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For Mayor for 1915

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Ladies and Gentlemen: Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

**Reginald Bloor**  
—AS—  
**Councillor**  
For 1915

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Ladies and Gentlemen: Your vote and influence respectfully solicited to elect

**M. J. Comiskey**  
—AS—  
**Councillor**  
For 1915

TO THE ELECTORS OF INGERSOLL.—  
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**S. M. Douglas**  
—AS—  
**Councillor**  
For 1915

TO THE ELECTORS OF INGERSOLL.—  
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**W. J. Elliott**  
—AS—  
**Councillor**  
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Respectfully soliciting your vote and influence, and wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am,  
Yours for harmony and progress,  
W. J. Elliott.

TO THE ELECTORS OF INGERSOLL.—  
Ladies and Gentlemen: Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

**E. DeWitt Hutt**  
—AS—  
**Councillor**  
For 1915

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**C. C. Morrison**  
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—AS—  
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For 1915

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**F. McDougall**  
—AS—  
**Councillor**  
For 1915

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**G. M. McKay**  
—AS—  
**Councillor**  
For 1915

**POULTRY SHOW**  
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the rose comb browns, H. Pond, of Woodstock, was a heavy winner. The first prize cock was owned by Wm. English, Ingersoll, of excellent type. Douglas Thompson, of Woodstock, carried off many ribbons in Buffs; also silver cups.

In Single Comb Black Minorcas, Fred King & Son, of Aylmer were heavy winners; also Edward Jackson, of London, the cup going to King & Son. The Polands were small classes but some good birds were shown by Mr. Shantz, of Ayr. The Hamburg classes were well filled and contained some excellent birds, including some Ontario winners. Martin Henderson of Woodstock, was a heavy winner in Blacks. In Silver Spangles, the class was excellent and contained some imported birds, the first pullet being the best ever shown here. Wm. Carter was the heavy winner and also took the silver cup. Some good Golden and Silver Pencils were shown by Mr. Carter of Londonboro, the Golden being grand in color and well shown. Some good Red and Silver Comps were also shown. Nearly all the Games shown this year belonged to the Pit variety and the various classes were well represented, the cup going to Stevenson Bros., of Woodstock.

In Bantams, there never were shown, taking the classes all together, so many birds. In the Games, the heavy winner was Thos. Bowers, of Wingham, he winning nearly all the firsts and seconds in these classes. Included in his winners were shown 24 Ontario winners. Mr. Bowers was asked many times to take his birds out and they were greatly admired by all the patrons of the show. In White Cochins Bantams, whites were particularly good and the winners were James I. Aunce & Sons, Ingersoll, and Stevenson Bros., Woodstock. The Blacks were also good and the partridges were fair considering they were a new class. The Blacks were a very heavy class and the quality was good. Judge Carter said some of the Buffs were the best he ever handled, the first hen being almost ideal and the other winners close up. The light Brahma Bantams were some of the best in the country, three of the Ontario winners being shown. Dark Brahmas were only moderate. White and Black rose combs in Bantams were a good quality all through. Four white Buff Oringtons stood out prominently and the Golden were a very fair class.

A large exhibit of good quality in geese and ducks and turkeys were shown by Shantz, of Ayr, including many Ontario winners.

The display pens were an attraction of the show. The first pen of white Wyandottes was shown by Sid Saunders of Ingersoll which also won him the silver trophy given by Alvin Robinson of Woodstock. No. 2, of White Oringtons was owned by John Henderson of Ingersoll; the third, of white rocks by Douglas Thompson of Woodstock; the fourth, of white game bantams by T. Bowers, of Wingham; and the fifth of Black Hamburgs by F. King and Sons of Aylmer.

The Utility pens were judged by Mr. Mercelles of the O.A.C. of Guelph. The winners were, first pen white Rocks by G. A. Looson, of Ingersoll; No. 2, Buff Oringtons by Martin Henderson of Woodstock; No. 3, Barred Rocks, exhibited by James Bloor of Ingersoll; No. 4, White Wyandottes owned by Mr. Weber of London.

stayed, burned to a cinder. That was not very pleasant, was it for a man, who never makes two copies of his work?"

"It was frightful!" said Freda, her eyes dilating. "I never heard a word about it. Does Lawrence know?"

"No, he does not; and perhaps I ought not to have told you, but I was annoyed at your so misunderstanding Derrick. Pray never mention the affair, he would wish it kept perfectly quiet."

"Why?" asked Freda, turning her eyes full upon mine.

"Because," I said, lowering my voice, "because his father burned it."

"Deliberately?"

"Yes, deliberately," I replied. "His illness has affected his temper, and he is sometimes hardly responsible for his actions."

"Oh, I knew that he was irritable and hasty and that Derrick annoyed him," Lawrence told me that, long ago," said Freda. "But that he should have done such a thing as that! It is horrible! Poor Derrick, how sorry I am for him! I hope we shall see something of them at Bath. Do you know how the major is?"

"I had a letter from Derrick about him only this evening," I replied. "If you care to see it, I will show it to you later on."

And by and by, in the drawing-room, I put Derrick's letter into her hands, and explained to her how for a few months he had given up his life at Bath, in despair, but now had returned.

"I don't think Lawrence can understand the state of things," she said wistfully. "And yet he has been down there."

I made no reply, and Freda, with a sigh, turned away.

A month later I went down to Bath and found, as my friend foretold, everything going on in the old groove, except that Derrick himself had an odd, strained look about him, as if he were fighting a foe beyond his strength. Freda's arrival at Bath had been very hard on him, it was almost more than he could endure. Sir Richard, blind as a bat, of course, to anything below the surface made a point of seeing something of Lawrence's brother. And on the day of my arrival Derrick and I hardly set out for a walk when we ran across the old man.

Sir Richard, though rheumatic in the wrists, was an inveterate walker. He was going with his daughter to see over Beckford's Tower, and invited us to accompany him. Derrick, much against the grain, I fancy, had to talk to Freda, who, in her winter furs and close-fitting velvet hat, looked more fascinating than ever, while the old man beseeched me on Bath waters, antiques, etc., in a long-winded way that lasted all up the hill. We made our way into the cemetery and mounted the tower stairs, thinking of the past when this

deary place had been so gorgeously furnished. Here Derrick contrived to get ahead with Sir Richard, and Freda lingered in a sort of alcove with me.

"I have been so wanting to see you," she said, in an agitated voice. "Oh, Mr. Whartcliffe, is it true what I have heard about the major? Does he drink?"

"Who told you?" I said, a little embarrassed.

"It was our landlady," said Freda; "she is the daughter of the major's landlady. And you should hear what she says of Derrick! Why, he must be a downright hero! All the time I have been half desponding him—also choked back a sob—"he has been trying to save his father from what was certain death to him—so they told me. Do you think it is true?"

"I know it is," I replied gravely. "And what about his arm—was that true?"

I nodded assent.

"Her gray eyes grew moist."

"Oh," she cried, "how I have been deceived, and how little Lawrence appreciates him! I think he must know that I've misjudged him, for he seems so odd and shy, and I don't think he likes to talk to me."

I looked searchingly into her truthful gray eyes, thinking of poor Derrick's unlucky love-story.

"You don't understand him," I said; "and perhaps it is best so."

But the words and the look were rash, for all at once the color flooded her face. She turned quickly away, conscious at last that the individual dream of those yachting days had to Derrick been no dream at all, but a life-long reality.

I felt very sorry for Freda, for she was not at all the sort of girl who would glory in having a fellow hopelessly in love with her. I knew that the discovery she had made would be nothing but a sorrow to her, and could guess how she would reproach herself for that innocent past fancy, which, till now, had seemed to her so faint and far away—almost as something belonging to another world. All at once we heard the others descending, and she turned to me with such a frightened, appealing look,

I devoured her in wistful silence. Freda glanced at me.

"It is true, isn't it, that he has quite given up his life to writing and cares for nothing else?"

"Well, he has deliberately sacrificed his best chance of success by leaving London and burying himself in the provinces," I replied, dryly; "and as to caring for nothing but writing, why he never gets more than two or three hours a day for it. And then I gave her a minute account of his daily routine.

She began to look troubled.

"I have been misled," she said; "I had gained quite a wrong impression of him."

"Very few people know anything at all about him," I said warmly; "you are not alone in that."

"I suppose his next novel is finished now?" said Freda; "he told me he had only one or two more chapters to write when I saw him a few weeks ago on his way to Ben Rhydding. What is he writing now?"

"He is writing that novel over again," I replied. "What fearful waste of time!"

"Yes, it has cost him hundreds of hours' work, if that shows what a man he is that he has gone through with it so bravely."

"But how do you mean? Didn't it do?"

"Sadly perhaps, yes I think unavailing, I told her the truth."

"It was the best thing he had ever written, but unfortunately it was de-

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