

SIDELIGHTS ON TORONTO MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

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George Birdsell—Is an excellent alderman. He is a builder. Married.

Brook Sykes—Has taken a more or less active part in the doings at the city council during the year. He is not easily stopped, but at the same time, he is not the type which forces his opinions upon other people. Possibly in that he makes a slight mistake, but it is one that could be easily remedied.

He is listed as being an active member of the Orange order, and the Oddfellows, and we are presuming that he is in good standing, because the young man is most straightforward and honest. He is an able alderman for any ward in the city. A builder, like so many others, and married.

Alvin L. Gadsby—Ran fourth in the race for alderman last year, and polled about 3000 votes. That was his second attempt. However, there is safety and luck in numbers, so that there is every reason to think that he may be a factor in the contest this year.

He is actively interested in all labor problems, and is well known among the men. In view of that fact, it does seem rather remarkable that he has not yet been elected to the city council. It is quite permissible to say that he has strong ideas as to the method which should be used in dealing with the reconstruction period. He is a merchant. Married.

Donald C. MacGregor—Has been in civic politics off and on for some time, in fact there are those who think that he might have continued to be a member of the council in the role of alderman for an indefinite time, but when he allowed himself to be induced to run for controller he lost out.

For many weeks past he has been a most familiar figure at the city council meetings, so that we imagine that he must be well posted on all the questions which have been started and not finished during this last season. He is a builder by profession, and a singer by request. Married.

Alex. Robert Williamson—Is another builder who is looking for civic honors. He has never run before, but that does not say that he could not qualify. Certainly with all of the co-workers he would have, it does seem that he might be able to start something, but the idea is, could he finish it? In the city council it is the easiest

thing in the world for men to begin something, but it does seem to be one of the hardest things when they finish it. Mr. Williamson has a reconstruction and taxation platform. He is a married man.

Richard H. Holmes—Admits that he has tried for municipal honors on two or three occasions, but he was not very explicit as to just which it was. Being indefinite is one of the worst drawbacks that any man could possibly have if he would be a success in the city council. Taxation is one of his strong arguments, but that question is now almost threadbare, so that it is useless to enlarge upon it. Mr. Holmes is a barrister, and he said that he thought that men of his profession should be elected because they were educated and in a position to give the people better administration. In speaking in that manner he proved beyond all manner of doubt that he was shy. He is married.

Robert Falconer—Has withdrawn from the race.

Michael Manley—For the first time seeking civic honors, if it can be called that, but at any rate it is the first time that he has asked the citizens to look him over as a possible candidate for alderman. He has the strongest kind of views on the housing problem, and believes that the government should supply a certain amount of money so that the city could cope with the situation. He, too, feels that something must be done along the lines of assessment and reconstruction. In electing Mr. Manley the people in Ward Six would be providing themselves with new blood, and after all that is what is severely needed. He is a general merchant. Married.

Ward Seven.
Samuel Rydine—Is the only one of the members of last year's council in the running. Mr. War having died very recently. He is one of the men who make a difference in the council, and he has the greatest courage on earth when it comes to making himself heard, in spite of the mayor and every other man in the chamber.

In looking the field over from Ward Seven we can safely say that Mr. Rydine, on his past performances, is the pick of the field. That, of course, is making rather a large statement, because the other men are unknown, but in any case, we feel that they could not be very much of an improvement upon the person in question. He conducts a steamfitting supply business. Married.

Alexander Chisholm—Was a candidate for municipal honors twice before, the last time being about three years ago. In speaking on his nomination, he said: "I did not intend to offer myself, but was asked to do so by

a friend of mine, who had intended running, but was forced to drop out at the last minute." Mr. Chisholm is using the platform of good roadways and transportation. If he can carry it thru he would be doing the entire population in the West Toronto section a huge favor. He is now retired from business and would the citizens have any amount of time to spend upon his office. He is married.

Robert Gordon Agnew—Tried for the office of alderman last year, but was defeated. He ran fifth. In the year 1910 he was a member of the board of education, but since then has not been active in civic life. Has adopted the good roadway bill, also the harbor, and is strong for a street car service to the island, so that the city could be provided with more parks. He would also vote toward the laying of civic car lines to be used when the traffic now used by the Toronto Street Railway Company expires. He is a barrister. Married.

William Maher—Was in the money last year, but unfortunately only two men were needed to represent ward seven. However, he was a member of the West Toronto Council when it became affiliated with the city, so that he is not exactly ignorant of how civic matters should be dealt with. Like the others from out this way, he is boosting good roads and transportation. Being a builder, he would be willing to help in the reconstruction of the city, and would be in a better position to speak than probably men in any other line of business. Married.

Frank Innes G. Whetter—Is in a business where he is meeting the public every day and at all hours of the day, and must be well informed upon what is needed to improve the extreme west end of the city. Mr. Whetter is in the meat business and is married.

Ward Eight.
W. J. Hamby—Is a well-known citizen, having lived here for many years and in that time having made hosts of friends. The opening of this new ward has made it possible for such men as Mr. Hamby to come to the front and offer their services as civic servants. In electing him the voters would certainly not be making any mistake. In the days when he was in business he was known through the entire city for his honesty and trustworthiness. Those who know him cannot be too loud in their praise of him, and to those who do not we can only say that it is your loss. He is now retired. Widower.

Fred M. Baker—Was for four years a member of the council in East Toronto. However, he has never made any attempt to get into municipal politics in the city before. Being practical

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cially a new edition in the field he will undoubtedly have any number of new users. He is an agent. Married.

Alfred H. Dunnett—Is also new in the business and has great and glowing ideas of how the city should be managed. He is a high school teacher and married.

W. M. Ford—Has not aspired to the position of alderman before, so that his abilities are entirely unknown. He is a lawyer. Married.

John H. Lennox—New in the field. Abilities unknown. Retired carpenter. Married.

W. M. Miskelly—Unknown in civic life. Listed as gentleman. Married.

William Williamson—Unknown in municipal politics or life. Contractor and married.

Walter Brown—Unfortunately we were not able to call this candidate on the telephone, nor could we locate anyone who knew him. We are therefore taking it for granted that he is making his initial bow as a public man this year.

FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION.
Ward One.
Percy McKay Douglas—Is in every way qualified to be a member of the board of education. His experience in school work makes him remarkably

capable, because, after all, who would know better than teacher what is required for the good of the children? He is married.

Charles Eugene Howarth—Insurance agent. Apparently asks for election to the board of education on no other grounds, but then perhaps we have wronged the gentleman, because he, like everyone else in the City of Toronto, must have views on how the trick should be done to be successful.

Dr. J. J. Steele—Is seeking re-election, and after watching him perform at one or two gatherings of the august body of school trustees, we do not hesitate to say that he is quite as good as needed. He is a manufacturer, and married.

Ward Two.
Dr. John Noble and Mr. Fred Hamby will be elected by acclamation. Both men have done excellent work on the board. In fact, so able has Mr. Hamby proven himself that he should not hesitate to run for alderman.

Ward Three.
Charles Albert Beaumont Brown—is well known as the board of education (itself). He has been a member for about 37 years, so that he should know how. He may meet with opposition because of the fact that the mothers of the kiddies are howling for new blood.

Marmaduke Rawlins—Applying again for membership to the board. He comes nominated by Mr. Brown. By profession he is a cartage agent or mover. Married.

Samuel Thompson—Out for re-election. This man is full of the old pep and is a decided asset to the business of the board. He is an accountant. Married.

Ward Four.
Constance R. Boulton—Carried out her duties as trustee in a most admirable manner last year, and we have all the pleasure in the world in recommending her for re-election. She is a spinster.

John McClelland—Was a member of the board during this last year, and he is once again asking your kind indulgence. We did not hear Mr. McClelland making any speeches or suggestions at any time when we were at the meetings, so that we cannot speak of him from personal observation. He is a publisher, and married.

Harry Bromley—Who is a manufacturer stationer, is an unknown quantity, so far as being equal to being a member of the board of education. Perhaps thru his contact with school supplies he has grasped the idea of how to make the position of trustee a successful one. Married.

Ward Five.
Wellington Olen McTaggart—Has been a member of the board for some time past, and has given more or less satisfaction. He is a real estate



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broker, and his nomination was seconded by Mr. Plewman. Married.

Dr. Caroline Brown—Is a very well known as a school trustee, but we have not seen the lady making any very outstanding announcements or suggestions. Indeed we might say that at any time that we have seen her "working" she has taken up most of the evening either in receiving telephone calls or asking if she was in order. A doctor of medicine.

Joseph Bell—Made a name for himself in the recent investigation. He has been a member of the board. He is a heating engineer. Married.

Ward Six.
Mrs. Jessie Campbell MacIver—Is the editress of one of the magazines in the city which is largely devoted to women's interests. She has taken a rather active part in the life of the city for some time past. But whether she is fitted to deal with the weighty matters which arise at the meetings of the school trustees, is a matter of opinion. She is married.

John Sannell Laxton—Is a builder who is seeking election as a member of the board of education. We are not in a position to speak of any of his qualities in that direction.

Thomas B. Alcock—If another man who is not known, so far as we can ascertain, in civic life, so he is no doubt quite as eligible as numbers of others to be a member of the board of education.

Dr. John T. Hunter—Has been a member of the board and is now seeking re-election. He is fitted for the position in every way. He is a medical doctor. Married.

Ward Seven.
Edith Lillian Groves—Is a journalist asking to be given a trial as a school trustee. Personally we cannot help thinking that the lady must have trouble enough without taking on more, but she must know best. Cer-

tainly being "one of the profession" she will have any number of brilliant ideas.

Richard R. Hopkins—Seeking re-election. Being a doctor of medicine. He is well qualified to make at least health suggestions for the children, and at the same time he should be in a position to count the money very carefully. Married.

Fred B. Edmunds—A member last year is again asking for your support. He is a lawyer, but we have not seen or heard him at any of the many meetings which we attended. Married.

Ward Eight.
Mrs. Ada Courtice—is well known for the active part which she has taken in the education of children. She has made some excellent suggestions, which if carried out would have helped matters considerably. She also has the courage of her convictions, and is an ally for the teaching element.

W. J. C. McGrae—is the deputy registrar of deeds. We do not know anything of him so far as being eligible to the board of education this year.

Fred T. Richardson—is another man of whom we cannot speak authentically in connection with his public life. He is a butcher. Married.

In closing we would like to say that so many people offer themselves for school trustees without any apparent reason other than the fact that they get a mad desire to be something, and right away they think of the school board. This is most unfortunate, and the error of it has been seen for many weeks past, or rather during the entire stage of the investigation. Citizens would do well to be careful whom they pick, and remember that in voting for a school trustee you are signing away the education of your children.

VETERAN DIES.
Kingston, Dec. 24.—Corp. Robert Hart died at the Mowat Memorial Hospital. He was 30 years old and enlisted at Lindsay in November, 1914. He was wounded and invalided to Canada.

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