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ELECT NEW CITY COUNCIL

Yesterday the ratepayers of this city demonstrated very clearly that when the opportunity is afforded to elect a responsible council they are only too willing to exercise their franchise in that manner. The re-election of Mayor Henderson by a majority of 54 over Mr. Rutledge is an emphatic demonstration that the record established by him during one short term in office has increased the confidence reposed in him to conduct the administration of civic affairs. During the past term he has fulfilled these duties in a fearless manner. Oftimes in the performance of public duties he has had to sacrifice personal good feeling towards those who from selfish motives desired gain at the expense of the community, but the result has always been the same. Mayor Henderson has stood at all times for clean, honest and efficient service for the city. In fulfillment of his undertaking voiced a year ago that this city could be made cleaner and better and its affairs administered more economically, he has devoted far more time and given personal attention to each and every branch than almost any of our former mayors. This he has done gratis and so far his only reward is the more sound financial condition of this city for some time, and his victory yesterday.

With regard to the council elect, in men of the calibre of Messrs. Currie, Currie, Douglas and Irvine, elections have come and gone for half a decade without nominees such as these gentlemen even considering assuming to offer themselves as aspirants for civic office. The decision of the ratepayers yesterday again is most decided that, given the chance, they are intelligent enough to choose accurately. This new blood injected into our city council, out of 402 votes cast, Messrs. Currie and Douglas headed the poll with 75 per cent of the electors marking their ballots for them. Archie Currie was only a trifle below this percentage, having 290 votes and J. S. Irvine received 64 per cent with 265 votes. The old veteran councillor, Wm. Robichaud, ran fifth with 190 and Ald. Bean next with 158, and this completes the slate for 1921 council. Ex-Aldermen McEwan, 145; Wm. Harrison 106 and M. Tully 104, were the totals arrived at last evening, for all candidates.

For the ensuing term Mayor Henderson having the support of a council composed of successful business men, as it now is, should have no difficulty in administering the affairs for 1921 in a more creditable manner than during the past year. In certain civic departments the nucleus of proficient servants have been appointed and in these cases the marked improvement is noticeable to all. It will undoubtedly be the duty of the new council to expand this efficiency and they also have the further and more difficult duty to perform to educate the minds of the citizens that the institution of necessary reforms, while they may be unsatisfactory to the selfish few, when once permanently put into effect to the welfare of the city and community at large, the improved conditions will be such that none will have the slightest desire to revert to that which might be termed as slipshod on the surface but putrid at the core.

SOME COMPARISONS

Last year Mayor Henderson had 20 majority over Thos. Uphill. This year he has 54 majority.
Last year Bean headed the poll for aldermen with 302 votes. This year he is at the bottom of the list of those elected with 158 votes, very little more than half the vote he had last year.
Last year McEwan had 265 votes. This year he has 145.
Last year Harrison had 265 votes. This year he has 106—considerably less than half.
Last year Tully had 204 votes. This year he has 104.
Last year, with a hundred more votes polled, the largest number cast for any candidate was 302. This year two candidates have exactly the same number.

JOINT INSTALLATION

On Thursday evening, Jan. 6, the following officers of Mt. Fernie Lodge I.O.O.F., and Esther Rebekah Lodge, I.O.O.F., were installed by D. D. G. M. Fisher, of Natal, and D. D. P. Puckey, of Fernie:
Mt. Fernie Lodge.
N.G.—Bro. J. Hewatt.

V.G.—Bro. H. Jones.
R.S.—Bro. P. McLeod.
F.S.—Bro. J. T. Puckey.
Treas.—Bro. E. Ward.
Warden.—Bro. W. Bird.
Com.—Bro. Brackelough.
O.G.—Bro. W. Bailey.
I.G.—Bro. Sherwood.
R.S.N.G.—Bro. Sheffield.
L.S.N.G.—Bro. Bentham.
R.S.V.G.—Bro. Profizio.
L.S.V.G.—Bro. Lyne.
R.S.S.—Bro. Rasmussen.
L.S.S.—Bro. Alstead.
Chap.—Bro. Longden.

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N.G.—Sister Armstrong.
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R.S.—Sister Harvie.
F.S.—Sister Owen.
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Com.—Sister McGladrey.
I.G.—Sister Bentham.
O.G.—Bro. McNicholas.
R.S.N.G.—Sister Bailey.
L.S.N.G.—Sister Clarkston.
R.S.V.G.—Sister Stevens.
L.S.V.G.—Sister Reid.
Chap.—Sister Puckey.
Pianist.—Sister Andre.

After the installation a very pleasant time was spent with music, refreshments and dancing.

BURGLARS ROB LOCAL STORE

A. C. Liphardt's jewelry establishment was burglarized on Monday night and goods to the value of three or four hundred dollars stolen. All the real valuable stock was in the vault, which the robbers did not try to tamper with, but contented themselves with gathering up the silverware, cheap watches, small ornaments, etc.

Entrance to the store was effected by way of the coal chute to the cellar from where the marauders got to the work shop at the rear of the store by prying up the trap door which was held down by two slide bolts. These facts would indicate that the perpetrators of the deed were acquainted with the premises and the kind of goods taken indicates novices at the trade.

The robbery was not discovered until the next morning when the store was opened for business.

The police, as yet, have no clue to follow, but it is probable that the guilty parties will be discovered.

THE BIG SPIEL STARTS MONDAY

With the exception of the weather everything looks bright and prosperous for the District Bonspiel which opens in Fernie on Monday next. Every day the secretary is receiving entries from outside. Lethbridge alone has asked for hotel reservations for six rinks, so at present writing, weather permitting, it looks as though there would be at least twenty-five visiting rinks present. The local curlers and their wives are making every preparation for the entertainment of the visitors and Fernie intends to live up to its reputation for hospitality. Alan Graham and A. Watson, not to mention Bob Young, are oiling up their pipes in anticipation of the big event. The skating rink has been secured and if necessary four additional sheets of ice will be added for curling purposes, making nine in all.

OBITUARY

The Brockville Recorder reports the death of Mrs. Richard Wilson, mother of Harold Wilson, of Fernie. The Recorder says: There passed away Tuesday afternoon at the family residence, third concession of Elizabeth town, a well known and highly esteemed resident of Brockville and district, in the person of Mrs. Richard Wilson, who died following a prolonged illness borne with true Christian fortitude. The late Mrs. Wilson before her marriage was Miss Mary E. Manuel, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evan Manuel, Lyndhurst, where she was born 60 years ago. She resided for many years in Brockville with her husband and family and was well known among the citizens. Besides her husband she is survived by one son, Harold Wilson, Fernie, B.C.; two daughters, Mrs. Donald Griffin, Maitland; Miss Bernice Wilson, Clifton Springs, N.Y.; Ont. and a brother Charles Brownell, a sister, Mrs. Richard Love, Tintern, Rumsen, N.J. A son, William, was killed in France in 1916.

THE LATEST DISPATCHES

Paris, Jan. 14.—Raoul Perit, President of the Chamber of Deputies, was asked today by President Millerand to form a cabinet in succession to the one headed by Georges Leygues, which resigned on Wednesday. M. Perit accepted the task and immediately began consultations with his friends for the formation of a ministry.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—Forty miners have been rescued from a Frankfurt mine, where an explosion filled the shaft with gas. Ten were injured.

London, Jan. 14.—Official announcement that famine exists in several districts of India has occasioned concern in England. Mere mention of famine is freighted with terror for the natives of that country, who look back to times when scores of thousands of their fellows perished from starvation, which has often been attended by plague. The present scarcity of food in India comes at an inopportune time for the British government, which is already grappling with serious unrest among the natives.

London, Jan. 14.—Severe fighting between Bedouins and Druses in Syria is reported from Cairo. The Druses are said to have lost 1000 killed but it is asserted the remnants of their forces are preparing for a counter offensive. The Bedouins are one of the nomadic tribes inhabiting Syria, Arabia and Northern Africa. The Druses inhabit the ranges of Lebanon.

Tiflis, Jan. 14.—Withdrawal of the Russian Bolshevik forces from the Georgian frontier has been completed according to an official statement issued by the Georgian government.

London, Jan. 14.—Wm. McGrath, King's Counsel in Dublin, was severely wounded today when fired upon by a man who forced an entrance into his home.

Swanson Bay, B.C., Jan. 14.—For the purpose of studying British Columbia conditions and methods of carrying on pulp production, Swedish pulp experts are en route to visit the pulp plant here.

Willis, Cal., Jan. 13.—A sharp earthquake shock, lasting about three seconds, was felt here at an early hour today. No damage was reported. A similar shock was felt here on Dec. 29.

Tononto, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Constance Ann Doughty, wife of John Doughty, former secretary to Ambrose J. Small, missing theatre owner of this city, has begun an action against her husband for alimony.

London, Jan. 13.—Pete Herman, United States bantamweight, won over Jimmy Wilde here tonight. The referee stopped the battle and awarded the decision to Herman in the 17th round.

Belfast, Jan. 13.—It is reported that incendiary fires have occurred at Dungle and Burtonport in reprisal for the ambushing of a troop train yesterday in Donegal. No direct confirmation of the report has been received as the telegraph wires have been cut.

Melbourne, Jan. 13.—In a series of tennis matches here today Norman Brookes and O'Hara, Australians, beat William T. Tilden and William Johnston, the victorious U.S. tennis club players in doubles. Capt. Watson Washburn, U.S. beat G. F. Patterson of Australians, and Tilden won from J. B. Hawkes, Australia.

London, Jan. 13.—Assertion that the Greek offensive in the direction of Brussa, Asia Minor, has failed, is contained in a Rome dispatch. The situation at Smyrna is serious it is declared and it is probable that the new Greek commander in chief will be recalled.

Los Angeles, Jan. 13.—Jack Kearns, manager manager for Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, said today the match between Dempsey and Jess Willard in New York might be called off because of the recent ruling by the New York Boxing Commission fixing \$15 as the highest admission fee to be charged at championship matches.

Munich, Bavaria, Jan. 13.—Gen. Ludendorff, former first quartermaster general of the German army, today denied that he had presented a memorial to the Allies containing a plan for a joint offensive against Russia, by Great Britain, France and Germany.

London, Jan. 13.—The Oxford university boat race will be held on Wednesday, March 30, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. This is the first time in a number of years that the race has been fixed for after Easter.

OLD AGE ONLY A POSE

London, Jan. 10.—"Old age is only a pose," Sir James Cantlie, famous Harley street physician, said in commenting upon his announcement that tomorrow he would preside over the inauguration of a class in physical training for business and professional men of more than 50 years of age. "A man usually grows old because he thinks it is dignified," he said. "He sits back and lets the years do what they like with him. I shall be 70 in a week, but I rise every morning at 4.30 o'clock and soon after that dance for a quarter of an hour. I prefer step dances, the Highland fling and strathspeys. There is not enough exercise in the modern dances for me."

LAST MEETING OF OLD COUNCIL

The last meeting of the city fathers for 1920 was held on Tuesday of this week with all members present. Minutes were read and adopted.

Moved by Aldermen Harrison and Robichaud that the report of the fire chief be adopted.—Carried.

The city engineer's report was also adopted.

McEwan—Tully.—That the sum of \$3430.19 be transferred from general depreciation to over expenditure, reducing the latter to \$1500, and that any surplus then remaining on the year's operations be then carried to general surplus account.—Carried.

Harrison—Bean.—That the report of the city clerk on finance be accepted.—Carried.

Tully—Harrison.—That the account for D. Cragg's board at the King's Hotel for \$48 be paid.—Carried.

A large number of accounts were passed and the meeting adjourned.

FIRE IN THE ANNEX

Fire broke out about 2 o'clock this morning in a stable belonging to Hugh Gale in the Annex, and quickly spread to a neighboring barn. The city fire brigade turned out promptly but the flames had gained such headway that both buildings were destroyed. Two horses and about ten tons of hay belonging to Frank Santoni were consumed in the fire. A cow belonging to Mr. Gale was also burned. There was no insurance on the property. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin.

PUBLIC WILL BACK MR. HANNA

When President Hanna of the Canadian National Railways refused to have anything to do with any board of arbitration in respect to his order that no employee of the system can be actively engaged in politics and at the same time keep his job, he is on absolutely sound lines and the people of Canada, taken as a whole, will back him up.

The precedent, long established, that public servants must abstain from political activities is one that in the general good must be maintained. Why should the man in the service of a government railway be an exception to the rule which has held through many years. A fine nest Ottawa would be with thousands of government employees messing in politics, and surely if a government railway employee has such a right then the members of the Civil Service have the same right.

Stick to your guns, Mr. Hanna, and the public will stick to you. Government ownership is on trial in this country and it will only succeed if operated on a business basis.—Saturday Night.

CARD OF THANKS

H. P. Gregson wishes to extend his sincere thanks for floral tributes and for the kindness extended to him during his recent bereavement.