The poll in the election of Counficed and his staff. Dowden won sixth place with a majority of only two votes over Brophy. The contest be-tween these two formed the only excitement of the election, as after the first two counts the safety of Martin, Outerbridge, Collier, Ryan and Vinnicombe was assured. Owing to the slight difference between Dowden and Brophy, the spoiled ballots, to the number of 93, were re-examined, but did not alter the result in any way. The new Mayor and Councillors will take office early in the New Year. Eleven of the candidates failed to ecure fifty per cent. of the vote of the west elected councillor and had to orfeit their nomination fee of \$50. Eight who secured more than half, ost \$25 each. The Council's finances re therefore increased to the extent

Retiring Mayor Present. Mayor Morris, who was defeated at he polls, was present when the ount ended, and extended his conratulations to the successful candiates and to the veteran Returning officer, Mr. F. J. Doyle and his staff r their splendid work. Several of the new councillors and defeated can-didates also offered their congratula-ions to Mr. Dovie. The final result the poll was: . . .

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ST. JOHN'S STEELE'S.

The Romeo Case.

CCUSED GUILTY ON ONE COUNT. The case of the King vs. Capt.
Parsons, Kenneth White, Harold Matthews and Joseph Lush in the Suthews and Joseph Lush in the Su-preme Court before Mr. Justice Kent yesterday forenoon, was continued after recess when the examination of Kenneth White, second hand on the vessel, was concluded. Haroid Matthews and Joseph Lush were also called by the defence. Their evidence was practically a corroboration of the story told by the captain and mate. At 4.30 p.m. Mr. George Ayre, for the accused addressed the jury on behalf of his clients stressing the point that; they had acted in all honesty and sincerity. The address occupied about one hour, after which Mr. Mews for the Crown, restated the evidence. Court adjourned at 6 p.m. for recess. At 7.30 p.m. when the proceedings were resumed Mr. Justice Kent charged the jury which retired at 8.30 to consider a werdict After about an hour's deliberation they returned to court and through their foreman Mr. R. H. Simms, announced they had found accused guilty of a breach of Section 2 of the Larceny Act, but not guilty in the second count, that of stealing goods from the vessel. They also recommended the prisoners to the mercy of the court. In dismissing the jury from further service, Mr. Justice Kent thanked them for the manner in which they had performed their duties during the three days' trial. The accused will come up for sentence on Tuesday morning next.

Poor Asylum Treat.

XMAS CHEER FOR INMATES. The annual Treat to the inmates of the Poor Asylum will take place on Wednesday next. The proceedings will include an interesting musical programme in addition to the customary feast. The origin of this treat dates pack to the late 90's when the Poor Asylum Mission was organized. The ate Lady Thorburn was the first president and the late Mrs. J. E. Pet

was her immediate successor. Mrs. J. Alex Robinson is at present carrying on the good work. Any who may desire to assist a worthy cause by con-tributions in cash or kind may do so y forwarding their donations to her address, 14 Cathedral Street or to the becretary, Mrs. Vincent P. Burke, Allandale Road, or if more convenient to the Superintendent, Mr. A. W. Miller at the Institution a 70 Assistance

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Silk

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Asst'd. colors.

and sizes; all have fringed ends Reg. \$2.50— for.....\$1.98 Reg. \$3.20—

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Sideboard Cloths.

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