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REV. DR. M'CRAE CLOSES PASTORATE IN EAST END CHURCH

Ugres Congregation To Stand By Highest Standards.

Preaching his farewell sermon at the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church last evening, Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae advised the congregation to remain faithful to the standards of charity, benevolence and goodness taught by him during his years of successful work. Dr. McCrae struck a high note of idealism. He reviewed the work of the church during his term of administration. "It is a very hard thing to do, to say farewell to a flock one loves," Dr. McCrae said. "The word farewell is very beautiful. It does not necessarily mean permanent disconnection with loved ones while on earth, but it means retirement, which although sweet at a certain time of life, is nevertheless to be regretted."

As a last word of advice, the speaker said he would like to impress upon those before him the great joy of knowing after the better part of life is past that one has not lived in vain.

"As I have said in my sermons many times, always strive toward the perfect state," Dr. McCrae said. "With all the temptations of modern times assailing us, it is very hard to be perfect. There is temporal joy in doing certain things; there is pleasure and life in perpetrating that which according to the law of man and God should not be done; but there is no enjoyment, no ecstasy greater than that experienced by a truly good man or woman who looks back upon the actions of the past as actions of kindness and tenderness."

The Greatest Joy.

To live in the light of Jesus Christ is the greatest joy on the material planet, Dr. McCrae asserted. To know onself as a repentant sinner and to discard sin for the higher inner sphere of life is to provide one with an eternal life.

Continuing, Dr. McCrae declared that one of the most abused words of the language is the word "holiness." Holiness in one sense meanns hypocrisy. However, the true interpretation of the word is wholesomeness. A man cannot be holy unless he is wholesome. Clean in thought, wholesome in deed, and a man is holy; otherwise he is unholy.

"At this time, when the world is plunged in the greatest sorrow ever thrust upon it, it is not an easy task to steer for the right road of life," he said. "There are nine hundred and ninety-nine paths which lead to sin, but there is also one which terminates in heaven, and that road is the right one. Men who tread the nine hundred and ninety-nine wrong paths perhaps believe there is no path toward righteousness. Particularly at this period, when the world is shedding tears of blood, it is difficult to discover the path to eternal glory. But it must be found, and it will be found by those who conscientiously and constantly seek God."

Generous Treatment.

Touching on the period during which he has tended to the spiritual needs of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, Dr. McCrae asserted that the treatment accorded him has been at all times sympathetic, co-operative and generous. Owing to ill-health, he is compelled to relinquish his post, but Dr. McCrae expressed the anticipation that he will be allowed to lecture and deliver addresses to his old congregation and for the benefit of the societies with which he has for years been prominently affiliated.

The speaker expressed the hope that those whom he has personally attended during his ministration will not forget him in his retirement. He said that he is deeply conscious of his shortcomings, but assured the congregation that throughout his term he has endeavored to do his utmost for everyone.

Letters and telegrams from all over Canada had been received by him, Dr. McCrae asserted. They expressed the regret of friends over his retirement. The reception of the messages was like sweet incense. They represented the reflection of his actions of the past three decades in evangelical, business and other work.

Referring to his future association with the congregation, Dr. McCrae declared that the discontinuation of friendship is never permanent.

"To say farewell is my great regret," he stated. "I can see in the future a shining light which reflects the love and the friendship of the present and the past. The light is the aftermath of this life. It is the symbol of future happiness. It portrays the reunition of loved ones. I commend you, my friends, to God, who, I pray, will be with you till we meet again."

MEASLES OUTBREAK.

Measles seems to be having a regular time with London kiddies, according to the records published by Dr. H. W. Hill, medical officer of health, for the week ending December 22. Of the 110 new cases of infectious diseases reported, 98 were measles. There were in addition 6 cases of chickenpox, 2 cases of diphtheria, 1 case of septic sore throat, 1 of scarlet fever and 2 of tuberculosis. There are 143 cases in the city at the end of the week, 118 measles, 7 chickenpox, 6 diphtheria, 4 septic sore throat and 8 of scarlet fever.

There were 135 cases isolated at home and 8 in the isolation hospital. Of the latter 4 are septic sore throat, 1 diphtheria, 1 measles and 2 scarlet fever.

There are 101 houses under quarantine.

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Mrs. L. F. Simmons wishes to thank the many kind friends for assistance and sympathy shown during her recent bereavement; also Centennial Methodist Church, Sunday school and primary class, and Lodge British Lion, Sons of England, Court Forest City, A. O. F., Corinthian Lodge, A., F. and A. M., Forest City Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and East End businessmen. b

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Other Candidates Were Given a Fair Hearing by Crowd.

The municipal campaign practically ended on Saturday night with what might be termed the employment of the worst tactics that have ever marked a contest in the city. The meeting was called by the mayor for the city hall. The trustees, Mayor Stevenson and Controller Shaw were each given, as Chairman Moorhead said, "a courteous hearing." Mr. Somerville was then called and started his address. It was the signal for the opposing candidates and their hecklers in the packed meeting to vent their spleen. There has been talk about a ring being behind Mr. Somerville. It was never so apparent as at Saturday night's meeting that there is a ring which would keep the uninitiated and the outsider from getting his eyes on the mayoralty chair.

Mayor Stevenson, Controller Shaw, Ald. Ashplant and several others interrupted the candidate before he had even got a chance to say a dozen sentences. Common courtesy was conspicuous by its absence.

Fair Hearing.

The other two candidates were given a fair hearing. The chairman told them to ask questions last. It has been the general practice at the meetings held. The chairman told them on Saturday night to hold their questions. But it was not questions that they wished to ask Mr. Somerville; it was to interrupt and prevent him from presenting his case to the some 32 electors who were present. Not one of the interrupters who stopped the speaker under the guise of asking a question asked a bona-fide question that related to the matter under discussion.

Controller Shaw unblushingly stepped in, after Mr. Somerville had pronounced half a dozen sentences to give his views. He went into a ten-minute tirade and might have been going yet had not Mr. Somerville suggested that Mr. Shaw be given the whole night, and the chairman at last aroused out of his slumbers suggested that Mr. Somerville be given a fair hearing. It cannot be said that Controller Shaw treated his opponent with common decency, let alone courtesy. It was a befitting climax to his campaign of personalities.

Became Disgusted.

Finally Mr. Somerville became disgusted. Mr. Pocock and Dr. Zeigler had appealed to the other candidates and the planted hecklers without avail. Mr. Somerville resumed his seat. He saw that it was impossible to get a fair hearing. The few honest-to-goodness seekers of information among the audience called for him to proceed. They clearly showed their disgust for the tactics employed. Mr. Somerville was none the less disgusted. He sat down.

F. W. Daly, a candidate for the utilities commission, Mr. Pocock and Mr. Vining spoke after. They were not interrupted once. They made their speeches. When Mr. Pocock concluded he was asked several questions, but not before it was to be regretted that even the mayor, who, as head of the city hall, had called the meeting, made no effort to secure a fair hearing for Mr. Somerville. Others have done so, even for their opponents.

On the whole the addresses delivered at the meeting were of the same order as those that marked the other meetings. The school board candidates were out in force. The controller candidates were again absent.

Denies Statement.

Mayor Stevenson denied the statement made that the city had decided to put through the proposal to construct $100,000 storm sewers. He said that the board of control has passed the matter, but that the council had laid the matter over until the next year. The mayor expressed regret that the principal of the Western University had come out as his opponent. He was surprised that he would stoop so low as to take part in a municipal campaign and oppose the mayor.

Dr. Shaw interrupted: "Looks as if he wants more money."

The mayor declared in closing, after outlining his record, that he thought that the councils of the future would adopt and carry out the great principles as laid down by the mayor.

The mayor was asked if he had evolved and scheme for the municipal coal yard. He replied that the machinery was there ready for use. Mr. Russell, who asked the question, pointed out that the matter was discussed in the city hall just one year ago.

Blocked by Board.

The mayor said that he had tried to purchase a share of gas company and street railway stock so that he could sit at their meetings and learn something about these companies. He was blocked by the solid vote of the board of control and by the council with but few exceptions.

Controller Shaw, who followed had an excellent explanation as to his share in blocking this deal of the mayor's. He said that they thought that they would not let these people know they were after the stock and then it would be easy to get, so they turned the proposition down.

The candidate was not long in launching his campaign of vilification. He made many personal references to Mr Somerville. He followed out the statement he made last Wednesday night that he did not take Mayor Stevenson seriously. He did not mention him except when he hesitated to assure the audience that both his opponents were gentlemen. He declared that the campaign was not a contest to elect a mayor, but to defeat him.

"What about Hughie?" asked one of Mayor Stevenson's lieutenants.

A Big Assumption.

"That's a big assumption," said another.

"They fear the other man more than you," came back No. 1.

"It is a wonder they did not put two in the field," said Dr. Shaw.

"I'm not sure about that myself," said No. 1.

The controller said he considered Mr. Somerville in the light of an usurper. Why had he not served his apprenticeship?

Dr. Shaw, when he concluded, asked if there was anyone who wished to ask him any questions. Mr. Pocock stated that Dr. Shaw had intimated at a previous meeting that only he was aware of the fact that the Helena Costume Company were purchasing power from the utilities commission and not the hydro commission. He thought that he had cast an aspersion. He produced a letter from the hydro chief engineer, announcing the receipt of the contract.

Mr. Shaw said that he had been misquoted. He said that he had not mentioned Mr. Pocock or Mr. McFarland. He had mentioned the other three commissioners as having spoken to him, and they knew nothing about it.

A press representative informed the controller that he had said that he had spoken to all the commissioners but one. He then proceeded to name but three that he had spoken to.

Usual Tactics.

Mr. Shaw adopted his usual tactics when he is in a tight corner. He tried to domineer. It bordered almost on insolence. "What are you talking about," to Mr. Pocock. To the audience: "Perhaps we may have the Helena and a railway foisted on us," were his remarks to befog the matter and hide his discomfiture.

Mr. Pocock, with the controller's permission, and the chairman's, said that he would give a statement of the Helena question before the controller left, as he had indicated that he wanted to go. He did. He said that the Helena company, a big tax-paying concern, employed 300 hands. It had made two hydro contracts, one for the winter and the other for the summer. In the winter it ran a heating plant and used its own power. In the summer it took the hydro. It was 25-cycle, and it used 60, and in changing it it lost 20 per cent of the power. The price they paid for the power was the same as anyone else all over the city getting power. The hydro officials at Toronto had approved of the contract, as was shown by the Gaby letter which Mr. Shaw had read.

Mr. Somerville started to follow. He declared that he seemed to be the storm centre, and answered immediately a charge that Mr. Shaw had made, to the effect that he had sold out his factory and that it had been moved to Toronto. He remarked that any one who wished might go out and find the factory in the same old place.

From Hospital.

As to the board of health overdraft, he said that the two patients cared for came from the hospital. One was a man from St. Thomas, who had been sent to the hospital for an infection of the eye. He was in there some time, when it was discovered that he had smallpox. He was isolated. Later a woman suffering from a broken hip, and who was in a room on a floor above and at the far end of the hall, developed the same disease. The infection must have been carried to her. As to the first, he said that the law held that the only way they could make St. Thomas pay for the caring of the man, who came from that city, was to prove that there was some negligence on the part of the health officials of that city. The man had not been in St. Thomas for over a month and a half previous. As to the woman, he did not think that she, like the man, could afford to pay, and, on the other hand, there was the possibility that she might have had an action for damages.

Bad Business.

Mayor Stevenson and Dr. Shaw denied during their remarks that there existed at the present time two and a half million dollars of unsold city debentures. Mr. Somerville said that he had made the statement that they did exist, and his informant was the city treasurer. He did not know whether or not the debentures were in the city or whether they were hocked in New York. However, he declared that he believed that the shortterm loans, instead of selling the debentures outright at the prevailing rate of interest that existed one and a half years ago, was bad business.

The interrupters, it must be remembered, had not allowed Mr. Somerville to get this far unmolested. They made jibes and interrupted under the guise of questions and statements. Dr. Shaw got in his ten-minute interruption here. He attacked Mr. Somerville's record on the board of health. He read statistics from the board of health report in an effort to show that Mr. Somerville's term of office had not been a success. He wandered along for ten minutes and never asked a question, though under the chairman's ruling he did not have the right at this juncture to interrupt at all, and he had already had a chance to present his own case.

Ald. Ashplant was the next interrupter.

Mr. Somerville had hardly said ten words about selling the bonds one and a half years ago, when he said there was a good market, when Ald. Ashplant said that there was not. He said that the railways could not sell their bonds. They were following the same scheme as the city and floating short term loans.

Knows There Is.

Mr. Somerville, when he got a chance, said that he was in a position to know that there was a market for municipal bonds at that time. He said that there were certain corporations, whom by law were prohibited from buying railway stocks, that were looking for good municipal bonds.

Ald. Ashplant said that the city had given the Huron and Erie an option of the bonds, and that it had not taken this up. It could not sell them.

Mr. Pocock interrupted to say that a trust company with which he was connected offered to purchase certain utility bonds, but that its offer had been rejected, and the Huron and Erie option followed some time later.

Mayor Stevenson here interrupted.

Mayor Stevenson said that they were caring for their bonds with their sinking fund.

Mr. Somerville replied that the city was doing the illegal thing all the time.

The candidate was clearly too much for them. Some of the hecklers said that he was just fishing for information. One said that he was not speaking the truth about finances.

"If that is the opinion, then there is not much use of me talking further," was the candidate's reply to this heckler, and he sat down.

Radical Changes.

Mr. Daly, for the utilities commission followed, and received a most respectful hearing, although he did propose a couple of radical departures from the program outlined by the inner ring. He did not take kindly to the city's going blindly into the commission form of government without knowing what it is about. He expressed regret that not a city official had offered any explanation of what policy the council proposed to pursue. He touched on the matter of finances, and in speaking of the floating of the Victory Loan said that the federal minister of finance had given a fictitious value to capital that did not exist before, and that has today increased the cost of living and made it difficult for the municipalities to sell their debentures.

Wide Experience.

Mr. Pocock spoke of his experience on the utilities board. He went fully into the working of the board, first explaining to the audience a point raised by Dr. Shaw as to the control of the hydro system. It was not a Government institution as the doctor had intimated. It was controlled entirely by the municipalities. For backing the bonds of the municipalities in their expenditures the municipalities had agreed on allowing the Ontario Government naming the commissioners. In dealing with the local utilities Mr. Pocock outlined the splendid advance that has been made with the hydro and water systems in the city. They had made many thousands of dollars for the city and at the same time had paid good wages to their men and made a number of reductions in tre rates. He was applauded loudly when he took his seat.

A Fine Report.

Jared Vining, who followed, voiced the sentiments of the meeting when he said that Mr. Pocock was to be congratulated on the report he had presented on the work of the commission. He said that the city was indebted to him. He said that there was a vacancy on the board and he was a candidate for it. In fact, there were two vacancies, as Mr. Pocock was out of office until re-elected. Mr. Daly and he were trying for the board and Mr. Pocock was after re-election. Mr. Vining made no promises other than that he would do his best, and when his term expired he would go before the people and tell them just what he had done.

The Independent Labor candidates for the board of education were on hand in force as per usual. They are putting up a merry campaign and making the other candidates sit up. Chester Scoyne, S. A. Wakeling, C. H. Thorne, Herbert Collier presented their platform which calls for free text books. Mr. Scoyne pointed out that in the past all interests but labor had been represented from time to time on the board. He thought it was time Labor was given a chance.

Thomas Coleridge, an old teacher, declared that he anticipated trouble on the board next year. He would like to be there. He spoke well of the work carried out by the old board, only he thought they went a little too high on the technical school.

E. H. Russell criticized some of the candidates running for office for not appearing at a meeting. He said that with the present small field the electors really had no choice in naming their officials.

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"Whenever a Samoan native gets particularly angry about anything," says Mr. Norcross, who has just returned from an extensive trip through the Southern Pacific Islands, "he wants to fight." Where an American would say, "I'll wipe up the floor with you,' or I'll show you what I can do,' the Samoan merely smiles and declares that he'll 'try a William Farnum,' or 'give him the William Farnum treatment.' That's what they have come to think of the world famous William Fox player in Samoa."

William Fox pictures, in which William Farnum does such screen fighting as he practiced in "When a Man Sees Red," which was founded on Larry Evans' story of "The Painted Lady," which ran in short story form in the Saturday Evening Post, have been shown in the leading cinema palaces of Samoa for more than a year. During this time, the natives of the island have had ample time to become acquainted with the fine type of work that the big star does. And they have shown their appreciation of his acting by incorporating him into their language.

"It is really a big compliment to the American player that the Samoans have paid," says Mr. Norcross. "When we threaten to fight anyone, we never concede the possibility of defeat to ourselves. In the same way, when a Samoan 'William Farnums' his neighbor, he practically boasts that he is able to beat him. If he doesn't then he is merely out-Farnumed." At the Patricia today, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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To the vast majority of your number, the men upon whom in the last analysis the upbuilding and maintenance of a city rests, the men who labor, the men who fight the nation's battles and who pay the nation's debts, **the tax bill is the vital issue.**

Are you, who own your homes, content that the taxation on your thousand dollar property of a few years since has grown from $20 to nearly $60? Shall you who do the landlord's bidding hear his tales of greater tax burdens and dig down for higher rentals without protest?

Have You Forgotten?

Have you property owners forgotten your last session with the tax collector? Do you tenants stick your heads in the sands of pre-election bombast, and with ostrich innocence send back for further wastefulness and incompetency the men who heeded not your groanings?

Are you women, holding for the first time in civic history, the privilege of the ballot, to worse than waste it in returning to office those whom you should hold to strict accountability for what has gone before?

You murmur against the cost of living, and call for action. Last summer you three times before the tax collector's wicket felt the lash of the wasteful incompetents at the council board.

But what better should the electors of London have looked for? And if you repeat the error of former years what better may they look for? Shall not these same persons in whom your trust has been so sadly misplaced, regard re-election as a mandate to spend and squander, to junket and waste, with the sky the limit?

The Fitness of Things.

Two of the mayoralty candidates—medicine men—are no doubt estimable gentlemen, perhaps well-fitted to pursue the professions for which they have been educated. **But would you send for a blacksmith to make you a watch?** If you break your ribs do you call in the plumber? Attempting the roll of a tailor, could either of these doctors make a nose-bag for a horse?

Yet these are the men, the graduates of hospitals and medical schools, who to gratify their office-seeking appetites, to obtain the "prestige" of another title with their "M.D.'s," ask the people of London to appoint them to the management of the **greatest business and industrial institution** between Hamilton and Detroit; a business having an **investment of forty million dollars, a debt of** their making of five million dollars, and calling for an **annual expenditure** of close to **two million dollars**—every penny raked from the pockets of the over-burdened taxpayer.

Such are the men, who, to advance their selfish purposes, though unsought, announce early in the year that they shall be candidates for the mayoralty of London; who race about the city seeking names to go upon their nomination papers. They have their own private practices, which they bluntly say, come first. The management of London is the after-thought, to be given indifferent attention if nothing else interferes.

Here Stands Somerville.

But there is another type of gentleman before the people; a man who stands for office, **not because he seeks the post, but because the post needs him;** a man who two hours before the close of nomination had not yet yielded to the appeals of hundreds of the most trusted citizens of London, **men of both political parties, and of all walks of life.**

This man started life at the bench in a carriage-making shop in Goderich. He came to London forty years ago. He got a job and went to night school. He became an expert accountant, a man who knows books and money, who isn't in a maze when he talks to bankers. He established a little factory and he made it a big one. He grew up with London. **He paid his employees good wages. He gave them splendid working conditions and they pulled with him.** He shared his success with his workers and when he had enough he pulled out and retired on a competence. His life has won for him a reputation as a man of honesty, of fair dealing, of energy, and of great business capacity. **He has no private interests,** but he has a splendid public spirit, and that is what brings him into the field. He is a man of energy and courage. He will give his whole time and the benefit of his business skill to the people of London if you elect him.

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Nine-tenths of all of London's business is financial. The little quibbling about who burns autumn leaves on the streets does not keep the tax rate down. The mayor, if he is a real one, is after bigger game. **With Mr. Somerville in the chair London will not again drop $150,000 on one stroke of muddled financing,** and tack the bill on the workingman.

Hundreds of London workingmen today have jobs because other workingmen have been taken out of the labor market by the war. But what will come with the return of peace? London must haul down the tax rate. **London must build on a solid basis, and get the jump on her rivals in the fight for industrial expansion after the war.** Any mayor will have surpluses to tell you of if he hits you hard enough when the taxes are being collected. But London wants her tax rate down.

The time demands for mayor of London, a strong mind, trained in the intricacies of finance; a man whom the lust of office does not kill; a man whom the spoils of office cannot buy; a man who possesses opinions and a will, a man of brains and a man of honor who springs from the ranks of the people.

The time and London need C. R. SOMERVILLE.

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