

EDMONTON'S
Cut Rate Shoe Store
XMAS SUGGESTIONS
FELT SLIPPERS—Pig skin soles \$1.75
FOSEY KORNER SLIPPERS—"Cushion insole" \$1.50
MEN'S OVERSHOES—1-buckle \$2.25
The CANADIAN SHOE CO., Ltd.
NEXT TO JOURNAL 10173 101ST STREET

CORRESPONDENCE

EVERYBODY'S VIEWS

(The Free Press takes no responsibility for any opinions expressed in letters to the editor. No letters can be accepted for publication, and will not be printed unless accompanied by name and address of writer.)

Editor Free Press—
Sir: During the present municipal election campaign, when so much political capital is being accumulated by the opponents of Mayor Clarke, out of the fact that an era of prosperity is about to sweep over the city, which they seem to consider sufficient reason for supporting Alderman Esdale, it might be well to ask: On what is this theory based. And if there are any grounds for a change of Mayors for this reason, the same remarks would have applied to previous Mayors who held office for a second term, among whom may be mentioned Messrs. Lee, Armstrong, Henry.

It is true Messrs. Short and Evans only held office for one year for the reason that they antagonized the people before the expiration of their respective terms, one on the question of a gas franchise, and the other on the question of a fire chief. Why, then, not give Mayor Clarke a second term of office in order that he be given a chance to complete the work already well begun.

I hold no brief for Joe Clarke, but I think he is at least entitled to British fair play, which he certainly is not being accorded in the present campaign. The press, the pulpit and the big interests throughout the city appear to be organized to carry on a campaign of condemnation without praise. Surely every word and deed of the Mayor during the past year has not warranted the criticism which is being levelled against him for purely political purposes. If we cannot help a man up, it is both un-Christian and un-British to knock him down.

It is, of course, quite possible that the undue criticism which is being levelled at the Mayor, some without reason, and some, in spite of reason, may prove a vote getter in 1919 as it did in 1918. It must be admitted that last year's majority was a credit to Mayor Clarke, and it is the silent vote that counts.

What avails it to tell an intelligent electorate that Alderman Esdale is possessed of the "Community Interest?"

What more interest can he have in the welfare of the community than any other citizen who makes his home here. What care we about "Mat" Esdale's hobby.

Another matter which, if I mistake not, will militate against the success of "Matt's" campaign, is his prating about class administration. Does Ald. Esdale not know that all publicly elected administrations are class administrations. The mere existence of an opposition is proof positive that the majority is legislating for one class, while the minority pursues a policy of obstruction which is the equivalent of legislating or endeavoring to legislate on behalf of the class they represent. Has the alleged democratic alderman forgot the words of a former Mayor in his inaugural address to the Council in January, 1914: "Let majority and minority be unmeaning words on our lips." The statement itself proved meaningless for the Council straightway resolved itself into a majority and minority which proved its undoing, and the present majority in council who have so religiously pursued their policy of obstruction and negatived the Mayor's every effort at reform, had better take warning lest the tables be turned against them by the silent vote of democracy over the loud vote of authority.

Yours, etc.,
10968 127th Street. J. GARR.



Society Brand Clothing

Going Home for Xmas? If so we are prepared to fit you out in the latest fashion.
**SOCIETY BRAND SUITS AND OVERCOATS
WALK-OVER SHOES AND A STETSON HAT**
will surely do the trick.
Leave your money at home where it will do double service.
We are at your service.

**The BOSTON CLOTHING
HAT AND SHOE STORE**
Hart Bros. Jasper Avenue at 99th Street

Your Vote and Influence solicited in favor of
GEORGE H. SCOTT
President Northern Hardware Co
for
ALDERMAN
Vote for the man who will work and safeguard your interests.

**MAJOR
ALEX C.
GRANT**
for
**ALDERMAN
1920**



**YOUR VOTE
AND
INFLUENCE
FOR
CAPT. J. C.
BOWEN**
As Alderman
For 1920

Vote For
**C. G. "Scottie"
DAVIDSON**
Endorsed by
**United Commercial
Travelers**

A Citizen All Can Agree On
for
Alderman

**Any reasonable and fair
plan for the benefit of the
city at large will receive my
whole support."**



Your Vote
Solicited By
**P. W.
ABBOTT**
Candidate
For Alderman
For 1920

**WHO IS
RICHARDS ?**
He is the South Side Candidate who has the courage of his convictions and stands independent, thus to serve the citizens of Edmonton fairly.
He stands for progress, cleanness, and efficiency in Civic Government.
He has faith in all classes and believes that all classes should be fairly represented in Council.
He is the man that served four years on the Strathcona Council and made good.
He is the stamp of man Edmonton needs on her Council. He cannot be prejudiced by others' influence.

Your Vote and Influence solicited for
**WALTER
RAMSEY**
former member of
Edmonton School Board

Mrs. W. R. Howey
for
Public School Trustee
Candidate supported by
The Women's Institute
and
Local Council of Women

If its any-thing in **HARDWARE** SEE **McCLARY'S**
SEE OUR SPECIALS IN STOVES AND RANGES
McCLARY HARDWARE LTD.
10258 101ST STREET PHONE 2112

**H. W. B.
DOUGLAS**
Candidate for
**PUBLIC SCHOOL
TRUSTEE**
Seeks re-election after four years' continuous service.
**A FAIR DEAL
TO ALL**

E. T. BISHOP
FOR RE-ELECTION
for
**PUBLIC SCHOOL
TRUSTEE**
after two years' service.

**Suitable Xmas
Presents**
May be selected with greatest ease from our large stock of Novelties and Toys.
Furniture makes a gift worth giving—it remains as a lasting tribute to your thoughtfulness.
LET US MAKE A FEW SUGGESTIONS

ASH TRAYS
Not only pleases the man that gets one, but saves much sweeping and dusting for the woman that gives.
35c to \$3.00

**BUY EARLY SO THAT
YOU WILL BE SURE TO
GET JUST WHAT YOU
WANT.**

BRASS JARDINIERS
Complete with Flower Pot for
\$2.50
Vases and larger Jardiniers at very low prices

Don't Forget the Little Tots
KINDERGARTEN SETS, KIDDIE KARS AND TRAILERS, DOLL CARTS, ROCKING HORSES, TOY AUTOS, SPEEDERS, TOY WHEELBARROWS, BLACKBOARDS, DOLL CRADLES AND BASSINETTES.
BRING THE CHILDREN TO SEE THIS DISPLAY

BLOWEY-HENRY CO. 9905 JASPER
PHONE 9355

