

The City Turns To McConnell

Never in the history of civic campaigns in Sydney has there been such a swing to one candidate as the swing to McConnell within the past few days.

The discovery that Mayor Fitzgerald allowed more than a thousand dollars to be lost from the public funds after his warning by Robert Carter in January of last year, has caused a stampede from the ranks of his followers. Such carelessness cannot be excused. Mayor Fitzgerald is done.

Realization of the terrible mess which exists at City Hall has driven the fact home to the voters that only a real man with sound business training can lift the city out of the hole. Ex-Mayor Muggah's uselessness in the mayor's chair was what enabled Fitzgerald to be elected for six successive years. Ex-Mayor Muggah was done six years ago.

In every ward in the city the talk is "McConnell, McConnell." The demand of the electors is to put in a man who will wipe out all vestiges of the system fostered by Muggah's indifference and Fitzgerald's carelessness.

And more than that, the demand of the citizens is for a man who will give real street improvement, better city services, rights at the City Hospital to ALL the citizens, wrest fair treatment at the coal yards from the corporation build up and beautify the city and produce returns from the tax money which has hitherto been lost or wasted at City Hall.

That is why a wave of swinging votes unprecedented in the history of any civic election has been turning to McConnell in the last few days and now, on the eve of election, is still turning.

The campaign promises are all out. Here are the things you are going to get from the three candidates. Here is the reason why the big swing to McConnell is swamping both ex-mayors all through the city:

When McConnell is Elected

- (1) THE LID LIFTED AT CITY HALL. A 20 year audit by specialists at the business, who have no connection with anybody in the city. An audit conducted by a Mayor who has no interest in it except to discover how many thousands or hundreds of thousands of dollars of public money have been lost in those twenty years, during more than half of which Gunn, Muggah and Fitzgerald ruled the city in turn.
- (2) A bookkeeping system at City Hall which will not allow "tricked" Blue Books. A bookkeeping system at City Hall which will get a ruthless audit every year. A bookkeeping system at City Hall which will be able to produce both duplicate receipts and THE MONEY for every tax payment.
- (3) The vendorship placed on a business basis.
- (4) No city employee, great or small, allowed to sell anything to the city, directly or indirectly. No "commissions" for sales of this description will come out of the taxpayers' money to be placed in employees' pockets.
- (5) City supplies, tools and implements, will be looked after. No expensive paving plants will be purchased and left outdoors all winter to be ruined. No sewer pipe and paving materials will be left lying around. No picks and will be stolen and have to be replaced out of tax money. Hundreds and thousands of dollars under this one item, can be saved to pay for hospital patients and city improvements.
- (6) The law will be enforced, as much at the coal yard scales as where dives have been allowed to flourish by the present administration, and still flourish.
- (7) No city employee, great or little, will be allowed to purchase or arrange for the purchase of anything, without open tender. No "commissions" for ensuring the acceptance of certain tenders will be taken out of the taxpayers' money to go into private pockets. There will be no favorites.
- (8) No breach of trust or evasion of duty on the part of any employee will be tolerated. There will be no hush money going into private pockets that should be going into the city treasury in fines. There will be no losses of public funds through failure of the mayor to act. Crookedness on the part of public employee must stop.
- (9) Two miles of permanent paved street by the end of 1924.
- (10) Maintenance of patrol trucks keeping all streets in passable condition, as the permanent paving advances.
- (11) Curb, gutter and sidewalk construction carried on to the limit of public funds available now, and that will be available when the shortage and leaks are stopped.
- (12) Coal yards covered so you will get coal, and not snow and ice, in winter. Coal yard loading chutes constructed, so you will get proper mixture and not all dust or all lumps.
- (13) City checkweighmen at the coal yards, so there will be no short weight deliveries.
- (14) Patients who cannot guarantee expenses at time of sickness, admitted to the full service of the City Hospital.
- (15) Provide for the care and protection of trees along street lines; make our city streets avenues in fact as well as in name, instead of mud paths which they must always be while the money that would do the work is being lost and wasted at City Hall.
- (16) Provide for adequate street lighting another service that can be vastly improved under a business administration which uses its funds properly for public service.
- (17) Clean and beautify public grounds, including City Hospital, parks and school grounds. How many times have your children come home with feet wet from wading through the "mud lanes" on school grounds—to mention only one instance.
- (18) NO INCREASE IN TAXATION. It is not necessary, if all public monies are properly collected and the leaks are stopped.

Mayor Fitzgerald "stands on his record"—including the latest shortage, and promises the same administration we have now.

Ex-Mayor Muggah, in the face of a desperate need for action, sees nothing, hears nothing, knows nothing, promises nothing—forgetting that such pitiful muddling got him fired as no Mayor ever was fired before, after his one term of office.

Mayor Fitzgerald is done.

Ex-Mayor Muggah was done six years ago.

Join the triumphant swing to the man who will go on the job of cleaning up the civic administration and stay on the job 365 days in the year and as many years as are necessary, subject to the will of the people, until THE JOB IS DONE.

If Muggah Went Back

- (1) The audit "should be instantly taken in hand" by the man whose business irresponsibility resulted in his spending \$20,000 during his term of office on a single item for which the Council had authorized \$5,000. The audit should be "instantly taken in hand" by one of the men whose administrations have made an audit necessary.
- (2) There is no mention of bookkeeping from a man who could not see anything wrong with the old system while he was in office. Ex-Muggah does not know what should be done.
- (3) There is no promise of change in the vendor's office from a man who says the vendor should comply with the law "if he is not doing so." Ex-Mayor Muggah, does not know what should be done.
- (4) Ex-Mayor Muggah does not know what should be done.
- (5) Ex-Mayor Muggah does not know what should be done.
- (6) Ex-Mayor Muggah will enforce "laws pertaining to public morals."
- (7) Ex-Mayor Muggah does not know what should be done.
- (8) Ex-Mayor Muggah does not know what should be done.
- (9) Ex-Mayor Muggah thinks something ought to be done about streets, but he does not know what.
- (10) Ex-Mayor Muggah does not even think about street maintenance.
- (11) Ex-Mayor Muggah thinks something ought to be done, but he does not know what.
- (12) Ex-Mayor Muggah would rather not mention anything that looks like putting the screws on the corporation.
- (13) Ex-Mayor Muggah would not dream of the city making the corporation conform to law, as well as bootleggers.
- (14) Ex-Mayor Muggah does not know what should be done.
- (15) Ex-Mayor Muggah does not know what should be done.
- (16) Ex-Mayor Muggah does not know what should be done.
- (17) Ex-Mayor Muggah is in favor of parks, playgrounds and coasting places.
- (18) Ex-Mayor Muggah would rather not talk on business, except that he is willing to consider a rebiscite on the extension of Besco's tax exemption at a time when the city needs that corporation money as ever before and needs it at the earliest possible moment.

If Fitzgerald Went Back

- (1) More holding back of auditor's report and side-stepping the issue. The total shortage revealed under this man's administration so far is \$15,638.55. He asks you to judge him by his record. Do it!
- (2) With his tricked Blue Book before you, he declares there will be no change of city hall bookkeeping methods.
- (3) Two thousand dollars, he says, is all the profit that has been made at the vendor's office this year and is all the city will get in any year. "In the absence of the vendor's inventory figures for the beginning of the year" says Auditor Joseph Wood's report, "the actual profits for the year cannot be ascertained." Proper management at the vendor's office will never be carried on under Fitzgerald.
- (4) Present system to go on.
- (5) One of the things the Mayor does not find it convenient to talk about.
- (6) Another thing the Mayor does not find it convenient to talk about.
- (7) Present system to go on.
- (8) It took the Mayor one year, one month and four days to discover that he could suspend the City Clerk, and in the interval \$1005.94 of the public money was lost.
- (9) Another thing the Mayor does not find it convenient to talk about.
- (10) Another thing the Mayor does not find it convenient to talk about.
- (11) Another thing the Mayor does not find it convenient to talk about.
- (12) In the six years of his administration, this never dawned on him.
- (13) Protection of the public is naturally not a plant in the platform of the man who was afraid he would injure some personal friend's feelings that he allowed \$1005 of public money to be lost rather than act.
- (14) He dare not talk of this.
- (15) Another thing that never dawned on him. Where the streets are rotten what's the good of trees?
- (16) Provide for adequate street lighting, another service that
- (17) Last year's park money has gone to reduce the overdraft. Why waste money on school grounds and such when the Mayor needs his Blue Book tricked?
- (18) He dare not promise this under his present handling of affairs.

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