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Interest centers in the titanic struggle for the mayor's chair that has been waged consistently during the past three weeks and must culminate to night in the election of either Ald. H. J. Childs or ex-Ald. George A. Wenig.

The former entered the field as the choice of the "citizens' committee," while the latter has proclaimed repeatedly throughout the campaign that he represents, not one class, but all.

From the tap of the gong the struggle has been maintained with increasing intensity and capacity audiences at the many mass meetings staged throughout the community is ample testimony that the electors of London have been stirred to a point unattainable during the last decade.

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Quicker interest. Aside from the quickened interest manifested in municipal affairs, other factors, to insure a record vote, have to be considered this year. Scores of names have been added to the voters' list, and there was every indication today that the newly enfranchised were exercising their privilege.

Since the last election there has been a complete redistribution of the polling sub-divisions, lending much to the convenience of the voters. To cite an instance, the booths are now arranged that it will be unnecessary for any resident of Ward Two to cross the river to West London to cast a ballot.

Scores of people who formerly voted at the Empress Avenue public school are voting today at the Father Street School, and it was an acknowledged fact that dozens of persons in past years refrained from appearance at the polls for the very reason that they would not bestir themselves to cross the river to West London.

The same has been noted throughout the four wards, and the distance are the electors compelled to walk a great distance to the booths.

Three More Voting Hours. Probably the greatest inducement to the electors this year is the fact that three additional hours for voting have been arranged. The polls opened this morning at 8 o'clock and will remain open until 11 p.m.

This is primarily intended as a real

effort to bring out a big labor vote, and the extended time is calculated to mean the polling of hundreds of votes that would not be otherwise provided. As the polls remain open two hours longer than customary, the workers are enabled to return home from their place of employment, have their supper and then go to the polls.

Ideal weather is also favoring a record vote in every sub-division of the city.

Exclusive of their selections for the several municipal offices, the ratepayers of London are today expressing their opinion upon three of the most important issues that have confronted them for many years past.

Street Railway Bylaw.

Foremost among these is the question: "Shall we purchase the London Street Railway in 1925?" And in this connection, reports trickling into the city hall throughout the morning and until early afternoon indicate a fair way that the bylaw is meeting with favor.

The feeling seems uppermost that the majority of the taxpayers, after thorough consideration, have concluded that there is no alternative but to purchase the local lines under the terms of bylaw 916.

Confidence that the proposed bylaw is meeting with success is also expressed at the city hall, and the only proposal that is believed to be experiencing any apparent difficulty is the suggestion that the Federal Square be disposed of and new civic office buildings be erected on the present site, the Spencer block.

New City Hall.

This is the fourth time in the past 10 years that the electors have been asked to express an opinion upon a new city hall, and they are beginning to look for a proposal of this nature on the ballot paper each year that they go to the polls.

Upon two occasions they have approved of the federal square for that purpose, and on one other occasion they have disapproved of the Spencer location as a suitable location.

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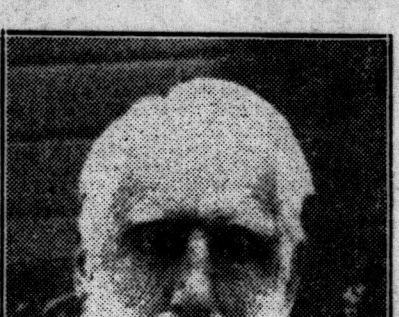
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Sir Adam Arrives At Polls Early

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MURPHY DESIRES CHEAPER LETTERS

Postmaster-General Declares Movement for Reduction Must Originate With Finance Department.

EARN SURPLUS IN YEAR

Sees Common Rate a Bond Between Canada and the United States.

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Hon. Mr. Murphy also showed that the postal deficit of a million and a half dollars last year is now replaced by a surplus of a million.

In part, Mr. Murphy said: "It has long been the custom among a certain class of public speakers to assert that the link which binds in friendship the American and the Canadian people is the link of a common origin, a common language and common ideals. That may sound pleasant to the ear, but it is not a correct statement. The real link that binds these two nations is the postal service common to both. And that link has endured since the year 1763, when Benjamin Franklin opened postoffices at Quebec, Three Rivers and Montreal, and established the first postal service between Montreal and New York by way of Lake Champlain and Lake George."

Service Enlarged.

"There have, of course, been numerous occasions since the year 1763 when the international service, then inaugurated, has been enlarged and improved. I refer more particularly to the postal conventions of 1793, 1846, 1857, 1881, 1888, 1907 and 1908. The improvement in general has been call for immediate attention is the object of this conference. The time at which we meet should be propitious for a solution of the postal problems. A period of unrest and business instability is gradually giving way to more settled conditions. The improvement in general has been call for immediate attention is the object of this conference. The time at which we meet should be propitious for a solution of the postal problems. A period of unrest and business instability is gradually giving way to more settled conditions. The improvement in general has been call for immediate attention is the object of this conference. The time at which we meet should be propitious for a solution of the postal problems. 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