MANY CANDIDATES WERE HEARD AT MEETING OF **ELECTORS IN EAST END**

Ald. Stevely Refers to His Record in the Council-Ex-Ald. Judd Makes Wholesale Denials of Arguments Being Used Against Him-Various Matters Discussed.

The meeting in the east end hall last big business men, broad-minded and hight was but poorly attended, and at capable. No one can point to a single he is not the Grand Trunk solicitor, but nevertheless, Mr. Judd told him the country of the count ple in the building. Whether it is that cil during the years I have been the people are not interested in the mayor." campaign, or whether they are too in- This was his certificate of character tent on Christmas joys as yet to take as an alderman during Mayor Beck's up the burden of municipal problems, time. (Cheers.) the fact remains that if the east end Point for Electors. are not particularly interested in anymeeting is any criterion, the citizens thing which may happen on Monday is alleged by the Free Pres to be to this year have been great, Mr. Steve-

All the speakers were given a good uted fairly, though at all times per-Cunctorily.

and ex-Ald. Judd, for the mayoralty; According to Mr. Judd's own newspa- Beck had congratulated him upon it, The chief speakers were Ald. Stevely Mr. J. R. Minhinnick and Mr. W. E. Saunders, for the water commission; Chairman Darch, on behalf of the new pany which lights the streets of Lon-denied emphatically that he has any main; and Mr. T. B. Escott, for the proposed license reduction.

Ald. Stevely answered at length the charges made against him as a public man, and also the charge that he had people knew him and he left them to cheered. been unfair to the McClary strikers, judge. reading a letter from the Molders' Union which completely shattered the

The Arouments.

Mr. Judd attempted to refute the arconnection with corporations.

Mr. Minhinnick rather spoke against (Cheers.) the new main at present, advising fur- Ex-Ald. Judd. ther investigation before spending so large an amount of money as that asked from the citizens, though he will carry out the will of the people If the bylaw carries and he is elected. and Mr. Darch explained the entire their finger on a single shedy trans- for the water commission, was next Mr. Saunders favored the second main problem at length. Mr. Escott's speech was an argument

tile attempts to find a chairman had and allow Ald. Stevely to be mayor— said, after which he went into a hisbeen made, agreed to preside over the if Ald. Stevely will agree to the same tory of the waterworks. If the water if elected, to keep the water as pure, meeting. At his suggestion, the mayor- terms. He said that insinuations are is there for what we require, and he alty candidates were allowed twenty being made that if elected next year believes it is, we need another main. minutes each. The result was that sev- citizens, but he challenged The Advereral overran the allotted time, and tiser to point to anything of a shady enough to vote for another main when about 11 o'clock the people, with the character in which he had ever been we make sure we need it. Of the presexception of about forty, had left the engaged. (Cheers.) hall. Thus several of the aldermen Important Admission. and school trustees, as well as Col. men, had the choice of going home or has sufficient ability to act for a cor- is the e before he would favor a new of talking to empty benches. Several poration. If a man could act for a main. He said that a number of per-

Ald. Stevely's Address.

prenticeship of six years, in the coun- result?" cil, as an alderman. If he had proven satisfactory he asked for support. He crowd snickered. alluded at length to the many works He denied that he is the solicitor for poses to employ are picks and shovels. asked for the support of all classes of carried out by the council. He had put the Eell Telephone Company, and never If the people vote for the main, he citizens. He is a Londoner, born in through a motion in the council that had been. But he had acted for the will install it, and abide by the will London, and without a black mark the municipal act be so amended that Bell Company to secure an exclusive of the people, but for his own part, he against him. If elected he will enon streets where the people cannot franchise from the city. Last year he would prefer to go slow. In conclude avor to discharge his duties faithagree, the council, by a three-fourths was in the council and did not act for sion, he appealed for the support of fully. shall be laid, so that in future the The telephone prices remained the to devote sufficient time to the work which he took credit to himself for progress of the city may not be hin- same, and yet the city is now drawing to conduct the commission business as

He referred to the important business franchise, under the new agreement life in the commission now, he said to come up next year, and instanced made, instead of \$1,000 as under the old the case of the G. T. R. He is in favor agreement. injured by the company without that for the company's Montreal solicitors sorry to see the Free Press had made company? many uncalled-for attacks on him, Referring to the charge that he had strikers in the McClary strike, which city. the Free Press had made against him. He defended the West London breakof the breakwater had been left in the Conmee act, by municipalities. hands of No. 2 committee, and he, as chairman of No. 1, had had nothing to

The Expenditures.

more money to spend than the council in case he is elected mayor. of 1904, and he showed that the coun- Sees an Overdraft. ment had carried out the wishes of the to produce a statement to the concouncil, by issuing the debentures, trary. something the Government would not have done had the act been wrong. ments for streets where the people And he showed that ex-Mayor Beck on two occasions-once when Mr. Judd was the civic financier-did the same thing as this year's council, and issued similar debentures for the waterworks. The people laughed when Ald. Stevely read the charge made against him that he had kept back the auditors' report. In a few words he showed that the report is never issued until February of each year.

Ald. Stevely then read from exas follows: "Elect business men to the council-

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hearing, and the applause was distrib- pany. But if he is to blame, how much by Mr. Judd and Mr. Beck as a legmore is ex-Ald. Judd to blame, who acy to the council of 1905. In regard of this \$30,000 of the people's money? put through the council, ex-Mayor per organ he has a block of stock of and said it was the proper thing. But \$8,000 in the London Electric, the com- Mr. Judd saw fit to condemn it. He

less 25 years in London, and his father

the platform. He said that last year (Cheers.) East London had stood by him nobly. From one end of his public career to the other The Advertiser couldn't put

citizen receiving redress. As to the when any case crops up in London, prospecting should be done. He was that he was sold body and soul to the

but Mr. Judd and himself are friends, sought to keep the Sifton Company and no matter what the result of the out of London and thus throttle elecelection they will still be friends. trical competition, Mr. Judd sald what (Cheers.) He went at length into the he tried to do was to compel the Sifton charges made, and read a letter from company to give London East the the Molders' Union, exonerating him benefits of electrical competition, the

plants, he said that all he undertook the people living along the river bank to do was to arrange amicable terms entire village. But the whole matter existing lighting plants, under the he would be unable to do Niagara power any harm, as the London Elec-He thought, however, that all would tric Company's contract does not exhee (Applause.) He next took up the shares he has in the London Electric statement that this year's council had will not affect his judgment or actions

Of Ald. Stevely's motion re pavecourse followed by the council of 1904 resulted in a cheap pavement being secured for Queen's avenue. But this Mr. W. E. Saunders. year's council had overridden this rule, and what is the result? Ald. Stevely had allowed a pavement to go down on Richmond street, which costs \$10,000 more than the Barber pavement, which is just as good. This was owing to the council allowing people Mayor Beck's speech, made at the to name the class of pavement they MacRobert banquet, on Dec. 20, 1904, wanted. The Warrens had told the people the pavement would cost \$2 20 a yard, but the company had tacked on extras so that the cost will be \$2 70 a yard. He accused the Warren Company of making attacks on him, and of seeking his defeat, and he insinuated that the company is behind Ald.

> Of the West London floods, he said, the Cove bridge causes the most trouble. Why had not Ald. Stevely and Mayor Campbell taken this mat-

ter up and had the center arch removed? This would mean as much to the people of West London as the building of the breakwater. He censured Ald. Stevely for allowing the company to run double tracks through a portion of the city without making the Grand Trunk remove this arch. If the people of London will trust him

they will never have cause to regret it.

Some Hot Shot. Ald. Stevely, in reply, said Mr. Judd did try to stifle electrical competition in London, tecause he asked the Sifton Company to do in three days what the London Electric had had many years (Ald. Stevely), some time ago that he did not see why the Grand Trunk sent a certain lawyer to London to do certain work, because his (Mr. Judd's) firm had been the G. T. R.'s lawyers in London for many years. (Cheers). blame for giving a contract for street ly retorted that it took \$10,000 of this lighting to the London Electric Com- year's taxes to pay the overdraft left annually puts in his pocket a portion to the pavement motion, which he had don. What do the people think of this? connection whatever with the Warren He (the speaker) had been in busi- Company or any other corporation.

"Sam Stevely is fighting this fight had been in business before him. The alone," he said, while the crowd "If there's any credit attached to it, I deserve it. If any dis-"In the council I have always tried credit, then I'm to blame. I didn't to do my best for the city," Ald. vote on the motion to lay a Warren while the new main is probably the Stevely concluded. "I always tried to pavement on Richmond street. I was solution of the water pressure probdo what was right. If my actions have in the mayor's chair at the time. Mr. lem, yet he felt that the question of met with your approval, and if you Judd says he is not the solicitor for first prominence just now is, is there think I would be a good man to have the Barber Paving Company, but at a sufficiency of water down the river? suments against him because of his in the mayor's chair, I will be very an investigation in which Mr. Judd As one who had often tramped around pleased to accept that great honor." was seeking to upset a Warren con- the district, he said that he believes tract, the people who brought the there are millions of gallons of water suit swore that the Barber Company going to waste around Kilworth. There had agreed to pay the costs of the is no argument in regard to spring Ex-Ald. Judd was cheered as he took case, which included Mr. Judd's fees." water or river water. The people want

Mr. Minhinnick.

action that was done for the benefit of heard. He had been a member of the himself or any corporation. If The commission of 1875-76-77, so that the Advertiser can point to one shady act waterworks is nothing new to him. Mr. Charles Burdlek, after many fu- of his on record he will agree to retire "There were cranks then as now," he minutes to speak, and all the others ten he will not do what is right by the But if the extra water is not there, said Mr. Saunders, "I ask you to elect then he would go slow. It is time me. ent main, he said, there is not much main is between 50 and 60 years, and In reply to The Advertiser, he said this one has only been down 26 years. Colby, who was to talk for the liquor he doesn't think it a crime if a man He would prove that the water needed of the candidates stuck to their guns, private corporation what was to stop however, and the meeting broke up him acting for a municipality as its less than it costs to pump it, and if main just now. however, and the meeting broken him acting for a municipality as its less than it costs to pump the him acting for a municipality as its elected he does not propose to allow this to go on. He would meter all such this to go on. He would meter all such this to go on. The aldermen. tric, but he paid par for every dollar places, so that the people will at least The aldermen were as mad as horn-Ald. Stevely was given a good recephad been formed to compete with the given away. He said the experts who given away. He said the experts who given away. He said the experts who given away. ple to vote for him after an ap- City Gas Company. "And what's the reported on the Springbank water supply didn't know as much about it as ceived, and a voice shouted, "Cheap gas," yelled a voice, and the Engineer Moore. To engage them was the score, Charley?" He made a Note, shall say what class of pavement the Bell people. What was the result? the electors, and promised, if elected. \$2,500 a year from the company for the it should be conducted. There's no

of overhead tracks through the city. He denied that his firm are solicitors | Chairman Darch, of the water com-He never has been under a compli- for the G. T. R. On the contrary he mission, appeared on the platform to ment to the G. T. R., and if elected has brought many actions against the explain the new main proposal. It is he will see that no citizen's property is company. His firm merely files papers a recognized fact that we require more water pressure, and we must now consider the best way to get it for firenew water main, he declared that be- But even if he was the company's fighting purposes. In this connection, fore any further money is spent, more solicitor, must it necessarily follow it has been felt that a new main will afford the required results, with the object of later securing more water lands around Byron. The reports of Messrs. Jennings and Chipman laid before the people many schemes. One of these is an auxiliary river-water scheme, with a new set of mains for fire purposes, which would mean that when water become scarce this river water would be turned into the mains. from the charge of unfairness to the same as the people of the heart of the As the people would not stand for this scheme, it was abandoned. The next rento to block the municipalities estabwater expenditures. Of the buying of lishing their own electric lightning of which would cost \$228,000, and a with a separate pumping station, all large annual charge, about \$18,000, for to give their property to protect the of arbitration for the taking over of first, did not look good, and the commaintenance. This scheme, like the missioners finally turned to a second He main. In the beginning, the local denied that he is opposed to municipal water pressure was 85 pounds to the ownership. Even if elected for mayor square inch, but today it is only 40 pounds. Why is this? Because, the number of services is yearly increasing, and each service reduces the presagree that the breakwater expenditures pire until 1908. Further a clause of sure. Now as the city does not want had been left in capable hands, when the municipal act prevents a man river water, he is in favor of the secthey were left to Ald. Forristal and voting upon a measure in the council, ond main. And he believes that if the other members of No. 2 commit- in which he is interested, so that the the new main is built, the water commission can lay by an extra amount each year, which will allow of a separate fire-fighting system being built without the city issuing debentures. He cil of 1995 had really had less to He alluded to the city accounts, and told of a serious break last summer in spend than the council of 1904. Of the declared that he believes the city's the main at Springbank, and nobody issue of \$9,000 debentures for the wa- finances, if balanced, will show an knows when another will occur. What terworks, he showed that the Govern-overdraft. He challenged Ald. Stevely would be the result if the main broke during a fire? He referred to the fire at the street car barns, at which the water pressure was very weak, and he showed that the new main and cannot agree, Mr. Judd said that the laterals will afford a pressure which will give East London protection from fire-something it hasn't got now.

Mr. W. E. Saunders, the other can-

didate for the commission, said, that

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Mr. Minhinnick again took the platform, and told of an interview he had with Mr. T. S. Hobbs, who had offered chance of it breaking. The life of a between 800,000 and 1,000,000 gallons of water off his farm to the city free. Another point he had forgotten to speak of was the fact that when considering

simply absurd. The experts he pro- straightforward speech, in which he Ald. Matthews made a speech, in

the improvemnts to the market house. Continued on Page Four.

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