

They Would Be Public Servants

Candidates for the Various Municipal Offices.

No Dark Horse in the Mayoralty Contest.

A Quartet Only Will Be in the Race for the Chair.

Mayor Wilson's Account of His Stewardship—Ex-Mayor Taylor's Attack on the Council—Other Speeches—The Campaign Begun.

FOR MAYOR.

William Henry Bartram.
James Fred Darch.
John Doherty Wilson, M.D.
George Taylor.

FOR WATER COMMISSIONER.

Henry B. Ashplant.
J. W. Little.
W. M. Jones.

FOR HOSPITAL TRUSTEE.

Thomas McCormick.
Charles B. Hunt.

The municipal campaign in London was practically begun on the rostrum yesterday—nomination day—at the city hall, when the four mayoralty candidates—Mayor Wilson, ex-Mayor Geo. Taylor, W. H. Bartram and Fred J. Darch—addressed the electors. By the time the nominations were all in and the speech-making commenced the hall was well filled and considerable enthusiasm was displayed. The audience was unusually good-natured, too, for it was Christmas as well as nomination day.

The poll was supposed to open at 10 o'clock, but at that hour city clerk Kingston was alone in his glory. About 10:10 Mr. Kingston's duties as presiding officer really began. Mr. W. H. Bartram arrived, followed by several other citizens, and the crowd gathered slowly.

In the matter of candidates there were no startling surprises in store for the electors. All the present aldermen but Messrs. Nutkins and Gerry are candidates for re-election, and there are a large number of new names before the public. The entire Socialistic Labor Party's ticket entered the field.

Mayoralty Candidates.

Mr. Arthur White nominated Dr. John D. Wilson for re-election. He said he would like to see Dr. Wilson in the council until the hospital is completed. This work was begun and carried on under his direction, and it would be better to have it carried to a completion. Had ex-Mayor Little remained in office until the sewer system was completed the citizens would have been pleased. The speaker realized that Dr. Wilson had not pleased everyone. But, he said, no man could have friends without also having enemies.

Dr. A. MacLaren seconded the nomination. He was entirely in accord with the previous speaker. It would be to the interests of the citizens, he believed, to re-elect Dr. Wilson to the mayor's chair.

Ex-Mayor John Campbell nominated ex-Mayor George Taylor. He had no objection, he said, to Dr. Wilson as a citizen, a physician or a neighbor, but he did object to him as a municipal officer. Dr. Wilson had been elected a year ago by the party to which he belonged and not on his own merits. Politics should be banished from municipal affairs, he said, and turning to the ward system said it was the cause of much ill. (Applause). It was hard for an honest man to remain honest on the board of works, he believed. By the ward system six different interests were created and each was pulling against the others. The speaker did

not concern himself as to whether he agreed with Mr. Taylor in politics or religion or anything else, but he knew that Mr. Taylor had made a good, careful mayor when filling that position in the past and should be returned.

Mr. A. C. Macpherson seconded the nomination.

Mr. Wm. H. Bartram was nominated by Messrs. Ray Stinchcombe and Henry Enigh.

Mr. Fred J. Darch was nominated by Messrs. A. B. Barter and David Ross.

Water Commissioners.

Two commissioners are to be elected and three candidates (including a representative of the Socialist Labor party) are in the field.

Mr. J. W. Little was nominated for re-election by ex-Mayor George Taylor and Mr. A. M. Hamilton.

Mr. William Jones was nominated for re-election by Messrs. Wm. McFarland and A. C. McPherson.

Mr. H. B. Ashplant (Socialist) was nominated by Messrs. L. G. Westland and W. J. Marshall.

Hospital Trustees.

For this position there are two candidates. Mr. Thomas G. McCormick was nominated by Col. R. Lewis and Mr. I. M. Mayell. Mr. C. F. Compin, the retiring trustee, nominated Mr. Charles B. Hunt as his successor. The speaker felt it time to retire after having served the city for eleven years. The nomination was seconded by Ald. S. Stevely.

The nominations for aldermen and school trustees were made at the appointed places in the different wards, and handed in to Mr. Kingston. They were:

Ward One.

FOR ALDERMEN.

John H. Pritchard, by A. R. Galpin and C. J. McCormick.

Patrick McPhillips, by G. W. Heard and A. R. Galpin.

F. G. Rumball, by O. E. Brenner and George H. Britten.

W. J. Craig, by G. W. Belton and Thomas Cousins.

George H. Heard, by J. W. Pritchard and P. McPhillips.

John Simpson Mason, by P. McPhillips and C. J. McCormick.

O. E. Brenner, by George E. Belton and H. C. McBride.

Charles Taylor, by R. A. Carrothers and S. Stevely.

George H. Belton, by S. Stevely and Wm. Jones.

James H. Brown, by Geo. H. Belton and W. J. Craig.

Henry Winder, by C. J. McCormick and G. W. Heard.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Charles J. McCormick, by John Pritchard and Henry Winder.

Ward Two.

FOR ALDERMEN.

Adolphus B. Barter, by F. F. Radway and John Nuttall.

Stephen O'Meara, by R. Lewis and George Olmsted.

George Olmsted, by Wm. Tytler and R. Lewis.

C. D. Douglass, by Wm. McFarland and D. C. Macdonald.

Andrew E. Chisholm, by D. C. Macdonald and H. M. Douglass.

George C. Jolly, by R. A. Jones and Geo. McNeil.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Chas. Colerick, by A. G. Chisholm and H. M. Douglass.

Miss Jessie E. Barter, by John Richards and David Ross.

Wm. T. Hamilton, by D. C. Macdonald and H. M. Douglass.

Wm. A. Wilson, J. C. Ganan and Wm. McFarland.

Geo. McNeil, by W. T. Hamilton and A. G. Chisholm.

Ward Three.

FOR ALDERMEN.

George P. Lilley, by John Purdon and W. Grey.

Samuel Stevely, by H. A. Stevenson and Robert Carrothers.

Robert Carrothers, by W. Gray and Thomas Lucas.

Wm. Reid, by R. A. Carrothers and A. J. Southcott.

S. J. Southcott, by R. Magee and W. Reid.

David Ross, by Wm. Lehman and M. W. Ferguson.

W. H. Winnett, by Francis H. Wright and C. G. Winnett.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

Thomas Gleeson, by Frank McVean and R. A. Carrothers.

John Whittaker, by Wm. E. Crittle and Frank Whittaker.

Geo. P. Leley, by Thomas Evans and Wm. Gray.

Geo. J. Griffin, by W. H. Thorne and John Clarke.

John Jones, by F. H. Wright and W. H. Winnett.

Ward Four.

FOR ALDERMEN.

Charles M. R. Graham, by E. J. McRobert and John McDonald.

Edward Towse, by W. D. Benson and H. Crossin.

James Farrar, by J. Pickworth and L. L. Hannah.

James Malloch, by S. R. Manness and John Isaacs.

Thomas Ridge, by E. N. Hunt and D. McDonald.

Joshua Garratt, by John McDonald and Wm. B. Walker.

Nell Cooper, by Wm. Howie, jun., and P. Walsh.

E. N. Hunt, by R. A. Hassard and W. D. Benson.

Wm. Scarrow, by C. D. Johnston and A. M. Scott.

C. D. Johnston, by Thomas Boon and Wm. Scarrow.

Jacob McNeel, by J. Garratt and John Logan.

Hume Cronyn, by P. Walsh and C. D. Johnston.

John Walker, by James Malloch and C. D. Johnston.

E. J. James, by E. N. Hunt and S. R. Manness.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

James M. Logan, by E. J. McRobert and John McDonald.

Walter H. Morgan, by Henry H. Crossin and E. J. McRobert.

W. T. Strong, by S. R. Manness and B. Malloch.

Mrs. Jennima Evans, by W. D. Benson and Edward Towse.
A. B. Cox, by J. M. Logan, and M. J. McRobert.

Ward Five.

FOR ALDERMEN.

John Wilkey, by Walter Richards and T. C. Bartlett.

Henry Dreaney, by G. H. Thomas and Thomas Toombs.

Wm. Hayman, by J. H. Chapman and Joseph Simmons.

Fred G. Appleton, by J. W. Smith and W. Hayes.

Frank Plant, by W. Burleigh and F. W. Montrose.

George Hayman, by Ed. Martyn and George F. Child.

F. J. Fitzgerald, by Joseph Simmons and A. Dunn.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

W. M. English, by F. W. Montrose and E. Graham.

George Burdick, by Joseph Simmons and F. J. Fitzgerald.

Ward Six.

FOR ALDERMEN.

A. Greenlees, by J. T. Owen and John Macpherson.

John W. McCallum, by A. Wilkins and J. T. Westland.

Edward Parnell, jun., by Wm. Gerry and Richard Wray.

Edward G. Westland, by Henry Vincent and Robert Courtney.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

John Macpherson, by D. Campbell and A. Greenlees.

Mrs. Marie Westland, by Charles Fitzwalter and Henry Vincent.

The Talking Begins.

WOULD SHUT OUT WILSON AND TAYLOR.

Shortly after 11 o'clock Mr. Bartram raised a question as to the legality of the nominations of Dr. Wilson and Mr. Taylor. He contended they were not made at the proper time. According to the statutes, he said, the poll was to open at 10 a.m. and close at 10 p.m. and the candidates were in the field, he said, but he wanted the law carried out.

Mr. H. B. Ashplant came to Mr. Bartram's aid. He asked Mr. Kingston what was the time specified in the statutes for the opening of the poll.

Mr. Kingston—Ten o'clock.

Mr. Ashplant then asked what was the specified time for closing.

Mr. Kingston said the poll was to be kept open from 10 till 12, by order of the council, and even if he were wrong in his interpretation all the nominations had been received within an hour after the polls opened. Dr. Wilson's nomination was made before eleven o'clock.

Mr. Ashplant was not satisfied with this reply, and repeated his question, but the matter dropped. Speeches were then delivered by the mayoralty candidates.

MAYOR WILSON.

The present mayor was the first speaker. He was cheered on rising. At the outset he feelingly referred to the frightful accident which a year ago sent sorrow from one end of Canada to the other, and, in fact, over all the continent, and even to the old land. Sympathy was then expressed on every hand, he said, and a hard year was looked forward to. It was thought the corporation would be almost bankrupt in settling the claims. But the council had settled 300 claims satisfactorily for a comparatively small amount. Dealing with the sewage disposal question, he said: "I told you last year I didn't want a sewage farm, which would destroy our river park. And I am of the same opinion still. I am wrong, condemn me at the polls." Speaking of the telephone franchise, he said that last year ex-Mayor Little was unable to get \$1,000 a year from the Bell Telephone Company. The company said they would not pay a cent to the city. This year Mr. Baker was sent for, and he still refused. A rival company was formed, and as a result an agreement was made with the Bell Company, whereby the city received \$1,000 a year in cash, and reduction in telephone rates amounting to \$5,000 a year.

The speaker then took credit to himself for improving the city's banking system. When he came into office he found the current account was not bringing in one cent interest. Tenders were called, and as a result the city received \$347 interest on the current account.

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Continuing, Mr. Taylor extolled London for its natural, commercial, and educational advantages. He said, the city in the country, he said. And the citizens expected to derive all the benefits that come from living in the midst of such a fine people. The taxes were too high, he said. But unless the city was carefully conducted, the tax rate could not be kept down. It would be impossible to reduce the rate very much for the next two or three years, he thought, because of the handicap.

If a clear and complete record of the city's financial transactions this year were forthcoming, we would find the council to be in the hole over \$20,000. Mr. Taylor, in support of this statement, said that over \$8,000 of taxes were received this year, the estimates were, he was informed, \$10,000 overdrawn, and \$7,500 debenture money had been used for street improvements—something that had never been done before. By the way, he was going to ask the people where they were going to end? The business of the past year had not been satisfactory to the people generally, he said. A bylaw for a hospital to cost \$70,000 had been passed. Contracts for \$85,000 were already let, and the end was not yet in sight. Before the hospital is completed it would cost \$120,000, he feared. The people wanted a fine building, but they were getting more than they wanted.

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A reason advanced for not purchasing an electric light plant was that the council had no money. This was absurd. If the bylaw had been voted upon and carried, the council could get power from the Local Legislature to issue debentures for the required amount. The appropriation for street improvements this year, he went on, was \$22,500, supplemented in a way never done in the past. The taking of \$7,500 raised by debentures for the construction of the sewer system and using it for street improvements should never have been allowed. The several contractors were obliged by their contracts to put and keep for a time the streets in repair.

Mr. Taylor next dealt with the sewage disposal question. So keen was the mayor, he said, to find out the impurity of the river and the harm it did to other towns, that the medical health officer went to Chatham to test river water there. The speaker intended to represent London, not Chatham. (Applause). As for the new system proposed, this \$45,000 bid, the speaker knew nothing about it. There was a patent

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The speaker next referred to the hospital—"the great bugbear," he said, with a smile. Much had been said about the extras. But, he said, estimating the assessments on hospital patients, he found that the hospital cost him but \$34 cents a year, or \$1 in 30 years, to pay for these extras, and have the patients properly classified and provided for. "The council has saved enough money this year to pay for the hospital," he said, "and I defy any man to prove otherwise."

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