

The Elections.

A Quiet Campaign and the Results.

Thirteen Out of Eighteen Members of Last Year's Council Returned.

The Western Fair Bylaw Carried by 179 Majority.

Five New Faces on the School Board—Some Good Men Defeated—The Vote by Subdivisions.

The absence of a majority contest robbed the municipal elections yesterday of the usual excitement.

The cheering thousands who generally assemble in front of the "Advertiser" office on election night were represented by a fairly large but quiet throng of people, who scanned the returns soberly and then went home. A few small boys and as many horns made periodical connections but there was no demonstration. It was the quietest campaign in years.

The interest in the aldermanic elections was keen but as there was no majority head to the ticket, the vote was somewhat smaller than last year's. It came in slowly in the forenoon and the fact acted as a spur to the candidates and their workers, who exerted themselves to bring in tardy electors, with fair success. The result did not effect a revolution in the council. Thirteen of the eighteen members of last year's council were returned, namely, Aldermen Heaman (John), Pritchard, O'Meara, Powell, Carrothers, Skinner, Heaman (Wm.), Garratt, Armstrong, Dreaney, Nutkins, Parnell and Marshall. In addition, ex-Ald. J. W. McCullum, who was unseated on a petty quibble last year, has been requested, by a handsome vote, to again take his seat on the board.

Three of the council of 1895, who offered for re-election, met defeat. In Messrs. Brener and Jones the city loses two faithful servants. Ald. Weld was considerably in the rear in South London. Ald. Callahan and Ald. Ardell were the only aldermen of 1895, who did not seek another term.

The changes in this year's Council will be: Ald. Taylor, No. 1 ward; Ald. Douglas, No. 2; Ald. Cooper, No. 4; Ald. Bennett, No. 5, and Ald. McCullum, No. 6. Every ward excepting the third, has therefore a new representative.

The honor of leading the polls in their respective wards falls to Aldermen Pritchard, O'Meara, Carrothers, Cooper, Dreaney and Parnell.

Five new faces will be seen around the school board—Messrs. Teasdale, Bayly, Bradford, Johnston and Burdick. Mr. A. O. Jeffery, of No. 2 ward, was the only retiring trustee of last year who stood for re-election. His defeat deprives the board of one of its most valuable members, and the city of an experienced educationalist.

The Western Fair bylaw, granting \$25,000 towards much needed improvements for the exhibition, carried by a majority of 179, the vote standing: For, 1,629; against, 1,350. The council has yet to pass the bylaw, and it will of course obey the wishes of the ratepayers.

As usual, the "Advertiser" office was the rendezvous for those seeking the election figures. The returns were bulletined by the illuminated process and were perfectly legible from the street. The promptness with which they were posted was universally commended. They were also strictly accurate.

The vote in the city and London West is tabulated as follows:

WARD ONE.												
Subdivision.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T.	For.	Against.	Total.	Majority.
Pritchard	139	67	121	89	82	90	46	614	25	10	35	15
Taylor	117	68	101	68	81	98	34	507	23	14	37	9
Heaman	77	88	124	62	69	63	48	451	21	16	37	5
Brener	73	90	85	38	58	82	27	453	20	17	37	3
WARD TWO.												
Subdivision.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T.	For.	Against.	Total.	Majority.
O'Meara	84	87	137	97	65	65	56	585	26	16	42	10
Powell	110	110	117	96	65	65	56	585	26	16	42	10
Douglas	96	97	99	106	68	45	51	511	24	18	42	6
Jones	105	105	85	58	58	58	48	493	22	20	42	2
WARD THREE.												
Subdivision.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T.	For.	Against.	Total.	Majority.
Carrothers	43	103	110	83	115	85	64	614	25	10	35	15
Skinner	73	127	104	62	76	73	41	556	23	14	37	9
Heaman, Wm.	69	102	75	55	90	88	38	478	21	16	37	5
Croden	64	81	69	43	67	64	50	420	20	17	37	3
WARD FOUR.												
Subdivision.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T.	For.	Against.	Total.	Majority.
Cooper	88	79	127	64	109	123	90	631	26	16	42	10
Garratt	64	95	105	78	79	116	57	537	24	18	42	6
Armstrong	99	110	92	52	79	79	50	521	22	20	42	2
Scarrow	79	71	74	48	74	95	45	485	21	17	38	4
WARD FIVE.												
Subdivision.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T.	For.	Against.	Total.	Majority.
Dreaney	88	90	101	92	125	59	39	594	26	16	42	10
Bennett	86	100	99	49	83	89	39	594	26	16	42	10
Nutkins	47	45	96	106	80	394						
Wilkey	19	42	69	38	105	202						
Dupont	34	38	27	37	37	37						
Blackwell	27	29	35	71	45	210						
Pitgerald	41	55	38	27	40	201						
WARD SIX.												
Subdivision.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T.	For.	Against.	Total.	Majority.
Parnell	76	63	127	130	65	461						
McCullum	78	5	122	104	83	442						
Marshall	65	115	97	67	64	429						
Weld	51	52	75	63	82	323						
WARD ONE.												
Subdivision.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T.	For.	Against.	Total.	Majority.
Teasdale	117	49	115	67	95	109	52	595	26	16	42	10
Logie	68	82	85	28	26	49	37	373	21	17	38	4
WARD TWO.												
Subdivision.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T.	For.	Against.	Total.	Majority.
Bayly	87	108	111	60	69	52	523					
Jeffery	61	68	78	67	42	30	352					
WARD THREE.												
Subdivision.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T.	For.	Against.	Total.	Majority.
Bradford	46	123	84	61	71	45	417					
Rowe	55	64	83	53	71	45	417					

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West Ontario.

Stratford Loses a Valued Citizen Ex-Ald. MacDonald.

A Tilsonburg Resident Expires Without a Moment's Warning.

Death of Mr. Beecher Bingham, of Aylmer—The "Escaper" Busy in All Directions—Serious Charge Against Aylmer Youth—Briefs From Blenheim and Other Sections.

Correspondents should not forget to date their communications and write all names very plainly.]

J. E. W. Brannan has been appointed postmaster of Alvinston.

Preparations for the building of the new curling rink at Wallaceburg will begin at once.

The annual meeting of the West Elgin Reform Association is called for Wednesday, Jan. 8, at Dutton.

Miss McCullum, of Wallaceburg, who has been attending the Normal School, will have charge of the fourth form in the Wallaceburg public school for the ensuing year.

Letters of administration to the estate of the late Peter McKenzie, Chatham, have been granted to his widow, Sarah McKenzie. Realty, \$5,000. Personalty, \$1,700.

A quiet wedding took place at the residence of the bride's mother, Elgin street, Alvinston, when H. Parlett and Miss Annie Prangly, were united in the bonds of matrimony.

Vital statistics for the last half of 1895 in the town of Leamington, 19 births, 19 marriages and 14 deaths; Mersea, 50 births, 3 marriages and 23 deaths.

Elgin Chute, aged 16, of Malahide, has been arrested, charged with seducing the daughter of a Malahide farmer. He pleaded not guilty and the case was adjourned. The girl is 16 years old.

The body of H. Smith, who was found frozen to death near Merlin on Tuesday, after being embalmed, was taken to Ridgeway, to be laid by the side of his wife, who died there some five or six years ago.

Rev. W. S. Smith, the Methodist minister at Rutherford, is about to say farewell to his many friends there, and

assume the pastoral charge of a church in the Port Huron district of the Detroit Conference.

Major Savage, Petrolia, who is boring the artesian well at the Ontario Agricultural College, says he has reached 550 feet, and thinks it probable that the well will have 2,000 feet before a sufficient supply of water is got.

Dr. McNaughton, one of the old residents of Erin village, passed away on Jan. 1, after an illness of about two months, at the age of 67 years and 4 months. Dr. McNaughton passed through the Franco-Prussian war and the American civil war.

At Woodstock on Friday night, Jas. Hill, insurance agent, fell, sustaining severe injuries. It was discovered that the left shoulder joint had been broken, the left limb severely bruised and other minor injuries inflicted. Owing to advanced years, Mr. Hill's injuries are serious.

Mrs. D. Gunn, of Sparta, aged 64 years, relict of the late Daniel Gunn, passed away on Friday morning. The children are: Mrs. H. B. Smith, Mrs. Charles Rundle, Misses Dora, Etta and Jolie, at home, and Wesley, of McMaster Hall, Toronto. Deceased's husband died three months ago.

Percy Dean, a well known and respected citizen of Tilsonburg, died suddenly on Sunday morning at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Dean woke up about that time and hearing a strange noise she tried to arouse Mr. Dean, but he expired immediately. The cause of death was the bursting of a blood vessel in the head.

Fred. Ackert, of Ingersoll, met with a bad accident on Thursday morning. He was boring a log at the pump factory on Thames street, when his right shirt sleeve caught, and before the boring machine could be stopped it was grinding away at his arm. Two wounds were inflicted, one on the wrist and one near the elbow.

Margaret Ferguson died at Thamesville on the 2nd inst. A native of Strathroy, she came to this country with her brother, the late John Ferguson, upwards of 40 years ago. After short sojourns in Lanark county and at Ridgeway, she removed to Thamesville with her family in 1857, soon after the Great Western Railway was built.

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