

COUNCIL OPENING QUITE A WARM ONE.

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time. The citizens in electing you to the honorable position have imposed upon you important duties and great responsibility. I have no hesitancy in saying that I believe that each member of the council will well and faithfully perform the duties entrusted to him to the best of his judgment and ability and in such a manner as will best promote the interests of the city of Hamilton.

As the electors have decided to return to the ward system in the election of aldermen, it will be necessary on account of the growth of some of the wards, for the council to consider the question of a new division into wards being made at the next election with a view to approximate equalization. The council should also consider the question of reducing the number of aldermen to two for each ward. The consensus of opinion is that the affairs of the city should be better managed by a smaller board.

The ratemakers voting on the by-law respecting a contract with the Hydro-Electric Commission for the supply of electric power and the installation of an electric plant stated with no uncertainty that they approved of the city owning its street lighting and water pumping plants. As the installation of such a large amount of money, it will be necessary to give the matter the most careful consideration, and the council should engage the best assistance obtainable, and take every precaution to provide against any possible mistake, either in plans or construction of the plants.

The ratemakers have also sanctioned the introduction of electric pumps at the Beach pumping house. By the installation of these pumps a considerable saving will be effected in the cost of pumping the water. As this question will also involve the expenditure of a large sum of money, and as the provision for future requirements of the city, the greatest care must be exercised in the selection of the pumps and in the manner of their installation.

The matter of damage to our water mains and sewer pipes by electrocution should receive your prompt attention and means should be at once adopted to prevent further injury to the waterworks system.

I believe a better system of collecting the garbage of the city should be adopted, my opinion being that this work should be done by the Board of Works and that the city should own the horse, wagons, etc., and employ the men to perform the work. The suggestion of a central covered depot where the garbage could be loaded on cars and transported to outlying districts, where it could be utilized to good advantage in filling up inlets and low lying properties, would result in doing away with long standing nuisances and by the means of reclaiming land which would become valuable to the city, and at the same time greatly lessen the cost of this department.

I regret that the proposal to build the Hamilton & Guelph Junction Railway has for the present apparently fallen through. The railway when built will be of great advantage to Hamilton and the Council should take every effort towards its accomplishment. I suggest that the Railway Committee take the matter in hand at once and open negotiations with the Canadian Pacific Railway with a view to its consummation.

The question of what reduction of the city is entitled to in the cost of street lighting in the contract with the Cataract Power Co. is now under arbitration before His Honor Judge Underhill as official arbitrator, and his judgment will no doubt be handed out within the near future.

I propose for your thoughtful consideration the question of placing all the street work, such as making and repairing of roadways, the laying of sewers, water mains and water services under the control of one committee. My experience has taught me that a large amount of money is annually wasted by having the control of such works divided among three different committees of the Council, neither of which has any intimate knowledge of the plans and purposes of the other, this resulting in much duplication of work and unnecessary expense; these works being of similar character could be planned and executed by one committee and the constant tearing up of roadways after they have been constructed would be greatly obviated and the cost of maintaining our streets greatly reduced. In this connection I would strongly recommend the appointment of a superintendent of works, who should have, under the City Engineer, control of all of such works. This can be done without increasing the present staff, and I am convinced would result in a great and decided advantage to the city.

In conclusion, let me express the confidence I entertain that the affairs of the city will be conducted by you in a business-like manner and also to express the hope that the kindest relations will exist between each member of the Council during the year 1908.

As soon as the Mayor had concluded his address, Ald. Dickson arose and congratulated him on again being there to preside over the Council. A year ago, Ald. Dickson said he had had a similar address. The best evidence among 60 or 70 thousand people, he thought, that there was no man they would sooner

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

Miss Cassie Smith left to-day for Plattville to take charge of the continuation class in the public school. Miss Martha Scanlon, only daughter of Mrs. T. Scanlon, Guelph, and sister of Mrs. J. Scanlon, of this city, died at her home on Friday night last. Prof. L. E. Horning will give an address under the auspices of Centenary Literary Society in the lecture hall of the church to-night. All are invited.

Miss Brenda Smellie has returned to Toronto from this city, where she has been spending some days as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. English at the Asylum. Mr. A. D. Braithwaite was in the city yesterday, on his return from New York, after seeing his wife and daughter off for Europe. Mr. Braithwaite returned to Toronto this morning.

At a well attended service yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A., the Rev. C. J. Triggerson was the speaker. His subject was, "A Great Mass Downfall," and was enjoyed by all present.

The marriage of Miss Helen Snider, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Snider, to Mr. Ernest Appelbe, barrister, Kamloops, B. C., will take place in All Saints' Church on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 29. The Y. P. S. C. E. met at the close of the church service in Erskine Church last evening. There was a good attendance. Mr. Wm. Brown gave an address on "The Prayer Meeting and What It Stands For."

Miss Dorothy F. Wade, daughter of Rev. Canon Wade, and pupil of Miss Margaret F. Langrill, Lic. Mus. Tor., has passed the senior piano examination of Toronto University, with highest standing in Hamilton.

Rev. E. J. Peck, for thirty years missionary to the Eskimos in the Arctic regions, will give an address on his work and experiences in the Ascension school-room this evening at 8. It is sure to be most interesting. All are invited.

As recently announced arrangements are being made to have an Italian priest stationed at St. Mary's Cathedral permanently to look after the spiritual wants of the Italians throughout the diocese. It is expected that a Polish priest will also be brought here to care for the people of that nationality in the city and diocese.

Large crowds gathered in the Y. M. C. A. hall on Saturday to spend the evening with the Vitaphone. The programmes consisted of a series of short stories, illustrated with the machine. Among the various numbers were, "Sat in Prison," "The Haunted Hotel," "The Hero," and "An Indian Love Story," which was very powerfully portrayed.

While the storm of yesterday did not interfere with electric railway traffic like that of a month ago, it was a pretty wild one. At the Beach the water was running over the piers, and the sand strip presented a wild appearance. Few people ventured out to see it, however. The ice in the bay was broken up everywhere. In the city the walking was the worst feature. In some parts the country the wind was very strong stronger than around here, and many telegraph and telephone posts are reported down on the Brock road.

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