

LONDON VOTERS INDOORSE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OF CITY; ELECT SOMERVILLE

Give Him a Plurality of 880
Over Mayor Stevenson, Dr.
Shaw Finishing Third.

FOUR NEW ALDERMEN

Quarter of New Council in the
New Blood Class, Never
Having Served Before.

VINING IS COMMISSIONER

Lawyer Makes Big Run and
Captures One of Two Vacan-
cies on Utilities Board.

MAYOR

Charles Ross Somerville.

BOARD OF CONTROL

Edgar Sidney Little
John M. Moore
John H. Saunders
Charles H. Merryfield

UTILITIES COMMISSION

Philip Pocock
Jared Vining

ALDERMEN

WARD 1.

P. J. Watt
Dr. L. Seale Holmes
J. J. Harding

WARD 2.

Frank E. Harley
Oliver G. Keene
W. A. Wilson

WARD 3.

Gordon B. Drake
Harry Winnett
F. R. Watkinson

WARD 4.

(Acclamation.)
C. G. Moorehead
H. B. Asplund
S. R. Manness

BOARD OF EDUCATION

James Gray
John S. Barnard
Thomas Rowe
Wilbur N. Manning
Edwin Smith
Thos. Coleridge

Charles R. Somerville was elected mayor of the city at the election yesterday by 880 plurality over Mayor H. Stevenson. Controller R. W. Shaw finished third, 1,270 behind the mayor-elect. The campaign was one of the liveliest in recent years. However, Mr. Somerville had the united support of the two newspapers, backed by an efficient organization. His election was not unexpected, although some anticipated that it would be closer.

The run made by Mayor Stevenson, in view of the fact that this was his fourth attempt, was surprising to many. He polled a big vote with rather meagre organization. Controller Shaw did not do so well as his friends and admirers anticipated. The decision of Mr. Somerville to run came at the eleventh hour, and was on the demand of a large number of prominent businessmen of the city. He was not anxious to be a candidate, but the force of the men behind him compelled him to offer himself. That he responded so well to him is a tribute to himself personally, and showed the force of a non-partisan organization looking for the best interests of the citizens generally. He will be backed by a board of control and a council with the large majority of experienced men.

One New Controller. There is one new face on the board of control. Controllers Little, Moore, and Saunders being re-elected by a good vote. Ex-Ald. Charles H. Merryfield is the newcomer. He has served on the council before, and has had many municipal experience elsewhere. He is by no means a novice. The others served on the board last year, and have done efficient service.

There will be some new faces on the council. The representation from No. 1 ward is entirely new, none of the three—P. J. Watt, Dr. L. Seale Holmes, and J. J. Harding—having had municipal experience. However, they are prominent in business and should learn the ropes in a short time.

Ward Two Change. One change was made in No. 2 ward, ex-Ald. W. A. Wilson being elected. Mr. J. M. Donohue for the third position. He has had some experience in council matters. Ald. Keene and Ald. Harley were re-elected.

Other tabulated election returns will be found on page 10.

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SOME COMMENTS AFTER SMOKE OF MUNICIPAL BATTLE HAS CLEARED

Voting in the schools seemed to work out well. There were some complaints that voters had to walk too far to the polls, but the majority seemed satisfied.

Some deputy returning officers complained that insufficient tables were provided for their use in the school voting places.

The night was the coldest of the year, but the election crowds were warm on hand. The advertiser bulletin service was as popular as ever.

Returns were the slowest coming in of many years. The number of ballots made the returning officers and the clerk clerks work overtime.

City Clerk S. Baker and his staff had the hardest task of any. The official summary of the voters was not finished until early in the morning—the latest yet for the official figures.

One of the features was the surprisingly large women's vote. It is expected that it will be the largest vote of its kind ever cast here.

Controller J. M. Moore was the candidate who made the greatest improvement in the increased number of ballots scratched for him. He went up 909.

By strange coincidence, Controller R. W. Shaw polled to a vote the same number as secured last year by Controller R. W. Shaw—4,009.

However, the increased vote was such that while Controller Shaw was second man last year, Controller Saunders is third man this year.

Controller Shaw, as a majority aspirant, polled just 746 votes less than he did a year ago, when he ran for the board of control.

The returns were very late coming in, owing to the fact that every voter had no less than twelve ballots to mark. At election almost needed a stenographer and a secretary to handle the job. The grants bylaws were submitted to the people, when as a matter of fact they should not have been. It was a piece of folly, that was quite expensive, and accomplished little.

Organization tells, Somerville had an enthusiastic lot of workers behind him, and that resulted in his big vote.

Mayor Stevenson could not overcome the fourth-term hoodoo. Frank Cornish, of ancient and amusing memory, got away with it, but that happened in the rare old days of long ago.

The Labor slate for the board of education did not fare well. There was some excellent material among the number, but unfortunately they have served a year, and should do better in 1918.

There was also one change in No. 3 ward, Ald. G. B. Drake and Ald. Harry Winnett were re-elected. Ald. G. B. Drake dropped out, and F. R. Watkinson took the vacancy. He is a labor man, and should give a good account of himself.

In No. 4 ward the three old members—Ald. C. G. Moorehead, Ald. H. B. Asplund and Ald. S. R. Manness—were returned by acclamation.

As a result of the election will be but four men in the entire council who are not familiar with the work of Mr. Somerville. He has had municipal experience as chairman of the board of health.

The election was a hard-fought. There was plenty of publicity. There was a marked desire on the part of all the parties to win. The issues were clear, and the voters were well informed.

Mayor Stevenson attributed his defeat to the fact that he and Controller Little were not in the same ward. The result neither had the strength to beat Mr. Somerville. Dr. Shaw was of the same opinion. He said that Mr. Somerville had an exceptionally good organization. He got the vote, and that is what counts.

The vote polled was quite heavy, running 1,300 more than last year, which was one of the heaviest on record. The people were interested in the fight, and went out in large numbers.

Big Women's Vote. There was a large sprinkling of women voters in the election, taking more interest in politics of late, and it would not be surprising when the statistics are made to learn that fully 1,000 of them went to the polls.

There was no particular issue other than financial. The issues were clear, and the voters were well informed. Mayor Stevenson was striking after the election, namely, a fourth year as Controller. He made a bid for the labor vote, and did get a portion of them.

Mayor Somerville came out for business methods of administration, and it seemed that the people are anxious to have some new business methods introduced. They are needed.

Controller E. S. Little again headed the poll for the board of control. He has given splendid service, and the citizens responded to his claims in a most convincing fashion. He improved his vote of 1917 by about 1,000 votes, a striking tribute to his ability.

Controller Saunders' Good Run. Controllers John M. Moore and John H. Saunders did particularly well also, the latter improving his position by a marked degree. Mr. Merryfield did not run as close as was anticipated. The defeat of James Gray was not unexpected.

Philip Pocock was elected to the utilities commission for the fifth time, and for the first time in all these years heading the list. His year was most satisfactory to his friends. His new colleague will be Jared Vining, a young lawyer, making his first bid for municipal honors. He did well, being a good second to Mr. Pocock. The third man in the hunt was ex-Ald. F. W. Daly, whose defeat was not unexpected.

Big Trustee Fight. The board of education produced a big fight, no less than fifteen candidates being in the running. The three old members of the board, Thomas Rowe, John S. Barnard and W. N. Manning, were re-elected, and three newcomers were elected. James Gray, of Gray's Limited, making his first bid for municipal honors, made a great run, and headed the list. The city's popularity throughout the city is accounted for this excellent vote. Edwin Smith and Thos. Coleridge, both young men, did well. The Labor slate lost every man.

Because of the three-cornered fight for the majority this year and the minority Mayor Stevenson enjoyed a year ago, comparisons are hardly possible. However, some interesting facts may be gathered from analysis of the voting records. For instance, the majority vote this year was 1,270, greater than was but 7,141, compared to 8,159 this year. Mayor Stevenson's majority over ex-Controller Gammage last year, 4,005, was 1,442 greater than this year's vote.

Some Subdivision Figures. Some of the subdivision figures are interesting. Picking out some of those subdivisions which last year showed 90 or more votes for Stevenson and comparing them with the returns of Mon-

went down. The field was large, and some good men were selected.

The election of James Gray at the head of the poll for the board of education was a most enjoyable thing. There are few better and more popular men in London than James Gray.

The outside scrutineers are shouting for the polls to be held in the schools. They did not have to stand out in the cold and shiver all day, as they did formerly.

The ballots looked like a dash of Russian ballet, with a million different colored ballot papers, Cubist art, so to speak.

Few men come from the board of education to the council and reach the majority. That does not seem to be the royal road, Dr. Shaw can speak feelingly on this.

Announcement made by a local paper's bulletin service that F. R. Yeo had been elected to ward three. Ald. H. B. Asplund, who ran second in the ward, being classed as "defeated," caused no little confusion.

The advertiser's bulletin figures were just one out. They credited Yeo with 563 votes. City Clerk Baker's figures were 514. The other runners in the ward were correctly reported by The Advertiser service.

Defeat of the "Y" bylaws was surprising to many of its supporters of the institutions. The vote was almost the same in each case, but the Y. W. C. A. seemed more popular than the Y. M. C. A. There were just 13 less "against" recorded against the Y. W. C. A. than the Y. M. C. A. However, there were 19 more voters who marked their ballots in favor of the Y. M.

The majorities against the grant were: Y. M. C. A., \$83; Y. W. C. A., \$89.

The bylaw to secure taxation of all church and Government properties, now exempt by law, fell just 159 votes short of being three to one.

The board of control will vanish at the end of 1918. Then will come back the old aldermanic system. The controller idea is an improvement on this, and should be retained until a proper commission form of government is introduced.

Mayor Stevenson is like many a politician. He did not see the psychological moment to quit. He pitched in to that well-known well once too often.

It was cold on New Year's night, many an ambition was frost bitten. The post-mortem having been performed, the council will now get to work, and show things.

day, would give a table something like this:

Subdivision 1	1917	1918
Subdivision 2	36	51
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Subdivision 77	36	51
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Big Utilities Vote. In view of the 1,318 more majority votes, it was not surprising that the vote for the public utilities commission was a close one. Mr. Pocock, who headed the utilities poll, got 688 votes than did Commissioner F. G. Gammage, who ran second. The year ago, Jared Vining, second man this year, also polled a greater vote than the leader of last year, running up 3,728 to F. G. Gammage's 3,616.

F. W. Daly, the defeated candidate, showed up well in comparison to last year. He polled 1,437 votes, compared to 1,229 recorded for ex-Controller F. G. White, who tried for the commission last year. White got 2,338 votes, and Daly 2,229.

Aldermanic Vote Analyzed. Analysis of the aldermanic vote shows some interesting facts. In ward 1, P. J. Watt, who headed the polls this year, got 890 votes as compared to the 904 total run up by the ward leader last year, Ald. O. I. Cunningham. There were five contestants this year, as compared to the four of 1917, which accounted in part for the difference. Dr. L. Seale Holmes, who ran second in 1917, had a total of 572 votes, compared with the 515 of J. J. Dyer, second in 1917. J. J. Harding, third runner up, had 488 votes, as compared to 727 of T. W. Copp. The fourth man this year, F. R. Watkinson, polled 488 votes, compared to 488 of Thos. Coleridge. Both C. S. Parker, of a year ago, Parker had 531 votes, Seabrook only 614.

Ward 2. The voters sent old Aldermen F. E. Harley and O. G. Keene with substantial increased votes. M. J. Donohue, the member of last year's board who went down to defeat, also polled a higher vote by 135 more than he did a year ago. It was insufficient to overcome the lead made by W. A. Wilson, who ran fifth in the ward in 1917. Ald. J. M. Donohue increased his 280 votes of last year to 619 this year.

The increase in the votes for the three old members was:

Harley	1917	1918
Keene	555	811
Donohue	482	567
Wilson	581	757

In ward 3, Aldermen Drake and Winnett made big gains. Ald. Drake once more headed the polls, and went 222 votes more than a year ago. Ald. Winnett moved up from second to third place, polling 908 votes, against the 752 he polled last year. F. R. Watkinson, who ran fourth last year and again took place in the 1918 board, jumped from 525 votes to 904.

Jared Vining, who was elected a member of the public utilities commission, it was his first appearance in a municipal election as a candidate.

1918 BOARD OF CONTROL



C. MERRYFIELD. J. M. MOORE.



J. H. SAUNDERS. E. S. LITTLE.

MAYORALTY VOTE BY SUBDIVISIONS

		W. Shaw.	C. C. Somerville.
Subdivision 1	15	21	10
Subdivision 2	7	4	22
Subdivision 3	18	29	26
Subdivision 4	16	19	19
Subdivision 5	12	17	36
Subdivision 6	35	34	29
Subdivision 7	49	26	41
Subdivision 8	24	35	24
Subdivision 9	48	101	51
Subdivision 10	33	32	21
Subdivision 11	21	33	57
Subdivision 12	36	44	46
Subdivision 13	46	41	39
Subdivision 14	22	62	33
Subdivision 15	32	61	28
Subdivision 16	39	41	45
Subdivision 17	38	55	26
Subdivision 18	38	47	48
Subdivision 19	11	17	6
Subdivision 20	15	52	20
Subdivision 21	25	63	15
Subdivision 22	39	66	18
Subdivision 23	30	76	20
Subdivision 24	29	81	48
Subdivision 25	37	54	25
Subdivision 26	23	63	39
Subdivision 27	29	64	32
Subdivision 28	44	48	51
Subdivision 29	20	22	22
Subdivision 30	38	40	38
Subdivision 31	22	26	26
Subdivision 32	21	41	41
Subdivision 33	20	20	26
Subdivision 34	20	56	56
Subdivision 35	15	59	54
Subdivision 36	22	54	44
Subdivision 37	27	53	53
Subdivision 38	22	18	22
Subdivision 39	22	18	22
Subdivision 40	26	35	35
Subdivision 41	9	39	39
Subdivision 42	44	25	25
Subdivision 43	31	30	39
Subdivision 44	17	15	17
Subdivision 45	30	30	30
Subdivision 46	40	23	23
Subdivision 47	30	20	20
Subdivision 48	22	22	22
Subdivision 49	51	14	14
Subdivision 50	50	50	50
Subdivision 51	39	23	23
Subdivision 52	39	26	26
Subdivision 53	37	20	20
Subdivision 54	24	20	20
Subdivision 55	50	21	21
Subdivision 56	17	69	69
Subdivision 57	12	81	81
Subdivision 58	24	11	11
Subdivision 59	51	56	56
Subdivision 60	44	61	61
Subdivision 61	33	33	33
Subdivision 62	45	46	46
Subdivision 63	37	32	32
Subdivision 64	24	14	14
Subdivision 65	34	81	81
Subdivision 66	35	37	37
Subdivision 67	46	46	46
Subdivision 68	42	37	37
Subdivision 69	18	97	97
Subdivision 70	22	22	22
Subdivision 71	36	28	28
Subdivision 72	20	20	20
Subdivision 73	27	47	47
Subdivision 74	47	71	71
Subdivision 75	24	74	74
Subdivision 76	26	30	30
Subdivision 77	23	23	23