Joseph Ainey is a carpenter and a prominent labourite and in association with Mr. Wanklyn will provide a spectacle of labour and capital combining to clean up a commonwealth. Mr. L. N. Dupuis, the other controller, is also a financier—in a minor way.