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A Strong Mandate For Hydro Power at Cost

H. R. McLellan Elected Mayor by Large Majority—R. W. Wigmore, Who Led Poll, and T. H. Bullock, Succeed as Commissioners—A Big Vote Polled.

Power at cost is what the majority of tax payers in the city want judging from the sweeping majority rolled up at the polls yesterday by H. R. McLellan over Mayor Schofield. It was one of the most keenly contested elections in the city's history, both candidates putting forth every effort. When the vote was counted the figures showed McLellan 4332 and Schofield 2964, a majority of 1,368 in favor of the former. In the north and west ends Mr. McLellan had a majority of more than 1,000, while in Queens, Dukes and Kings wards Mayor Schofield had a majority of 141.

There were 9,708 citizens eligible to vote in the city elections and out of that number 7,496 exercised their franchise yesterday, showing that over seventy per cent cast accepted ballots.

There are 18,000 voters on the list, but \$2,000 were stricken off the roll.

R. W. Wigmore remained a favorite for commissioner and totaled 4,872 votes,

THE VOTE BY WARDS

	McLellan	Schofield	Bullock	Corbet	Jones	Wigmore
Gays	836	166	221	274	53	866
Brooks	240	80	121	193	39	197
Sydney	251	104	158	160	108	248
Dukes	301	335	367	199	212	382
Queens	432	518	563	241	879	552
Kings	245	267	282	182	189	307
Wellington	439	284	304	369	193	424
Prince	451	286	280	383	196	457
Victoria	401	269	300	325	159	358
Dufferin	381	202	278	291	147	432
Landowne	406	220	263	390	193	399
Lorne	691	225	363	390	193	399
Stanley	88	38	40	78	13	97
Total	4332	2964	3516	3349	2080	4872

speakers were unanimous in predicting that St. John had launched out into a new era. Great things were ahead of the city. Mr. McLellan declared that a community spirit had been born and he urged that it be cared for and promoted.

It was a people's victory, he declared, that had at last awakened to a realization of their own power and had begun to use that power in their own behalf.

The Mayor-elect.

When the final figures had been chalked up on the big blackboard showing Mr. McLellan's election by a majority of 1,368, insistent cries of "McLellan," "McLellan" went up from the crowd in the headquarters room.

The mayor-elect finally worked his way from the back of the hall, where the results were received over the telephone, forward to the improvised platform made of two very elementary tables.

Three rousing cheers and the opening verse of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" were given by the enthusiastic crowd before Mr. McLellan could begin his remarks.

"I want to say," began Mr. McLellan as soon as the cheering had sufficiently subsided to allow him to be heard, "I want to say that I think you are entitled to the maximum amount of congratulations for your efforts today, and I want to thank you for permitting me to participate in that victory, for it is your victory."

He congratulated the city upon having in it such an organization as the Hardware Clerks' Association. He congratulated the people for the manhood they had displayed in going to the polls in such large numbers and, finally, he congratulated them on having attained the realization that out of this campaign had come a great civic awakening. A community spirit had been brought into being and he urged keeping together the organization which had been behind the victory of yesterday, increasing its numbers and its strength, and making of it

the nucleus of a new and better St. John.

His remarks were met with such enthusiasm that he was obliged to stop several times to catch his breath.

After his remarks Mr. McLellan returned to the back of the hall, where he was met by a throng of friends and well-wishers.

At 10:30 p.m. the city was illuminated by the lighting of the city lights.

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a real citizens' organization. If that were done something never before effected would be accomplished, he declared.

The geographical situation of St. John was unsurpassed by any in Canada, Mr. McLellan declared. He would not cla-

borate the Confederation promises, he said, but he would declare that yesterday a new era had been ushered in in the history of St. John. It would henceforth go forward and upward; it would not remain dormant and stagnant.

In the past the council had not realized that it possessed only such powers as the people conferred upon it. As a result they had neglected the people and

neglected the city. He referred deprecatingly to "the best people" and declared that from now on the common people were going to get a chance.

Again he urged the continuance of the work of the organization and the devotion of its efforts to a campaign of education to win over those electors who had voted against the project yesterday. In all generosity and charity, he said, let

us have an opportunity to begin an era of government of the people, for the people, and by the people," declared Mr. McLellan in assuring his audience that he was sincere in his desire for the establishment of the advisory council of sixty-five representatives of the several wards in the city.

For the People.

He said that the west side mill pond should be filled in after a trunk sewer and laterals were laid in it. It was one of the finest industrial sites in the city and it was lying idle.

All Rights Respected.

He would reassure everybody that people who came to City Hall would be rightly treated. Some eagerness regarding what treatment would be given to the people was expressed by the Globe. The Globe had its rights. The city had not belonged to him but to the people, the mayor's office was not his, but the people's, and all would get their rights.

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"We're going to have a civic system of distribution of hydro-electric energy," declared Mr. McLellan amidst applause. "And we're going to have it at the least possible cost," he continued.

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any lawsuits or litigations the company undertook. He was prouder than if he had been elected Premier of Canada, he said, for it was the first time he had ever seen the people of St. John ready and willing to go out and protect themselves from such a corporation as the New Brunswick Power Company. So far as the city making the company an offer was concerned, he intimated that no such offer would be made.

The people would not be fooled with the recent act relating to the Power Company passed by the legislature; the people must have their say in the matter and the decision must rest with them. The council had no authority except what the people gave them and, he said, he was concerned that was the only authority that ever he would attempt to exercise, declared Mr. McLellan as he concluded his address which was followed by resounding applause.

Alexander Corbet.

Alexander Corbet, in response to the cries for "Sandy Corbet" that arose in great volume from the audience, stepped to the platform and, pointing to the number of votes polled by him, declared he was proud of his first venture into public life. He had fought a clean fight and was happy though beaten. He had stood for civic distribution from the first and had not waited until the last minute to declare himself, he said.

An original poem commenting upon the results of the elections both primary and final was contributed by P. C. Johnson. One of the most pointed stanzas ran as follows:

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support of civic distribution of hydro and I will carry out the wishes of the people as expressed in their votes."

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the past be forgotten and an effort made to educate the opposition.

Hydro-electric.

"We're going to have hydro-electric," declared Mr. McLellan, amidst applause; "we're going to have hydro-electric at the least possible cost," he continued, "and we're going to have no truck or trade with the Power Company," he concluded amidst tremendous applause.

The fight, he declared, was only beginning. The mayor and council and the mayor in particular, would be attacked by every financial interest in Canada in an effort to save the New Brunswick Power Company. But he declared that he had no fear of those who would undertake such a campaign. "Let them come forward in all their armor and we'll make junk of it," he declared amidst applause.

If the Power Company had acted agreeably in the past the city might now be negotiating with the company, he said.

"If I live to be sworn in as mayor we shall have democratic government irrespective of who my colleagues are," declared Mr. McLellan. Pointing to the total of 7496 votes cast, he said that if he could help it there would never be such a small total cast at any future election. In view of the abnormalities he declared it was not right to deprive people who had paid many previous years' taxes of the right to vote just because they were unable to pay their taxes this year.

The citizens had been told time and again that the city had a great future. He was inclined to be tired of listening to that story; he wanted to see some of the promised future greatness. His first effort would be to provide work for the unemployed, he declared, and