

New Council Starts In Business-Like Manner

Mayor Platt and Aldermen Installed in Office This Morning—Comprehensive Address by Chief Magistrate—Chairmanships Awarded—Proposal to Appoint Women as High School Trustees Defeated—Many Motions Were Adopted.

"Today we stand upon the threshold of the greatest year of all recorded time.

"The soulless age of materialism is passing away and in defiant desperation its hideous groans and dying agonies are convulsing Europe and we are beholding with wondering awe the miraculous birth of a new era, that gives presage of becoming the mightiest in the history of the human race.

"In this awakening and reconstruction of a new world, every citizen must bear his part."

In these stirring words Mayor Dr. Platt opened the inaugural meeting of the city council this morning. He continued:

Reconstruction and Civic Problems.

"During the coming year, there will be many questions that will require your serious consideration. 'Works of a public nature have been held in abeyance during the last four years, but now that the war is over and the boys are coming home, we must begin a more elaborate programme, and lay carefully our places for the advancement of our city. This can be brought about by better housing, more sewers, better roads, sidewalks, more industries, good wages and a general moral uplift.

Good Roads and Sewers Much Needed.

"Sewers are badly needed in many parts of our city, and it will be the duty of the Chairman of Public Works, in collaboration with the engineer and council, to at once get busy and make arrangements for the summer's work.

A system of good roads should also be inaugurated and what we build should be of a permanent nature.

Condition of Waterworks.

With the newly installed electric pumps, the waterworks department is in a flourishing condition and some means should be devised whereby residents in the outlying parts of the city should receive a good water supply. They are paying taxes to keep up our city, and therefore should have the city's advantages.

Industrial Future Bright.

"The Chairman of Industries will go doubt, have a very busy year. Industries will be wanting to locate here, and we must not have a stone unturned to offer them every advantage. We have every facility to induce them, the very best transportation both by rail and water. We have not the least doubt but that before the year ends, a number of splendid industries will find their home in Belleville.

Bright, Happy Homes for Belleville.

"Nothing adds to the prosperity of a city like bright, cheerful and happy homes and a contented people. We must do all in our power possible to bring about these conditions. I see no reason why the working man should be deprived of the comforts of home, any more than the rich. He is the producer of wealth and should enjoy a fair proportion of it. We must, therefore, see to it that the working man gets a decent wage in order that he may live honestly and respectfully, and our city should set an example of paying accordingly.

A New Bay Bridge.

"A matter of very great importance to our city will, no doubt, come to your notice during the year, and that is the 'bay bridge.' Our citizens cannot afford to take over this and it is for you to see that their interests are protected. Let no interested party come, between you and your duty to the citizens. The only practical solution is a new bridge with a permanent roadway locality. This could be done by the built of gravel from the present municipalities concerned and the government. We could then have a permanently free bridge.

Municipal Fuel Yard.

"The municipal coal yard is not a dead issue in spite of the missing two thousand. We should like the whole council to be the fuel committee, so that they can see everything is open and above board. We shall still try to keep a fair price

between dealer and consumer. The citizens' money is being well looked after in spite of scurrilous attacks, lying innuendo and the machinations of the local press. We are in the council to serve, not to graft.

"We understand the people appreciate this fact or they would not have renewed their confidence in us as they have lately done.

Working Men's Homes.

"The Provincial and Federal Governments have both offered to assist municipalities in the building of homes for the working man. This is a question which some of the aldermen will take up during the year.

Legislation has also been provided whereby municipalities have certain well defined powers pertaining to the price of food and the cost of living. This should also engage your attention. Anything we can do for the bettering of the condition of the masses, that we should gladly do.

Lower Taxes Probable.

"Last year we reached the high water mark of taxation, but it was due to causes beyond control. This year, no doubt, with the coming of normal conditions, taxes will reduce. The tax must be put on unnecessary expense and efficiency with economy must ever be your watchword.

"I hope, Gentlemen, that throughout the coming year your deliberations will be marked with the kindest feelings toward each other. Without good fellowship and co-operations our efforts will be in vain. Only in this way can we hope to attain a happier, more contented and a better Belleville. I wish you, gentlemen, a successful and a prosperous New Year."

The inauguration was very quiet and businesslike.

The lineup at the board is this year as follows:

Right side of Mayor, Ald. Woodley, Ald. Hunter, Ald. Hanna, Ald. Bone, Ald. White.

Left side, Ald. Trevorton, Ald. Simmons, Ald. Ostrom, Ald. Riggs.

Mayor Invested.

On motion of Ald. Ostrom and Ald. Trevorton, Mayor Platt was escorted to the chair by two of the new aldermen, Ald. Capt. Hunter, and Ald. Bone and invested with the gold chain.

Invocation by Rev. Dr. Scott.

The divine blessing was invoked by Rev. Dr. C. T. Scott, of Bridge St. Methodist church, praying that Mayor Platt would be guided in his official acts in the best interests of the city as well as in his efforts in the moral advancement of all men. In all deliberations may the mayor and aldermen keep before them the sense of their high duty to this great community.

The vote of thanks of the council was presented to the mayor for his address on motion of Ald. Woodley and Ald. Hanna, the resolution carried by a standing vote.

Ald. Woodley occupied the chair in committee on appointment of chairmen of the various committees.

A shuffling of chairmanships took place at a meeting on Saturday evening, several being changed from the arrangements made last Wednesday.

JOHN GALT

The President of the Union Bank of Canada, which has just closed a most successful year.

The chairmanships as decided this morning are as follows:

Executive — Ald. J. Bone.

Public Works — Ald. W. A. Woodley.

Water — Ald. R. P. White.

Gas — Ald. G. N. Simmons.

Fire — Ald. G. F. Ostrom.

Parks and Industries — Ald. Chas. Hanna.

Printing and Stationery — Ald. Capt. Hunter.

Market and City Property — Ald. Sam Trevorton.

Light — Ald. W. B. Riggs.

Ald. Woodley declared he did not wish his name to go before the members as a candidate for the executive chairmanship. He thanked Ald. R. P. White and Ald. Trevorton who proposed him. He thought he could

January Sale Specials

- Black Satene Underskirts, worth \$1.50, only \$1.19
- Women's Black Satene Underskirts, worth \$1.75, only \$1.39
- Bungalow Aprons, worth \$1.50 for \$1.19
- Children's Sweater Coats, worth \$2.75, only \$1.95
- Women's White Cashmere Hose 50c
- Women's White Flannelate Night Gowns, worth \$1.50, for \$1.19
- 2 pieces Table Linen, worth \$1.25 for 70c yd.
- Heavy Ribbed Wool Hose, sizes 8-1-2, 9, 9-1-2, & 10, only 50c
- Men's Fine Shirts, Broken sizes, worth \$1.25, on sale 89c
- Men's Pure Wool Sox 75c pr.
- Men's Sox 3pc pr., 3 prs. for \$1.00

GOOD GOODS RIGHT PRICES

Wims & Co.

Committee be presented to this council at its next regular meeting, showing the amount of money expended to date, the amount of fuel purchased, the amount now on hand, the amount that has been sold, and the amount of money received for same, giving the amount paid out in demurrage."

Hunter—Bone—

"That the Honorable the Minister of Public Works of Ontario be requested to send an expert engineer down to view and value the Bay Bridge with a view to its being taken over by the municipality or by the province.

Hanna—Bone—

"That this council apply for legislation to allow the holding of our municipal elections on New Year's Day."

Hanna—Bone—

"That the fuel committee be composed of the whole council and coupled with the Parks and Industries Committee."

Committees meet on Jan. 23 and the council on January 27th.

St. Andrew's Anniversary

Special Services Mark Completion of Eighty-Seven Years of Church Life

The eighty-seventh anniversary of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was marked by special services on Sunday, the special preacher of the day being Rev. Dr. Hugh Kerr, pastor of Shady Side Presbyterian Church, Pittsburg and brother of the Rev. A. S. Kerr, M.A., of St. Andrew's. Large congregations were present at morning and evening services, the latter being particularly well attended as John St. Presbyterian church held no service last evening, the congregation worshipping with St. Andrew's. The music of the day was special in character: Morning, organ prelude Andante Elligata (Claus); anthem "Thou Hast Not Known" (Pfeuffer); organ intermezzo (Lefebvre-Weby) vocal solo "Gallilee"; Evening: Organ, Invocation — (Claus); anthem "The Lord is in His Holy Temple" (Simper); organ, "Melody in F" (Loud); duet "Whispering Hope" (Hawthorne) by Miss Lobb and Miss Collins. Rev. Dr. Kerr preached two sermons which were deeply appreciated by the congregations. His morning subject was "The Responsibility of Victory," with a message for the days of reconstruction. His evening topic was: "A new Heaven and a new Earth." In the evening Rev. D. C. Ramsay, and Rev. A. S. Kerr assisted.

Speaking from Rev. 21-1; last evening, Dr. Kerr said this passage is an inspired poet's description not of a place but of a people, not so much of a city as of a redeemed people. In the background lies one of the most desolate pictures of human life ever depicted. It was painted in a time like that through which we have just passed, when slavery and frightfulness were at their climax, when the Roman emperor was defied, when martyrdom was the lot of all good people, when it cost blood, tears, life, home, friends and country to follow Christ. Babylon in the book of Revelations is not a place but a spirit. But Babylon falls, and becomes the city of the earth's despair, and becomes the home of the wild beast. In the foreground we have this picture of hope, the artist with all the colors of the rainbow paints the Christian life begun here and finished yonder. The Bible is the most optimistic book in the world, all its stories of Joseph, Ruth, Elijah, Es-

the Job, Jesus, coming to their coronation. Some people today talk of the church and the city and preaching and politics in terms of decay and all their life they see nothing but progress and hope.

The Christian life is a social life. The despair of our American life has been our cities, where sin and shame have set up their throne in the midst of citizenship. Here is no longer Babylon but Jerusalem. It was in the great city of Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians. This city Paul conquered in less than a year by means of strange new life.

It is not to be a withdrawal of the Christians or the church from the world, but an entering into the social order. We have lived our individual lives too long. It was the policy of Germany that Christianity had nothing to do with politics or society. We have to learn that a Christian is greatest when he is a great Christian in society, in a great civic community, because he is a great neighbor. Christ triumphed over the ancient cities and must over the modern cities. We may see a new Toronto, a new Belleville and a new Pittsburg.

This ideal Christian life is a fearless life. All our lives we are subject to bondage and fear, but salvation and rest are with the walls of the city—no more estrangement, no more suggestion, no more suspicion, no more pain. The Christian's is the life that walks through evil without fear.

It is a reverent life. God's dwelling place is in the hearts of men. Every laborer that works for a year is the dwelling place of the Divine. He sits in no throne of jasper beyond the setting sun. The incarnation means the coming of God into human flesh. If we realized this, there would be no slavery, no war, for every heart is a sacred shrine. This needs to be realized in our political world today. It is not divinity you need to study by humanity, a church member told a minister who failed in a Chicago charge. To God there are no prodigals, no outcasts. He goes out to find the lost sheep.

It is a life that is satisfied—not one of arm-chair ease. Life should be more like a wedding feast. If it were less people would resemble walking funerals. Round about your restlessness may flow the rest. God is the builder and sublime architect of human life. Christ alone builds character, the house not made with hands. He is the great winner on the checker board of life.

Dr. Kerr will give a lecture in the St. Andrew's Church tonight.

serve the city in another department

No Ladies For School Board

Bylaws were passed making appointments for 1919 as follows: Auditor for County of Hastings—City Clerk J. W. Holmes High School Trustees—Col. Ponton, D. V. Sinclair Representative on Public Library Board—Mrs. (Dr.) H. A. Yeomans Board of Health—A. McGie, S. Robertson and L. P. Hughes (reappointed)

The dates for the return of the collector's rolls were extended by bylaw.

A bylaw was passed to authorize the borrowing of \$125,000 for current expenses.

A vote, took place on High School trustees, an effort being made to get women elected to the board.

Ald. Hunter proposed and Ald. Trevorton seconded Mrs. R. J. Graham and Mrs. Frances Levens for trustees of the high school.

Ald. Hanna and Mayor Platt nominated Col. Ponton and Mr. D. V. Sinclair.

Ald. Hanna, Ald. Riggs and Ald. Ostrom spoke strongly in favor of Col. Ponton's service of 20 years in the Board of Education.

Ald. Riggs thought the ladies should be elected to the public school board which represents the children.

Ald. Hunter "You cannot get a lady to contest an election and the ladies should be represented on the Board of Education.

Ald. Bone "It would be worth while to have two ladies on the board although Col. Ponton was one of the most valued members of the board.

Ald. Trevorton said he thought it was time to appoint ladies. Mr. Ketcheson was retiring and one lady would not like to be alone a member of the board and it was thought well to nominate two.

Mayor Platt "We must not jeopardize education. Are you going to exchange a man of twenty years' experience for an inexperienced person? No one opposed the ladies getting represented on the board but if the ladies want to get on the school board, let them seek election and then we shall find out the public sentiment. We must not throw away 20 years' experience as possessed by Col. Ponton.

Ald. Bone thought the ladies were well worthy of confidence.

The amendment carried by 6 to 3. "I would like the yeas and nays" said Ald. Hunter regarding the amendment. "I want to know who are against the ladies."

Yeas—Mayor Platt, Ald. Hanna, Ald. White, Ald. Riggs, Ald. Ostrom, Ald. Simmons, total 6.

Nays Ald. Hunter, Ald. Bone, Ald. Trevorton, total 3.

Hunter—Bone—

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SINCLAIR'S

January Clearing Sale

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Ladies' and Misses' Garments

January, the month of Annual Stock Taking is with us, the month of Big Stock Reductions, made possible by greatly reduced prices. Notwithstanding the ever increasing cost of Wool Goods we make the following prices to clear all odd lines of Ladies' and Misses' Winter Coats and Suits:

Ladies' Velour Coats

At \$25.00 to \$37.50

This includes our best Coat Modes which show all the latest style features, interestingly developed from Wool Velour in Green, Reindeer, Nigger Brown, Taupe, Burgundy and Black, they represent rare values at these very low prices. The most stylish Ladies' Coats in our store clearing at about one-third off regular prices i.e. from \$25.00 to \$37.50

Wool Chinchilla Coats at \$18.50

Any Miss who wears a Coat selected from this rack of about thirty Coats, may well venture forth with confidence that her appearance is very modish and that she will be warm and comfortable despite wintry winds. We make this price of \$18.50 to clear this one rack of this season's models of best quality Wool Chinchilla Coats, Sizes 36" to 44" in our regular \$27.50 and \$28.50 Coats, now selling at \$18.50

Juniors' Coats To Clear at \$15.00

These Juniors' Coats regularly priced at \$24.50, \$25 and \$27.50 each, but clearing now at \$15.00 are all dependable Coat values. Of All Wool Whitney Cloth, Plush or Velvet Trimmed, in navy, brown, taupe, green, burgundy and black in styles that portray the charm of youth. Sizes 13 and 15 years and priced to clear at \$15.

Coats at \$5.00 \$7.50 and \$10.00

We have about thirty Coats not this season's styles, but of Wool Cloth in good war m winter Coats which we will clear at \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00 each

Skating Sets

When one has a very becoming Cap and Scarf of Wool to match—nothing else matters much. Perhaps a Tam would suit one better, then one may choose either in a variety of colors. Special prices to clear these Wool Sets, \$1.65 for \$1.25; \$2.50 and \$2.75 for \$1.75; \$3.00 at \$2.25; \$3.50 for \$2.65; \$4.50 and \$5 for \$3.50

Poplin Dresses At \$12.50

These Poplin Frocks that are so reasonably offered are of many sizes. The colors are Green, Blue, Brown, Burgundy, Taupe and Black and the styles are extremely pretty. Now is your opportunity to select an afternoon frock. Priced \$12.50

Distinctive Suits

We have about 35 Ladies' and Misses' Suits in the wintery colorings and developed in Pure Wool Serge and Wool Tweeds. A variety of smartest styles which must be cleared at \$25.00

SINCLAIR'S

Interesting at the

FRECHETTE VS. PORTER. Frechette vs. Porter occupied all day Monday in Justice L. a jury. The part and wife, and the brought an action against her husband band counter-claim tion that he is the and lot standing in wife. After the evi judgment was enl so that the parties desired, effect a set Porter, K.C., for Mikel, K.C. for de

Maple Leaf F. Ladies vs. Macle action on an ag sale of \$2500 of st Leaf Rubber Co. contended that it was only an agent. It was a complete judgment for plaintiffs of the stock as co agreement. E. D. O tiff; E. B. Fraleck a K. C. for defendant Aman vs. Aman— action to recover the late Rachael Aman father's estate allow executrix of the est Thomas Aman & c cleared that defendan under the will of t Aman. Hon. Mr. J dismissed the action Mikel for plaintiff Ponton for defendan

Are Oiled Flou A case of floor and others who of Mary E. J. Stewa brought an action Reynolds. Boat & of that village, for injuries alleged, occasioned by slippl defendant's oiled flo which occupied the at Belleville. The tiff went into the in July last to look leaving the store f bread she purchas store. She then res bread and in doing floor, breaking her other parts of her b it was because the floor slippery. Mr. defendant, contende came into the store own purpose—getti she must use the fl it and even when customer she was o be protected aga dangers" and there v dangers as she kne oiled and it was a u thing to oil floors. I dismissed and plaint pay defendant's cost use oil on their floor relieved from anxiet suet. E. Guss Por plaintiff; W. C. MIK defendant.

The following case of at the sittings of this week in addition ready published:

POST VS. E An action for sl defendant being charged accused the plain Judgment was given tiff for \$50 and cost county court scale— ter, Butler and Pay Wm. Carney for de

LINN COLLIS VS. An action to r work, labor and mat have been furnishe tiffs in performing the construction of Northern Railway u by the defendants. of the death of the one of the plaintiffs, postponed until the the court. Porter, B. postor plaintiffs; M Clark and Redman ants.

STEWART VS E An action for d the plaintiff charged defendant for a boe chant in Striling ha upon the hardwood fl and upon which the and broke her arm negligence. The ju was no negligence, was given for the de ing the action.

MCCARGAR VS This was an action heirs and heiress-a lista McCargar, wife McCargar, to set as taken by the defend John K. McCargar as the will of his wife. plaintiff alleging that tainted by McCargar without his having mortgage the proper the defendant Alloo

