

# MUNICIPAL POT BOILS OVER WHEN SPEAKERS AND HECKLERS CLASH

**Lots of Jazz At Meeting Last Night When Records of Aspirants Are Under Consideration.**

The largest, most interesting and the most exciting meeting of the municipal campaign was that held in the Talbot Street School last night. The hecklers were there, much to the expressed disgust of many of the other citizens in attendance. There were about 200 rattlepates of Ward 2 in attendance.

The fun started when Ald. Wenke, mayoralty candidate, had the floor. During the first part of his address he received a good hearing. He referred again to the gas situation, and charged the members of the Council of 1920, and especially the aldermen of the special gas committee, with neglect of duty in connection with the service charge, which was collected by the City Gas Company. The aldermen to "steal \$55,000 from the citizens of London," he asserted.

He also contended that the Council could have forced the company to make a refund if it had taken the case to the courts. Reference was made to the street railway situation, and he insisted that he was the one who made this company "come to town."

Touching on civic salaries, Ald. Wenke argued that there should be a readjustment of the salaries of the city officials, who are still "working under war-time conditions" as far as salaries are concerned. He assured the audience that he positively could carry out his platform despite the statements to the contrary, and six new aldermen will be elected this year, and "that ring" at the city hall can be broken up.

After dealing with the remainder of his platform, which has been published, Ald. Wenke criticized several members of the Council, including his two opponents in the mayoralty contest.

"At the first of the campaign I expressed the wish that all personalities should be eliminated from this campaign," said Ald. Wenke. "But my opponents have started, and now I am going to take a hand in them. I laid 43 charges against the engineering department, but the committee whitewashed the engineer and tried me instead. Now one of the members of that committee is being sued for \$24,000; another sells thousands of dollars' worth of lumber to the city through his company, which is perfectly legal as far as that goes; a third one borrowed money from the city to build his house, then it was discovered that he could not do this and the money was returned."

**ANSWERS QUERY.**  
"Who is this one?" queried a voice.  
"He is Dr. Cameron Wilson," replied Ald. Wenke.

"Who are the other two?"  
"Ald. Harley sold the lumber to the city and Ald. Bridge is the other one to whom I referred," continued Ald. Wenke. "The other members of that committee are Ald. Drake, a corner grocer and a street car conductor."

"When did you take the oath of allegiance?" asked one of the audience.  
"I am a British subject the same as you are," responded Ald. Wenke. "Reports circulated around by my opponents or their friends concerning my nationality, my religion and my business principles."

Ald. Wenke at this point made some remark to the effect that any further statements made by him on the platform would be directed towards the better class of citizens. This brought forth a storm of cries of "put him out" and "apologize" and both Ald. Harley and Cameron Wilson asked for a hearing for the speaker.

"I am delighted to hear the speaker

say he is a British subject," remarked a questioner, "but I would like to ask how long it is since he was naturalized." "Quite a few years," was the response.

"How many," persisted the citizen. "About seven years," said Ald. Wenke.

"Let him tell what he was doing and where he was hiding during the war," suggested another.

**GAVE TO FUNDS.**  
"During the war I was conducting a legitimate business here in London," replied Ald. Wenke, "and I gave my quota with the others to the Red Cross, and all the other funds."

Ald. Harley explained that the city engineer had called for tenders for the lumber, but could not get any response, and then an appeal was made for the aldermen to procure the lumber. He did so and the city saved money by this transaction, Ald. Harley stated. The audience evidently accepted this explanation as satisfactory.

Ald. Harley also gave a satisfactory explanation. Ald. Harley was the first mayoralty candidate to speak. He preferred not to make any personal remarks, but he was compelled to answer his opponent. He had been a member of the Council for five years and he could not agree with Ald. W. A. Wilson's and Drake's policy of "ward grabbing." The aldermen should be elected by the city as a whole, he thought.

Referring to the financial situation, the speaker insisted that the city way to reduce the expenses is to co-ordinate all the spending bodies.

This can be done under a finance commission who would be in a position to advise the different boards with regard to the expenditures.

Touching on the work done in West London this had been referred to previously by some of the aldermanic candidates. Ald. Harley pointed out that this section of the city had received its share of public improvements. Nearly \$50,000 had been spent on storm sewers and an appropriation of \$25,000 additional has been made for this purpose. Thus the residents are ready for paving as soon as the residents wish this done. He predicted that next year's Council would not do any paving except on petition.

Ald. Harley also referred to the unemployment situation as being well taken care of with the amount of sewer work that is planned for this winter. He deplored any attempt to reduce wages of civic employees at this time when work is scarce. So far as he is concerned he will make every effort to keep up the wages to a fair living rate. He also advocated the inauguration of juvenile court.

**ALD. WILSON.**  
"I have been listening to the wild and misleading statements of Ald. Cameron Wilson," said Ald. Cameron Wilson. "He would lead you to believe that there is something radically wrong at the city hall. There is so much in what he says with reference to me that when it was reported to the papers they thought it not worth publishing after investigating. They found there was absolutely nothing wrong."

"The facts are as follows," continued Ald. Wilson. "I made application in the regular way to the Housing Commission for a loan to erect a house after I came back from overseas. I did this because the loan companies wished to charge me eight per cent. for the money."

"My application was passed by the local commission and at Toronto. I commenced the house and some money was advanced. Then the lawyer searching the title to my place found some little irregularity. The commission was informed of it at once and I was urged to continue the work, as this could be

straightened out, but I refused to return the money. I immediately sent a check back to the commission and that is all there is to that story. However, that is not in the election campaign."

Ald. Wilson, continuing, pointed out the need for economy in civic affairs. "You who own your homes know well that you are paying a good rent to live in them," said the speaker. "A determined effort must be made to reduce the tax rate. The increase in the assessment must be used to reduce the rate, rather than to increase the city's borrowing power."

Touching on the reorganization of the civic offices he assured the audience that this would be done if and when necessary by any one of the candidates whom the people choose to elect as mayor.

**THE GAS DEAL.**  
"Ald. Wenke told you that the City Gas Company on its bills stated that the service charge was levied on the suggestion of the special committee," continued Ald. Wilson. "He did not tell you that the Council ordered that statement removed from the bills at once and that it was done. He also forgot to tell you that Ald. Cameron Wilson consistently opposed any increase in the price of gas. And in the private bills committee I led the fight against the increase in the price, but the Legislature granted the increase."

Assuring the audience that he always fought as a gentleman, he refrained from saying anything of a personal nature regarding Ald. Wenke.

"But my opponents are making claims to the voters because of their business experience, and they infer my experience is not so good as theirs in this," said Ald. Wilson.

"I regret having to tell you this, but during the war I had the administration of a hospital of more than 1,000 beds. I may tell you that required administrative and executive ability of no mean sort."

The experience necessary for that was equal to that of any of the heads of the large factories in London. Then after the war I was offered a lucrative position as deputy director of medical services of the department of S. C. R. for the Government at Ottawa, but I preferred to come to London, my native city."

Referring again on the gas question, the speaker pointed out that the citizens of London know well the stand he took on that when it was up for consideration.

"Any agreement made by a company with the municipality must be followed," he said. "The question will come up again next May, and every effort must be made to see that the price is reduced to 90 cents again. Toronto has reduced its rates by 15 cents recently."

The speaker referred to the charges brought by Ald. Wenke against the engineering department. These should have been taken before a judge in the regular way and evidence should have been submitted to substantiate the charges.

Other speakers were Philip Pocock and John Colbert, candidates for the Public Utilities Commission. Ald. W. A. Wilson and Brighton, Dr. L. H. Douglass, A. M. Judd, Trustees Edwin Smith and Eggett and Mrs. Tanner, J. H. Laughton and R. H. Hessel.

A. Niven, the chairman, retired while the last speaker was on the floor near midnight.

**TENDERS WANTED.**  
Trustee Edwin Smith charged that certain members of the Board of Education had attempted to allot the contracts for the equipment of the new Collegiate without calling for tenders. "There has been much comment on this and I agree that such practice should be stopped," said Trustee Smith. "I also contend that no one connected with the board should benefit either directly or indirectly from any contract or any portion of a contract made by the board for any equipment or other work."

The speaker further contended that the new Collegiate was placed too low on the ground.

One of those in the audience stated that the conditions under which the men are working on the new Collegiate are disgraceful. R. H. Hessel, one of the aspirants for the board, corroborated this.

**LAW UNTO ITSELF.**  
Another questioner asked why the name of one of the trustees appeared in the report as receiving money from the board at various times. Trustee Smith had not noticed that such was in the report. The questioner further asked why tenders are not called for the supplies used at the Technical School.

Trustee Tanner explained that the Technical committee was a law unto itself.

Philip Pocock, in his address, took occasion to refute the statements of Ald. Wenke that the city is bankrupt. Mr. Pocock referred to the three utilities, water, hydro and the L. & P. S. Railway. The taxes are high, he admitted. He also insisted that the day work policy is the only one for the city to continue.

**WAGE QUESTION.**  
Ald. W. A. Wilson dealt with the wage question in connection with the work of No. 2 committee, of which he is chairman. He asserted that, while a letter had been sent to the committee suggesting a reduction to 30 cents an hour, the wage had been kept up to 40 cents. He would not say who was the author of the letter, but he intimated it was one of the city's representatives.

In referring to the work which has been carried out in West London this year he stated he was the man who started it. There is not a man in the city who has done more for West London as Ald. W. A. Wilson, he said.

Ald. Wilson also stated that he was the prime mover in the natural gas in the city. In this connection he pointed out that Ald. Cameron Wilson, Watt and himself fought against any increase in the price of gas last year. Ald. W. A. Wilson had done his best to introduce 85-cent gas in the city, but Ald. Wenke had voted against it.

The speaker also took Ald. Wenke to task for saying the city is bankrupt. He recalled that the city is still more than \$2,000,000 to the good in available cash which can be borrowed at any time.

**ECONOMY AND RETRENCHMENT.**  
A. M. Judd, one of the aldermanic candidates in ward two, concluded that this ward is sadly neglected. He advocated a policy of economy and retrenchment, but this should not be used as an excuse for cutting wages to 30 cents an hour. There are other methods of reducing expenditures that should be used.

L. H. Douglass, another candidate in this ward, contended that the crossings in West London are only navigable with a canoe. The sewers are needed there, but roads and walks are more necessary, he thought.

Ald. Brighton, who is running in ward one, was surprised at the condition of the streets in West London. "Most of the blame rests with your ward representatives," said he. "I know I battle for the interests of South London."

Trustee Mrs. Tanner, taking up the outcrops for the Board of Education, declared there are no frills attached to education in London. She felt sorry

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### THIEVES ENTER HOME; STEAL VALUABLE COAT

Residence of W. H. T. Mooney, Dufferin Avenue, Burglarized Last Night.

Thieves, between 7 and 9 o'clock last night, entered the home of W. H. T. Mooney, 562 Dufferin Avenue, and stole a seal coat, with sable cuffs and collar, owned by Mrs. Mooney, valued at between \$400 and \$500. Necklaces and other trinkets of small value were also taken.

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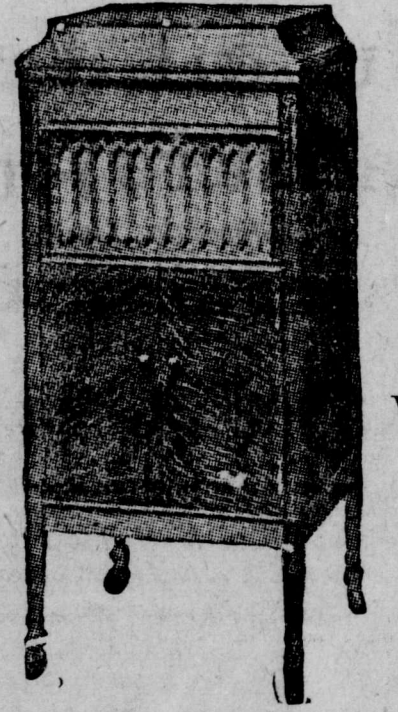
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