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OPPOSITION TO RECALL SWEEP AWAY; ST. JOHN NOW PREPARED TO GO ON WITH THE JOB IN HAND

St. John Again Speaks Emphatically For The Hydro Current at Cost

G. FRED FISHER ELECTED BY 1015 MAJORITY IN RECALL ELECTION

Unquestionable Mandate from People to "Get on With the Job"—Campaign of Slander and Power Company Propaganda Ends in Complete Rout for Mayor McLellan—Vote Was 4,304 to 3,289.

The slogan of "Power at Cost" received an added impetus from the citizens yesterday when they voted, by the handsome majority of 1,015, to put in at City Hall a man who could be depended upon to keep his pre-election promises and to act independently of any corporation. In ten out of thirteen wards G. Fred Fisher, the people's candidate, had a plurality which constituted an answer to a slanderous campaign, abounding with personalities and reeking with innuendo. St. John has shaken off the threatened mantle and has emerged from the darkness of doubt ready to follow the new leader into paths of cheap light and power. Contesting thirteen wards on the thirteenth day of the month was an unlucky move for the late mayor. The next move is for Mr. Fisher to carry on with his programme in which he will have the backing of the great majority of the citizens as expressed yesterday at the polls.

Mr. Fisher's platform called for: The completion and signing of the contract with the N. B. Electric Power Commission for the Musquash power at 1.2, and the appointment of an independent civic hydro electric commissioner to conduct a civic distribution system; Completion of plans and specifications for a civic distribution system; An offer of \$2,577,655.56 to be made to the New Brunswick Power Company for its entire property—THE SUM TO BE THE MAXIMUM AND THE OFFER TO REMAIN OPEN TEN DAYS ONLY.

In the event of the offer not being accepted by the POWER COMPANY THE CITY TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ITS OWN DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM. This platform received handsome and unquestioned endorsement at the polls yesterday, and Mr. Fisher has repeatedly stated that an end would be put to the quibbling tactics employed at the last civic election by the carrying out of his entire programme. He is known as a man who keeps his pledges to the letter.

On October 5 last, the recall petitions concerning ex-Mayor McLellan were placed before the Common Council for action and the date, November 13, was set for the election at that meeting, but it was not until October 16 that Mr. Fisher was selected as the standard-bearer for hydro. It will be seen, therefore, that the hydro opponents had a big advantage, so far as time was concerned. In fact, it was in mid-July, summer that the ex-Mayor's recall petitions were circulated, so that the Power Company forces went into the battle fully prepared.

Mr. McLellan's chief plank was arbitration for the Power Company plant. It is interesting to note that on the night Mr. McLellan was elected to his high office on April 24 last, he intimated that no such offer would be made. He further said that it was the first time he had seen the citizens of St. John ready and willing to go out and protect themselves from such a corporation as the N. B. Power Company.

The citizens showed him for the second time that his statement on that occasion was correct. Analysis of Vote. A detailed analysis of the vote polled yesterday shows that out of a total eligible vote of 12,469, very near the sixty-one per cent. mark was cast, or 7,593 votes.

TEN OF THE THIRTEEN WARDS GAVE MR. FISHER A MAJORITY. In Guys, it was 151. In Brooks, it was 111. In Dukes, 201. In Queens, 386. In Kings, 160. In Wellington, 121. In Prince, 19. In Victoria, 188. In Dufferin, 84. In Lansdowne, 14. Mr. McLellan's majority in Sydney was 109; in Lorne, 129; in Stanley, 71. He was beaten, generally, even in the North End. That Sydney ward elected to stand with the ex-Mayor was a big surprise, but it hardly equalled the upset given the Power Company candidate in Lorne and Lansdowne, where Mr. Fisher ran his opponent a close race in supposed McLellan strongholds—beating Mr. McLellan in Lansdowne ward.

In the wards that go in to the Fisher column, there was no doubt regarding the emphatic verdict of the electorate just as there can be no doubt as to the nature and meaning of the mandate given the new Mayor. There is a total of 18,304 names on the voters' lists for the city, but for yesterday's election some 5,835 names were stricken from the lists as ineligible, leaving a total of 12,469 qualified to exercise their franchise. At the April election there were 8,266 voters disqualified. This almost equalled the number eligible, namely, 9,708. Tabulated, the figures are:

	April, November
Total	18,304 18,304
Ineligible	8,266 5,835
Qualified	9,708 12,469
Votes cast	7,486 7,593

The weather. Election day dawned bright and clear and continued so throughout the morning and afternoon. There was a sharp, biting wind, however. Great energy was manifested by both sides, and auto-

by Walter Golding, manager of the Imperial, as "the new Mayor," and Mr. Fisher's appearance was the signal for vociferous applause.

He began by thanking them for the splendid reception accorded him and congratulating the citizens on having won a great victory. He appreciated the confidence reposed in him by his native city in electing him as their representative at this critical hour in the history of the city. He hoped he would always merit that confidence. He pointed out how beneficial had been the hydro programme of the Ontario cities and declared there was no reason why the success of these cities could not be duplicated here.

Many citizens had appeared timid regarding the construction of a civic distribution system, but he believed there was little cause for fear should such a policy be put into force. A reasonable and equitable offer would be made the Power Company, and if the company did not see fit to accept this offer the city would have to build its own system.

Rev. Hugh Miller, minister of St. David's church, left on the Boston train last night, having received a telegram notifying him of the serious illness of his sister, in New Haven, Conn. This necessitates the postponement of the congressional reception which was to have been held in St. David's on Thursday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

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MAYOR-ELECT GIVEN ROUSING DEMONSTRATION

A Victory for the People, Says Mr. Fisher After Results Were Announced—Enthusiastic Reception at Board of Trade.

It was a glorious victory. With a majority sufficiently large to leave no room for doubt as to the wishes of the better thinking section of the electorate G. Fred Fisher, the people's candidate, yesterday won the fight for cheap power and there remains but the carrying out of the programme upon which he was elected. No longer hampered by the baronies of a grasping corporation and its henchmen the civic ship will sail swiftly on combating the numerous ills which must yet be met until at last she reaches the safe anchorage of power at cost.

Jubilant prevailed at the Fisher headquarters last evening when the returns began to come in. The workers who had spared no effort to secure the election gathered early at the rooms and received the returns from the various wards telling of the great victory. When the final returns had been made the calls for a speech were so insistent that the successful candidate of the people was forced to step forward to satisfy his friends and workers in his behalf.

The Mayor-Elect. Mr. Fisher told those present that they had good cause to rejoice for it was a people's victory. He pointed out that it was not a triumph for himself, but for the citizens of St. John and he was glad to see them rejoicing. He considered that the citizens had won a great victory and incidentally had won the enemies of their city.

He acknowledged that it had been a hard battle, well fought, and against an unscrupulous enemy. He said it was a great success for all who had worked in the interests of hydro. Speaking of his plans, he said he would take up the hydro question and push it forward as rapidly as was reasonably possible, as well as whatever other business might come up. The first great question to be considered, however, was cheaper electricity.

He expressed his thanks to the men who had stood by him so faithfully during the campaign, and his appreciation to all who had placed their confidence in him and had bestowed on him the great honor of becoming the mayor of St. John. He said he would always be proud of the great vote and honor in mind that it was a people's victory. In conclusion he again expressed his thanks and promises to do his part in coping with the difficult work ahead.

He predicted that there would be serious opposition, but was confident of success in the great undertaking.

R. A. McAvity. Ronald A. McAvity, general chairman, was then given a rousing cheering for his great work during the campaign. In response, he said he considered that it was a victory for the people and he was glad to see them rejoicing. He said they had had the greatest organization in the history of civic politics and paid a glowing tribute to the willingness and wonderful co-operation of the entire committee. He in turn thanked all who had worked with him.

J. A. Barry. J. A. Barry was then called on. He said that the hydro was a problem with which the citizens still would have to cope. He did not consider the fight through, but he felt that the citizens now held the ace card. The result of the voting was convincing evidence that a public man could not be one thing today and another tomorrow. St. John now had a safe and sane man at the helm, who would do all in his power, as he had promised to do, to see that the citizens should derive the full benefits from the hydro development. His remarks were greeted with loud cheers.

Roy Willet. Roy Willet, president of the United Organizations, said that St. John had a great opportunity for prosperity. He considered the result of the election a great thing for each and every one. It had been a hard fight, but it was evident that the citizens would allow no one to stand in the way of future progress through hydro development. The people had taught a lesson to one who had been elected to a position of trust and the speaker believed, he had no intention of keeping. He declared that if the citizens would keep together there would be no doubt that St. John would grow and prosper under the new civic government.

P. C. Johnson. P. C. Johnson recited some original poetry regarding the outcome of the election and the downfall of "Harry and the Power Company." There was a good strain of humor in the lines and they evoked hearty laughter and applause.

Mayor-Elect Fisher was then lustily cheered and carried to an automobile and escorted along some of the city streets, while hundreds marched loudly cheering.

Shortly after 9 o'clock G. Fred Fisher arrived at the Board of Trade rooms, where he had promised to speak to the meeting. He was accompanied by an enthusiastic crowd of supporters and a group of men, who were waiting for him, could not restrain their enthusiasm and burst forth every few minutes with cheers for the new mayor or cries of "He's all right!" Accompanying the Mayor-Elect were Miss Lesley, Miss Lesley, Miss Lesley, while Mr. Bennett, president of the society, was in the chair.

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HYDRO DEBATE AT LAW SCHOOL

The Law Students' Society held a debate last evening on the question of whether or not civic distribution of Musquash Hydro would be in the interests of St. John. The debaters favoring hydro were Douglas McKean, A. E. Richard and R. J. Panjor, while those in opposition were C. Verner McKinney, H. N. Jones and H. D. Baldwin. The judges awarded the decision to the latter. The issue was not an election issue by an independent debate and little reference was made to the politicians who won or lost, respectively, yesterday. The judges were Miss Lesley, Fickett, G. E. Holly and G. L. Nicholson, while Mr. Bennett, president of the society, was in the chair.

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HOURS FOR BARKING OF DOGS ARE FIXED BY COUNCIL. It remained for the City Council of Lakeside, Ohio, to take all the joy out of a dog's life here, enacting a law prohibiting barking and all dogs from barking after the curfew rings at right. It proves the old saying, that all things are possible with a City Council.

OWNERS OF DOGS GUILTY OF BARKING after hours will be fined \$1 per bark.

IS KNOWN HERE. Rev. W. A. Cameron of the Bloor Street Baptist Church, Toronto, and well-known St. John, has accepted an invitation to preach at the 100th Baptist World Congress, to be held at Stockholm, Sweden, July 21, 27, 1923. On Sunday three official sermons are to be delivered, one in English, one in German and one in Russian, and Mr. Cameron has been chosen by the executive committee to preach to the English-speaking delegates.

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promotion of its best interests. He concluded by saying that he would probably rather have Mr. Fisher as he had outwitted other mayors, and that they would probably have some disagreements, but, in spite of these disagreements, he felt that Mr. Fisher would speak to him when they met on the street.

Other Speakers. F. J. MacInerney, chairman of Kings ward, congratulated Mr. Fisher on his election and on the hearty co-operation he had received from the organization of his workers.

George E. Barbour congratulated the Mayor on his election and the city on their having elected him.

John Flood said he had been in the fight for cheap power for more than a year, having got into the fight in the Board of Trade rooms.

A. H. Wetmore was the last speaker. He said that he did not take any active part in politics, but wished to congratulate Mr. Fisher as a personal friend. He felt, as did Mr. Armstrong, that the Board of Trade would now get some co-operation from the Mayor in their efforts for the good of the city.

The meeting broke up as it started with cheers for the new Mayor and for those actively engaged in the election fight.

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THE VOTE BY WARDS

Ward	Fisher	McLellan
Guys	303	152
Brooks	213	102
Sydney	154	263
Dukes	413	212
Queens	634	299
Kings	309	159
Wellington	401	280
Prince	381	362
Victoria	411	273
Dufferin	314	230
Lansdowne	336	322
Lorne	381	510
Stanley	54	125

Majority for G. Fred Fisher ... 1015
Total vote cast ... 7593

McLELLAN IS A POOR LOSER

Attributes Defeat to Ignorance of the Citizens—A Wild Speech Loaded with Threats Follows News of Fisher's Election—To Sue for a Million!

The election returns hit H. R. McLellan in the solar plexus. The speech he delivered in defeat, was in its very essence, the sequel of a bad loser. He had his henchmen about him in the testing hour but every decent man present knew that speech for what it was—namely, the speech of a pretender who could not stand the gaff.

A large gathering received the returns at the McLellan headquarters in St. Malach's hall. As each ward return was complete they were posted on a bulletin board.

After three wards had been posted the posting stopped and after a prolonged wait "Fisher wins" was scrawled across the bottom.

The intelligence was received in painful silence.

Mr. McLellan had come into the hall about half an hour previous, and had been greeted with prolonged cheers. As soon as it was known that Mr. Fisher had won there were cheers for the defeated candidate who presented himself on the platform. As soon as order was restored Mr. McLellan said: "Gentlemen, workers and intelligent citizens: I will admit that I am disappointed. I am not making any grandstand play when I say that, having been recalled once before, one more does not hurt. This is not the first time I have been defeated. I am just as sure tonight that I am correct in the stand I have taken as I am standing on this platform. The fight is not over. I am going to start out tomorrow morning to fight the people who have stood by me. I am going to save the people of St. John from themselves and not allow them to be the prey of politicians."

Sorry for Them. Continuing, he said that he had incurred the displeasure of many. He said that he was not diplomatic, and that he would never make an emissary to Washington. His chief regret was for the ignorance of the people of the issue at stake. "I had given a decision as to whether they should be led with rings in their noses like cattle by a few families and cliques, or whether they would exercise their British freedom. He did not feel a bit sorry, though he was tired and disappointed and felt very badly over the fact that the people of St. John had been so easily fooled. He said he was absolutely and positively sorry for them.

"As recalls have become so fashionable," he said, "let's have another. This is not sourness but a right and a manner to justify the intelligence of some of the electorate. You will need a less number of nations than you had last time. The city charter is a charge must be laid, justified and proven in order to have a recall election. They recalled me because they said I had deserted my platform. Let me say to you that I have not deserted my platform; it is the same as last spring. I am not through and I am not discouraged."

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inaugurated a recall petition may be signed. It is not at the will of the Council to order a recall, but they must do so when called upon. If you exercise the recall you may get some one of better intellect, morals and standing than I am to be your candidate, and I will assure that candidate without vindictiveness.

"Everything that could be used against me today has been used, and has been used right along by the Telegraph, Times and Globe. I will head the petition of recall myself."

"Idiotcy" of Others. He then took the returns ward by ward and commented on some of them. Sydney ward, which gave him a majority, he thanked for its intelligence. He expressed regret over the idiocy of the voters in Queens ward. He thought they had been misled by personal prejudice and by aristocrats. If it was going to be a matter of class, he declared that he could stir one up. Referring to Victoria ward, he said he knew the means that had been used there. Of Prince ward he said he expected a majority of 300 but it had been considerably less than that. (He was beaten in Prince.) In Wellington ward he had expected to break even. It gave Mr. Fisher a good majority. He had expected a small majority in Dufferin ward. Lorne ward was his home ward. He made no comment on the remaining wards. The grand total, he said, was a huge disappointment.

The Merchants. The merchants had said that his platform was all right, but they would not vote for McLellan. The merchants had knifed him. They would never get a chance to do so again. The fight had only begun. There were nearly five thousand voters not out to the polls. He was going to try to show these people that they should have been out. "So long," he said, "as I have breath and strength to fight the same 4—4 combination Musquash energy will not be contracted for if I have to go to the N. B. Power Company and make a give a rate that others cannot meet."

Referring to the Scheidehen report, he said that there were more money voted to pay for the experts and the report had been presented. There might be opposition at the Council to paying the bill. "When you are making a recall," he said, "recall the whole 4—4 lot of them." He urged a return to the same form of government. He declared that he would not look for a place on the ticket.

"If Fisher is permitted to occupy the mayor's chair long," he said, "the reasons for returning to the ward system will be much accentuated. The Telegraph, Times and Globe have told you that I am no business man, but I would be glad to enter into a contract to manage the city of St. John and would not take a cent unless I made \$100,000 out of the election. If Fisher does not watch his step he will be smothered."

He repeated his intention of going to the Power Company and putting a proposition before them. Then the commission could sell its Musquash power where it could. He reiterated his intention to get an injunction to restrain Mr. Fisher from signing the contract because the power was not there and he could convince any judge of that. He declared that a writ for \$100,000 apiece would be served on The Telegraph, Times and Globe within ten days, and he would be interested in seeing what reply they would make.

Never again, he said, would he enter the civic arena in the city of St. John. He would work night and day until such time as he had to leave St. John to make a living somewhere else, to show the people the facts in their true light. In closing he thanked those who had supported him and urged them not to forget the recalls.

Exit Mr. H. R. McLellan.

It is reported that Frank J. Casey, collector of inland revenue at Charlottetown, has been promoted to the office of assistant inspector of customs and excise at Truro. Mr. Casey is a north end man.