

REDUCTION FIRST THING.

No Time Will Be Lost Bringing On the Issue.

Peregrine and Lees Mentioned For Finance Committee.

Majority Claimed For the Existing Calaract Contract.

There will be a reduction of the number of licenses in Hamilton before the end of the year. That assertion was made to-day by the temperance people, and they seem to feel quite sure of their ground. Although they have elected only eight straight pledged temperance candidates, they declare that they have the promise of at least three men who were not on their slate to stand by them. These candidates, it is said, were given temperance support without publicity, on condition that they should back up the temperance candidates in the Council if enough were elected to have any weight. While they may not go as far as to vote in the Council for a reduction of licenses, they will vote for a by-law to go to the people, and it is understood that the temperance people are willing to abide by the result of the public's verdict. It is believed that the first move will be to force a vote in the Council on reduction. The matter has to be dealt with before March, and it is likely that at the first business session of the Council on Monday evening next, the question will be brought up. There will be a meeting to-night of the committee which had charge of the campaign, and the plan of action will be discussed then.

Already the slate makers are busy. The inaugural meeting of the Council will not be held until Monday morning next, but the experts are doing out the chairmanships. It looks very much as if the temperance candidates would have the say this year of who the chairmen will be. Before the election it was stated that if they did not get a majority those who were elected would, in selecting chairmen, stand by the aldermen who would pledge them support. This would seem to kill any chance of successful Tory slate making this year. The Conservative aldermen who were knifed by the machine say they will not attend a caucus. Two prominent Tory aldermen, who had the "machine" back of them declared this morning in the City Hall that they would not be a party to any compact with the temperance aldermen. There is very likely to be a lively shake-up in chairmanships. Three of the old chairmen were defeated, Aldermen Bailey, who presided at the Finance Committee last year; Alderman Nicholson, who was Chairman of the Markets Committee, and Alderman Howard, who was Chairman of the Harbor Committee. It is doubtful if Ald. Sweeney will be Chairman of the Board of Works, over which he presided last year. Alderman Allan is being boosted for that position, and he may land it. Alderman Clark will have opposition for the Chairmanship of the Fire and Water Committee. Ald. A. J. Wright, who was Chairman last year of the House of Refuge Committee, is out for it. It is likely Ald. Jutten will have the Sewers Committee again. Two names are mentioned for the Finance Committee as Chairman, Alderman Peregrine and Alderman Lees. Mr. Peregrine has already been approached by a number of the aldermen, who are anxious to see him Chairman of the Finance Committee. He is recognized as an able man in the Council, and should make an excellent chairman for a committee that requires a first-rate business man at its head. Ald. Lees is also the right stamp of man. The plan of some of the new blood is to entirely rout out the old chairmen and put new men at the head of committees.

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WILLOUGHBY ELLIS, Alderman-Elect in No. 4 Ward.

Mayor's Thanks

Mayor-elect McLaren called at the Times office as soon as the result was known, last evening, and again this morning, to express his gratitude for what this paper had done to promote his election. "I owe my success in a great measure," he said, "to the fair, straight issue which the Times made of the campaign and the consistent manner in which it supported that issue."

Mr. McLaren could not speak too highly of the good work done by his army of volunteer workers, especially Mr. R. T. Steele and Mr. Thomas Lewis, former head roller at the Rolling Mills, who were his mover and seconder, and most particularly of all to Ex-Ald. J. P. Hennessey, who worked night and day for his election.

"To the Council of 1909 I have only to say: Elect the very best men as chairmen of the various committees. Allow no consideration but the city's interests to enter into municipal affairs."

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THOMAS ROBSON, Alderman-Elect, who made grand run in No. 7.

TORY MACHINE'S ROUT WAS THE FEATURE OF THE ELECTIONS.

Yesterday's Results Gave a Black Eye to Those Who Would Place Politics Above Principle.

Moral Reform Forces Gained a Notable Victory and Undoubtedly Hold Balance of Power.

With probably the largest majority ever rolled up for a mayoralty candidate the electors of Hamilton yesterday swept to victory Alderman John I. McLaren, independent candidate, and gave the Conservative "machine" a wallop that demonstrates beyond a doubt that the will of a majority of the people is solid against Tammany methods in civic affairs. Not only was Alderman William G. Bailey, the Conservative candidate, snowed under, but the "machine's" slate was badly smashed. While thirteen of the twenty-two aldermen in this year's Council are Conservative in politics, only nine of them were backed by the "machine," and at least two of the other four were made the target for attack by the party they support in Federal and Provincial politics.

The power question was not the issue in the elections, as the vote shows. Both mayoralty candidates, were Hydro-Electric men, and the tremendous majority rolled up for Alderman McLaren, if it signifies anything, shows that the mass of independent voters emphatically endorsed the platform on which Alderman McLaren marched to victory—"Civic government is business, not politics."

A POPULAR VICTORY.

Seldom if ever before in the city's history has the election of a mayoralty candidate been made the occasion for such a demonstration of popular approval as greeted the announcement of Alderman McLaren's election, and Hamilton out loose last night to celebrate. Although the "machine's" opponents, probably without Alderman Bailey's consent, spread stories during the campaign that Alderman McLaren had thrown up the sponge, he and his supporters were confident from the beginning. Their hopes were raised from day to day by scores of prominent Conservatives, who pledged their support to Alderman McLaren on his record in the Council.

While Ald. Bailey's supporters were boasting yesterday that the strong Tory organization would roll up a majority of as high as 1,500 for him, Ald. McLaren's workers were chucking up their sleeves. The Bailey men overlooked the officers' organization behind McLaren, and badly underestimated its strength. Ald. McLaren's campaign was handled in a thorough business-like way, and in no small measure this accounts for the immense majority secured by him. The election of the Independent candidate was practically assured at noon yesterday, and early in the afternoon the Tory workers threw up the sponge. They admitted before the polls closed that it was McLaren all the way, but when the official figures were announced they were fairly staggered.

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BY-LAWS

Sewers, majority for 208; Good Roads, majority against 1,086; Nurses' Home, majority against 6.

Wards Two and Three gave McLaren substantial majorities. "Just wait until you hear from the east. Ward Seven's majority for Bailey will discount that," they cheerfully predicted.

Six or seven divisions from the south and west end gave McLaren nearly two hundred of a majority, and when divisions from the old Tory stronghold, Ward Seven, began piling up big counters for the independent candidate, it was realized that Bailey was swept away by an avalanche and that he would be de-

Roman candles, and the candidate was greeted with the greatest enthusiasm everywhere he appeared. At the Conservative Club things were dead. A pall of gloom spread over the Sun Life headquarters as soon as the result of the Mayoralty election was known, and when it was announced that the "slate" had been badly bumped.

At the Citizens' Campaign Committee rooms, James street south, the candidates, victors and vanquished, as well as those who worked hard to elect the slate of men pledged for license reduction, expressed themselves satisfied with the result of their efforts, and their first real attempt to get, through electing men to the Council, what they have not been able to get from the License Commissioners. They declared that it showed the temperance and reform element is a strength to be recognized if properly directed, and that the results of this year's election will help a lot next year.

Thomas S. Morris, one of the successful candidates, who has been one of the most enthusiastic workers in the campaign, announced that a meeting of the committee would be held to-night to straighten matters out. A mass meeting of all the candidates, those who were defeated as well as those elected, will be held next week, and it is expected this will be a sort of preliminary to the fight that is to be waged in the Council for a reduction of the number of licenses.

Eight straight temperance candidates were elected. Ward 1 returned George Milne and T. S. Morris. Ward 2 elected ex-Ald. Lees. Ward 3 contributed two, John Forth and Ald. Peregrine. In Wards 4 and 5 the temperance people were without candidates. In Ward 6 both their candidates, H. A. Martin and Joseph Ross, went down to defeat. Ward 7 returned all three, as was expected, W. H. Cooper heading the poll, with Ald. Anderson second and Thomas Robson third. Early in the campaign it was announced that the hotel men had thrown up the sponge down there, but during the last week a tremendous effort was made to squeeze in at least one candidate, who would oppose license reduction. The influence was exerted on behalf of A. M. Ewing, and his defeat was a big surprise.

THE "MACHINE" MEN.

Of the twenty-one aldermen endorsed by the Conservative machine, nine were elected and twelve defeated. The men who had the approval of the machine and who were elected were: Ward 2—Ald. Farmer; Ward 3—Applegath.

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JOHN FORTH, Reduction candidate who headed the poll in Ward 3.

TO WED A BELLE.

Is Granddaughter of Former Hamilton Gentleman.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Preston Gilson, formerly of Chicago, is to be married to Miss Grace McMillan Jarvis, daughter of William Jarvis, of Detroit, and granddaughter of the late Senator McMillan, of Michigan, a native of Hamilton, Ont.

Miss Jarvis is a Washington debutante of last season. She has been living here for some time with her grandmother, Senator McMillan's widow. She spent a year in Europe with her aunt and uncle, Sir John and Lady Harrington, who are now visiting here. The date of the wedding has not yet been announced.

PRESBYTERY.

The regular January meeting of the Presbytery of Hamilton was held to-day, at the new Westminster Church. The object of going there was that delegates might see this new structure, and the pastor, Rev. Roy VanWyke, extended a hearty welcome.

THE MAN IN OVERALLS

Nothing to it but Mac last night. The Tory machine was badly wrecked. That majority seemed a waste of good votes. One-quarter of them would have been sufficient.

Now will Mayor Stewart be quiet? The Hydro-Electric did not figure to any extent in the fight after all. The people picked out the men they thought best, irrespective of the power question.

No, I Ward certainly did itself proud yesterday. Three Grit aldermen and one Grit school trustee. But I would hate to think that they were elected because of their politics.

There would be no harm in giving a good loud cheer for Mr. Steele. He was the Mayor-elect's right-hand man.

Of course, it wasn't Bailey's fault. He was misled by the workers, who were out for what was in it.

John Milne can't say now that "when you see the Mayor you see me."

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HE HELD UP A SMALL BOY.

Slipped the Money He Got on a Window Sill.

But Was Found Guilty of Highway Robbery To-day.

Ottawa "Man of Means" Goes Down as a Vagrant.

Richard Gracey, 164 Charlton avenue east, was found guilty at Police Court this morning of highway robbery and was remanded till to-morrow for sentence. Gracey has been before the court on many charges. The charge he was found guilty of to-day was holding up a small boy and taking \$1 from his pocket by force, last evening. Gracey is complainant in a case that is pending before the high court now, in which he charges another man with cutting and wounding him in a saloon row. Gracey pleaded not guilty to the charge and elected to be tried before the Magistrate, Clarence Price, a fifteen year old boy, said that he worked as a messenger for John Work, tailor. He was paid \$1.00 last evening at 6 o'clock, and while he was going home on Walnut street, Gracey met him near the Parisian Laundry and asked him who was elected. He said he didn't know, and Gracey walked a little distance with him. When they reached the alley beside the laundry building, Gracey grabbed his arms and shoved him into the alley and asked him if he had the price of a drink. He said he had not and Gracey went through his pockets and got the dollar bill. He asked for a quarter of it and the boy told him he could not give it to him, so Gracey took it all. He started to walk towards the Terminal Hotel on King street, and just as he got beside it Price called to two men, William Bailey and W. Logan, and said he had been robbed by Gracey. The men grabbed Gracey and held him while the witness went for an officer. Constables Cameron and Springer came along at this point and arrested Gracey. He offered to be searched, but Constable Cameron found the dollar bill on the window sill of the Terminal Hotel, rolled up in a little ball. The two constables corroborated this testimony.

Gracey said he was drunk yesterday afternoon, but did not take the boy's testimony. (Continued on page 5.)

They even smashed the Tory machine up in No. 4. McLaren led in every division.

Perhaps it was the Hydro-Electric people who elected my old friend, Lou Crear.

There will be no objections, I suppose, to Ald. Bailey getting a recount.

The Spec. said a few mean things about Lou Robson. But the No. 7 Warders paid no attention to them.

Lyman Lee is another of my proteges who will not get a seat on the Town Council Board. How about the Town Council?

I told you a lot of Grits were out to knife the hotel men's "Popular people's candidates," and they did it, too. That West Hamilton election was a bad day's work for the hotel men.

George Allan, poor chap, got caught in the Tory machine up in Ward 4 last night and was terribly cut up. He also cut up terribly. It is not expected that he will ever be the same man again.

To be sure some preachers prefer to dream on the mountain top, instead of taking off their coats and mixing it up with the Old Boy down in the valley.

Yesterday's "blue rans" find it hard to look pleasant to-day.

Did you read Mr. Flatt's hints for Hamiltonians in last evening's Times? He ought to be an alderman or Mayor or something.

Those who have not yet parted with their vermiform appendix will be pleased to learn that a clever doctor has discovered that it is useful as well as ornamental, and a valuable asset to the human body.

It looks to me as if Ald. Nicholson had outstayed his welcome.

Now that the Nurses' by-law has been defeated, I suppose the poor girls will be sent to the Old Man's Home.

The 91st and 13th did their duty well. Did you hear the bugle band?

God bless them! The lady voters turned out to a man yesterday. I am told.

It makes me laugh every time I think of the things Mayor Stewart was saying last night. Still it was pretty tough.

My own private opinion is that about the fooliest thing a doctor can do is to go into the City Council. That is why I am congratulating Dr. Wickens to-day.

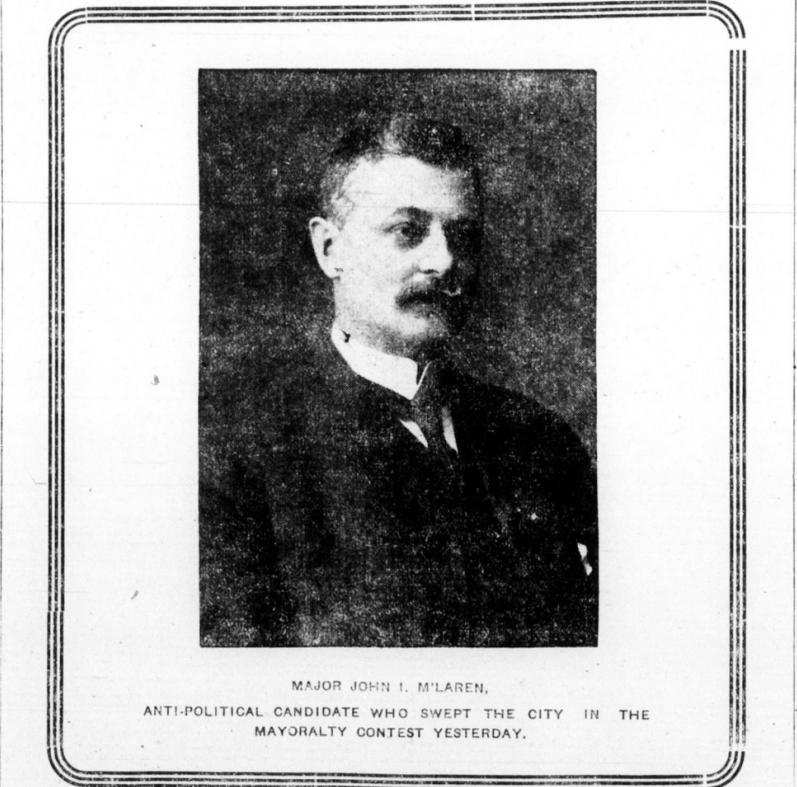
It was the hotel men who elected the moral reformers yesterday. If they had stayed out of the West Hamilton fight there might have been another story to tell. I warned them. But they thought they knew better. The Grit party can't stand everything.

I didn't say anything at the time, but if my friend Wode had stayed at his desk and kept off the stump he might have had fewer regrets to-day.

The leading feature, however, was the fact that the Tory machine got knocked out yesterday. The public is tired of little win goals like John Milne.

Now, boys, another cheer for the Mayor-elect.

Even the heavens wept last night over Mr. Southam's defeat, and what might have been.



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