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IN THE CIVIC FIGHT.

QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MEN WHO ARE SEERING BLECTION.

The civic campaign is now fully on, and
Tuerday next the 20th inst. will see rather
a sharp contest. The fact that four men
are in the field for mayor means a close and
decisive struggle, and every elector who
can be got to the polls, male or female, old
or young, alive or—dead will be represented.

From the centre thought of Mayor Rob-ertson's Carleton address the matter of building wharves at Sand Point is the estion with the electors. Pureuing this thought to its general interence the question will be asked by the voter, are wharves, that will stand the strain of the tides, will continue to s'and upright though the foundations on which the engineer sup-posed they were to stand, were dredged away from under them. So as they go assur-ance that they will decide the better way to expend the public money is by paying it out by day's work instead of under the contract system? Can they do as well as the council of last year did with the finances, returning as good a report at the end ried into the year to come?

The old and the new candidates—the men who have represented the city and those who now ask that opportunity-must be judged for their fitness for the position. It will not do to condemn the old unless

the new are better.

It is seen that W. D. Baskin and J. B. M. Baxter are once more asking the suf-frage of the electors. Are they men whom the citizens care to entrust with the interests of the city? They were at the council before—they had the confilence of the electers and lost it. Mr. Baskin was a school trustee, appointed by his fellow colleagues at the council board. Why was he not returned to the school trusteeship? Why was be rot returned to the council. Why did the electors choose other men in preference to Baskin and Baxter? These are questions that should be asked not by the espective wards where these gentlemen run, but by the city at large.

At the last moment Alderman McPherson was confronted with opposition in Prince Ward. His opponent is Mr. Thomas Kichham. Electors will ask who is Mr. Kickham, and what are his peculiar qualities? Why should be be elected to represent the city. They will also ask is Alderman McPherson opposed because he made such a bold and determined fight against the new market law. This will suggest to the electors that before counting their ballots they should carefully study the features of that market law and see whether Alderman McPherson was not right and whether culpable in allowing themselves to accept a law under a threat. The statement was made at the council board respecting the law, that the city was told to accept this law or none, and Alderman McPherson re-

Alderman McMulkin is opposed by Mr. A. A. Mabee. Will some one tell why? torate into his confidence either on the public platform or through the columns of the press, and told why he should be returned and a man who has held the confidence of his ward and the city left out. There must be some cause for this determined opposition to Alder-man McMulkin. It was attempted for days to secure Mr. R. C. Elkin as a candidate against him, but that gentleman could not decide that the contest promised success. For days Mr. Elkin was on a balance, sometimes strong for combat at others not so decided. Then he concluded that he could not conscientiously oppose Mr. McMulkin, and the fact was announced. But following on this came the tidings that Mr. Mabee was in the field, and on nomination day the paper of the gentleman was filed. His name is on the ballot paper, and he is in the fight. Now the election may place against each the years of Alderman McMulkin at the board—the fact that he has the confidence of the council, and

on the other hand there is a respectable citizen, an untried man—who has yet a

Landowne ward presents a peculiar sight; thre- men, with Alderman Christic, Geo. E. Day and Thomas Miller, in the fight. It is pretty well assured that the contest will lie chiefly between two of these the third man being ignored in a great measure by the electors. Despite the tact that Miller's nomination is lawfully tact that Miller's nomination is lawfully filed there is some doubt expressed as to his continuing the fight, for it was announced in Thursday morning's papers that he was not in the contrat, but an evering papers come out with a bold announcement that he had not authorized the statement published in the many papers. And it may be that Mr. Miller will make yet another announcement, though he is vet in the field.



the citizens hold in respect. He has been before the cit zens before as a candidate for the mayoralty and the plea was then put fourth that the time was not opportune for his return to office, as the then incumbent the electors can judge for themselves. Mr. McLaughlan is a man of honesty and inion to suggest, and the skill to plan. He asks the suffrages of the electors at the present time because he believes, and a large portion of the electorate believe that he will make a very satisfactory chief m gistrate. Whether he secures the seat or not the fact is he will poll a very large vote and there are many indications that he will be



Mr. H. l'er was an unknown man last year. Here is his pacto. He is venerable Mr. Mabee has as yet not taken the elec- in appearance and if as wise as he appears should be a perfect sage at any Council board.



· state of the state of the state of Mr. Sea'on has been an alderman and will be again. He is a printer and knows



Ald. D. McArthur, whose portrait is acre given has represented the city at the council board, and has won considerable ed the action of the council in good tellowship. He is a successful business man, and a satisfactory alderman at



members in the present aldermanic council is Ald. Stackhouse of West End. The him honorably last election. His judge-ment on Sand Point affairs, founded on actual acquaintance with the natural formations and style of work there, placed him in a very responsible position in the council.

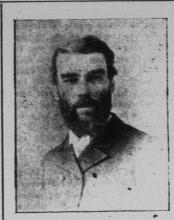
Ald. Stackhouse is again in the field.



Mr. Geo, E. Day, whose profile appears who has by his own efforts and careful business tact secured for himself a good standing in St. John. He brings into the field in his canvass for alderman a good knowledge as to civic affairs and necessi-



for some years and has been a good alderman—a man of sound judgment, fair in his decision, he always considered the interests of the city before those of a personal character. He's a good man to vote for



N. W. Brennau, who asks the suffrages man, is prudent and economical in his own business and should therefore be a man who opposed the action of the council in giving out city work by the day instead of by contract. His efforts have been appreciated and he has secured the good will of all by his courts, tact and genial in the city outside the societies to which he belongs, and will make a good showing against his formidable opponent. Mr Brenan if elected can be depended on to sateguard the interests of Dufferin ward in particular while general city work will also

But Falling That, Thinks Rockwood Park is Next Best.

ame of the new park:

"Some years ago, when Joe Knowles was collecting gas bills and manufacturing was collecting gas bills and manufacturing many more puns than now, when Will Reynolds was editing the Humorist, when John Livingston and Wm. Elder and Timothy Anglin and Elward Willis were journalistic chiefs of St. John, when George James Chubb stood at the corner that bears his name and smiled genially on all his acquaintances, when George Stawart introduced auction sales of bankstock with greaches on the clarings in the sales. speeches on the glorious future of the Liverpool of North America, and when Lanergan was playing Don Cæsar de Bazan and Iago at the dear old dead and gone Lyceum, years before I retired from the hard work and poor pay of St. John newspaperdom to the ease, opulence and dignity of newspaper publishing on the North Shore, I used to visit Lily Lake, climb over the ledges, among the cedars, gather lilies and scramble down the rocks at its outlet, and dream of the beautiful park of which it might become the central glory. It was one of my stock subjects for newspaper treatment, and I covered a good many sheets of paper with appeals to the city to buy up the land around it and keep it as a pleasure ground for the people. But the City Fathers wouldn't listen to the proposition. "What! Buy land outside of the city for a park. Beautify Portland by the expenditure of St. John taxes! Preposterous, young man. praposterous!" But the cities have been united, the park

dream has been realized, and now you are naming it. I tondly hoped, when the scheme for selecting a name by ballot was announced, that the name that is endured to me by so many old associations, and must be endeared to most St. John people, would be chosen by a large majority. But they are too tamiliar with it, and evidently regard it as commonplace, for Lily Lake Park has received but two votes. I am reconciled, in part, by seeing that Rockwood heads the list. This is a good name. It is distinctive and descriptive. It fits the place better than any other name than Lily Lake could. It, also, perpetuate the memory of one of the finest gentleman who ever lived and died in St. John. I hope there is in St. John enough sense of the eternal fitness of things to keep this name at the head of the poll. There are Victoria parks by the hundred, Victoria hotels, Victoria corsets, Victoria every thing. Every family in the empire has a Vickie or Torie among its daughters. The choice of that name will be no honor to the Queen and give no dignity to the park. As an expression of loyalty, or a method of celebrating the Jubilee, it is too cheap. Hundreds of towns have Victoria parks. St. John will have the only Rockwood Park in the world if the people select that distinctive descriptive and appropriate

AN ASYLUM SENSATION.

AN INMATE OF THE ASYLUM GIVES BIRTH TO A CHILD.

The community in general will be called upon to learn of a case regarding one of the inmates of the Provincial Lunation asylum which is of a most sensational character, and has already caused consid-able talk on the streets. The case in question is one of rare occurence and will cause some surprise, not only among the residents of the city but throughout the

The story is connected with the name of Alice Cassidy who has for many years been an inmate of the asylum, and who a few days days ago gave birth to a child while living in that institution. The Cassidy woman is in the vicinity of forty five years of age and a native of Westmorland county N. B. She is said to have been married to a French but had not been living with her husband for some time previous to having been removed to the insane ssylum. Her insanity has never been of a violent privileges which some of the more un fortunate inmates had been deprived of, such as being allowed to walk about the asylum grounds etc. The fact of the matter is that the woman's insanity is said to have been of such a mild form that the superin-Mr. J. L. Stewart of the Chatham World writes Progress as follows regarding the his mind to discharge her from the

The facts of the case, about which so many rumors are affoat are; af tollows: During the early part of last summer the late Dr. James Steeves who was at that time superintendent of the asylum, with his family removed to his summer resi-dence at the Bay Shore. The Cassidy woman who is an expert seamstrass and who was known to be perfectly harmless, was taken to live with the Steeves in whose household she made herself useful in many was appointed superintendent of the asylum to succeed Dr. Steeves who was in failing health. Dr. Hetherington assumed control of that institution August 17th, and upon being more acquainted with his duties re-Cassidy woman was living with the Steeves tamily at the Bay Shore where she remained until September after which she return-ed to the asylum. She had only been back a short time when the newly appointed superintendent noticed that the woman was pregnant. The matter was immediately reported to the commissioners who in time recommended that the woman should receive special care from Dr. Hethbut owing to limited circumstances they were unable to render her any assistance

The woman has been questioned relative to the case but nothing of a satisfactory nature can be learned from her although she seems to realize that she has done

The story does not end here by any means and it is in the interests of the public generally that a thorough investigation should be made. The untortunate inmates of the insane asylum are sent there for care and protection and the people of the province have a right to demand that it be given them. The public will likely hear more of this unfortunate affair.

It Was a Great Success.

President Wilkins of the Polymorphians must have been a tappy man Tuesday night when he found himself surrounded by four candidates for the mayoralty and many alderman and would be alderman. The occasion was the club's smoker. The programme was a varied one. .There were surprises of various kinds but all of them were of a pleasant nature. All the candidates made requests for votes and each and crery one of them received promises galore. Alderman McGoldrick had enough friends to give him a tremendous "send off". He is an old Polymorphian and has always been a popular one. The main object of the smoker was accomplished—to show the club's strength to the civic rulers and to impress them with the fact that they cou assist largely at the celebration in June.

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