

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE AT ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING DISCUSS NEW CHARTER

Election Returns Received by Delighted Gathering at Board of Trade Rooms Last Evening—Cheers for the Committee Leaders—The Plans as Outlined—A Permanent Body.

Wednesday, April 19. After receiving the election returns with every evidence of satisfaction at the board of trade rooms last evening, the citizens committee decided to remain in existence until after the first commissioners are elected, at least, and complete the work it has so successfully undertaken of giving to St. John a better system of city government. J. A. Belyea, as chairman of the charter committee, announced that he would call a meeting of the members of the committee early next week and consider the extension of their numbers in order to begin the work of preparing the act under which the city will be governed after the second Tuesday in April, 1912. The meeting broke up with cheers for the chairman and secretary and for that portion of the press which supported the movement.

Before the members of the committee had gone home to dinner they were assured from an early report of the count that commission was running nearly three to one and all doubt that the movement would carry was removed. Complete returns from the small wards indicated a big lead and the enthusiasm was increased when Brocks ward reported a comfortable majority for commission.

About 8:45 o'clock the meeting was called to order by Timothy Donovan, who suggested that in the absence of their feelings the committee should meet in formal session.

W. H. Barnaby.

W. H. Barnaby, the chairman, then addressed the gathering, saying that the majority for commission had been very much greater than had been expected. A lead of 1,000 votes would have been considered very satisfactory, but the hard work of the young men had resulted in an overwhelming victory. It was surprising to him to see the large number who had gathered to the polls. The thanks of the committee was due to the citizens who had given their automobiles for the day. The work of the citizens committee was not finished. They must foster the child and see it prosper.

H. A. Powell, K. C.

H. A. Powell, K. C., when called upon said that he and his friend Mr. Thorne stood in good company as discredited Conservatives, but he did not worry about this. He congratulated the city on the honest and patriotic vote of the day which would have far-reaching results.

Mr. Powell then referred to the desirability of tax reform and the loss of money in the construction of the city water works. The man with common sense was that the commission form of government had been inaugurated years ago. During the early days of the winter port cost much more than at present, largely due to the neglect of the aldermen.

Mr. Powell spoke out very plainly concerning an attack on Walter Allingham during the campaign by what he styled an "anonymous, scurrilous gentleman" writing in the Globe. He knew of no young man in the city more deserving of salutation than Mr. Allison.

W. H. Thorne.

W. H. Thorne congratulated the chairman and members of the committee. He had been away for the greater part of the campaign and coming home in time to vote was surprised to find how overwhelmingly the people had adopted commission. A great deal of unnecessary fuss had been made about the charter, but the committee felt that it was better to wait and see exactly what the people wanted before putting their time on the charter. It was now their duty to frame an act on the lines of the commission plan as worked out in other cities and suited to the somewhat peculiar conditions existing in St. John.

Walter Allingham.

Walter Allingham, president of the Trades and Labor Council, one of the lead-

CIVIC REFORM SWEEPS EVERY WARD IN CITY AND VOTE IS RECORD ONE

Bad Day for the "Hidden Hand"—Ald. Scully's Harbor Bridge Has 895--Old Aldermen-at-Large Re-elected, Russell Leading the Poll--Vanwart, Willett and Sproul Among the Slain, Green, Codner and Keirstead Succeeding Them--The Detailed Figures--Incidents of the Day.

THE VOTE IN DETAIL

Ward	Brocks	St. John	Dukes	Queens	Kings	Wellington	Prince A to N	Prince M to S	Victoria	Dufferin	Lansdowne	Lorne	St. James	Total
Aldermen-at-Large	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Frank L. Potts	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
James V. Russell	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Rupert E. Wigmore	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
William E. Scully	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
William B. Wallace	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
George William Colwell	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
John H. Burley	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Guys Ward	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Harry G. Smith	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
James Frederick Belyea	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Sidney Ward	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
John B. Jones	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Stephen B. Bustin	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Dukes Ward	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
John W. Vanwart	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
G. Herbert Green	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Queens Ward	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Thomas J. Dean	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Charles T. Jones	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Prince Ward	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
James Sproul	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Whitefield Kierstead	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Dufferin Ward	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
John Willett	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Howard E. Codner	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
George A. Chamberlain	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Lansdowne Ward	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Allen A. McIntyre	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
O. Havelock Wilson	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Lorne Ward	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Frank H. Elliott	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
George E. Day	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
For Commission	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
Against Commission	150	178	263	367	199	314	100	168	230	308	304	275	70	3071
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Total votes in wards	405	420	563	641	404	605	306	510	683	855	444	479	117	5036
Qualified voters in wards	222	235	325	424	249	370	183	310	381	533	276	281	64	3101

Wednesday, April 19. The election of St. John pronounced in no uncertain terms at the polls, yesterday. The voters were dissatisfied with the present system of city government when they voted for the adoption of the commission form of government by 5,896 votes to 1,647, a clear majority of 2,249. It was a great popular victory, and the men who have been working for months to educate the people on the merits of the commission plan were gratified and such a splendid expression of approval of the plan. Every ward gave a majority, even to the old-fashioned carriages and got after the north and west ends.

To the workers who had been feeling the pulse of the people on this question for some time the result was not surprising, but it was a genuine surprise to a great many people that the proposal for the city to contribute \$300,000 towards the construction of a bridge across the harbor received such hearty endorsement, and Alderman Scully, the father of the bridge scheme, was one of the happiest men in the city last night as he watched the returns come in. All but three wards voted in favor of the project by substantial majorities. The general election was a very close and exciting race, but the result was a very large victory for the commission form of government.

Several Surprises.

The aldermanic contest furnished several surprises. The four present aldermen at large were re-elected, with Alderman J. V. Russell leading the poll in almost every ward. The general election was a very close and exciting race, but the result was a very large victory for the commission form of government.

Among the Slain.

Three of the present members of the council are nominated among the slain. Alderman Vanwart, who last year defeated G. Herbert Green by more than two to one, was yesterday beaten by 410 votes. Mr. Green taking sweet revenge on Alderman Sproul after a very close and exciting fight with J. W. Kierstead, was elected

FINE WEATHER GREETED WORKERS FOR COMMISSION

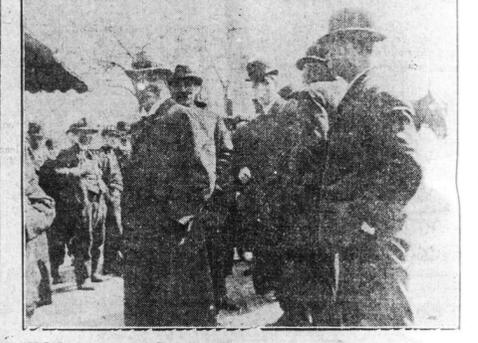
Citizens Delighted With Magnificent Vote Against Aldermanic Influence and Inefficiency—Large Number of Ladies Went to the Polls—Merry Time in Board of Trade Rooms.

Wednesday, April 19. Commission was born in St. John yesterday as fine a day as could be wished for. Weather conditions could not have been more favorable and partly accounted



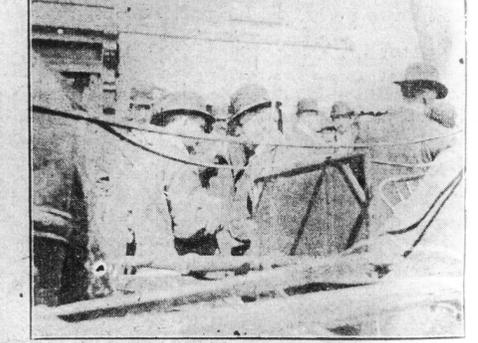
MAYOR FRINK, WHO AT NOON YESTERDAY FELT SURE THE PEOPLE WERE VOTING OVERWHELMINGLY FOR COMMISSION—Courtesy of Nickel Theatre.

for the record vote. The great majority rolled up for commission, however, was



A GROUP OF COMMISSION MEN AT SCRIBNER'S CORNER—Courtesy of Nickel Theatre.

largely due to the careful organization and earnest work of the citizens' committee. Aided by a large number of citizens who donated automobiles for the day, by vigorous newspaper support and the efforts of an energetic publicity committee



ALD. SCULLY "MARSHALLING" HIS FORCES IN PRINCE WARD—Courtesy of Nickel Theatre.

throughout the campaign, the advocates of commission succeeded in securing a majority which has no parallel in the history of St. John. In every ward in the city the citizens favored the new plan of civic government and the prediction of the Standard and the falacious district business men "that the outlying districts

zens' committee made merry at the board of trade rooms, and one of the most effective hits of the evening was a little drawing in one corner of the blackboard covered with a sheet of paper. When the paper was lifted one saw a hand, the whole thing signified "the hidden hand" cornered.

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TOO MUCH BENEFIT FOR CANADIANS IN AGREEMENT

"Uncle Joe" Cannon Leads Republican Opposition to the Measure—Says American Farm Lands Will Depreciate in Price--To Make Effort to Secure Vote Today.

Washington, D. C., April 19.—Former Speaker Cannon of North Dakota, attacked the Canadian reciprocity agreement in the debate on the reciprocity bill in the house today. Representative Cannon said that the measure was in favor of reciprocity. Some rapid fire speeches were made by Republicans in opposition to the bill in reply to the speeches made by Democrats and Republican supporters of that measure, headed by Representatives Underwood and McCall. Speaker Cannon discussed the light in the last national campaign over the free print paper bill, which had been introduced by John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, then leader of the Democratic party in the house. Mr. Sloan referred to the house supporters of the reciprocity bill as a "Tammany and Dixie combination against the welfare of the country."

The general debate on the reciprocity measure will continue tomorrow but Chairman Underwood, of the ways and means committee, will endeavor to get the bill through the house under the five minute rule before adjournment.

Mr. Cannon, in his speech, said: "Not since the war with Spain and all that followed it has there been considered by the house of representatives so important a bill as the one now pending."

He declared that "on the action of the

KENT COUNTY MAN THOUGHT DROWNED

Moncton, April 19.—Phileas Bourgeois, employed at the I. C. R. freight shed, has good reason to believe that a telegram received here from Red Deer, Alberta, addressed "Bourgeois" and telling of the drowning of Philip Bourgeois, has reference to his brother. Philip Bourgeois, son of Anastase Bourgeois, Coalgene, Kent County, was drowned last year in the L. A. Johnson, railway contractor, Alix, Alberta. The telegram is from L. A. Johnson and reads: "Philip Bourgeois was drowned on Monday."

Phileas Bourgeois fears the unfortunate man referred to is his brother, who was thirty years old and unmarried. Further communication is going on with L. A. Johnson to ascertain more particulars.

Farms Lands Injured, He Says

Mr. Cannon declared that the opening of new Canadian lands would depreciate American farm lands. "What is this bill going to do to us, he asked. "They say there is no danger to our wheat from a market open to Canada. The president says it will reduce the cost of living without impairing the farmer's market. The bill would not impair the farmer's prices and yet will reduce the cost of living."

A Lukewarm Meeting

Sussex, April 19.—The meeting held in the Opera House this evening for the purpose of discussing the question of reciprocity was fairly well attended. Mayor N. W. Eveleigh presided, and the speakers were G. H. Cowan, M. P. of Vancouver, and O. S. Crockett, M. P. The speakers got a good hearing, but little enthusiasm prevailed.

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