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EDITORIAL**GIVE THE CANDIDATE YOUR ATTENTION**

In years of late, one wonders if the citizens of London go to public speaking place at the time of elections, to hear the candidate state his cause, or just to have a rousing good time. This year more than ever we got the impression of the latter.

The halls seemed to be packed with an audience that has come, not to find out and to judge, how much good each candidate can do him or his own welfare, but an audience that strives to see who can be most rowdy, who can "crack" the funniest joke at a particular candidate—who can be the best at "mud slinging," who can ask the most provoking questions that any person with a spark of intelligence would never ask.

We are sorry to notice, however, that these people all come from one class, a class it seems that needs all the help and best judgment a city council can give them. Why then, do they not give each candidate the attention that etiquette demands of them, whether this candidate is his favorite or not, find out what the candidate stands for, and if it would be to the citizen's advantage to vote for him or not.

Then after careful attention to each candidate, and good judgment, when a mayor or alderman is elected, there need be no grumbling that the wrong man has been chosen.

We also notice, with a little irony that "foreign born" Canadians seem to take a more decided interest in these campaigns than our Canadian-born citizen. Is this a sign they will make better Canadians citizens than we Canadians ourselves?

ALDERMAN

C. R.

SMITH

Thanks you for your past favors and hopes to represent you in 1939 for

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Simmons Pleases Large Audience

Before an audience of nearly 4,000 people who attended the Emancipation Celebration at the Municipal Auditorium here last Thursday, Colonel Roscoe Conklin Simmons of Chicago, delivered one of his masterful addresses.

Warming up to his subject, "The enius of Emancipation," Mr. Simmons review the events and incidents in history leading up to and following the issuance of the Emancipation Proclamation as it affected the Negroes of this country. With unusual eloquence the speaker portrayed present conditions of Negroes in the United States, punctuating his speech with wit and humour and holding his audience spell bound except for fresuent burst of laughter which indicated the jovial state of his listeners. Although Colonel Simmons oratorical fights were not as frequent as formerly, yet the climax always registered with telling effect. When he made reference to the white man's treatment of the Negro in this country he always did so in such language and with such sarcasism that it evoked hearty laughter from not only the colored people but from the whites as well. And one person expressed it, "He has a unique way of telling the white man his shortcoming and making him like it."

The speaker traced the rapid rise of the Negro since his seventy-five years of freedom during which he overcame obstacles which would have discouraged any other race and showed how the Negro has played his part in important events before and after emancipation. Through him many of the famous white men of that time gained their fame because of their stand for or against slavery; Wendell Phillips, Daniel Webster, Charles Sumner and many others became renowned for their oratory in debating the slave question. Abraham Lincoln was extolled for his part in freeing the slaves; he was the "emancipator" and the abolitionists who came before him were distinguished as "emancipationists" who would have done what Lincoln did had they the power. It was pointed out that Lincoln also helped the white man when he set the Negro free, for as long as there were slaves the white man never learned to work with his hands. Thus Lincoln emancipated labor.

The speaker then reviewed the Dred Scott case, which made St. Louis famous, telling how it hung fire in the courts for nine years, and eventually became a great political issue in the famed Lincoln and Douglas debates. Emancipation finally transcended color and politics and became a moral issue. The orator spoke of the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth amendments as being amendments to the Constitution for the benefit of colored people and emphasized the fact that the Negro is the only race designated in the Constitution.

In speaking of the Negro race Mr. Simmons always spoke in the first person.

"It's Time For a Change"

"A Square Deal for the Working Man"

**Elect Oliver W. (Pat) Durdin**

BARRISTER

(of Murphy, Lebel and Durdin)

—Born and raised in a working man's home in Ward 3—educated in London Public schools (Aberdeen and Central and East Collegiates).

—Get the Library and Hospital built put London men to work.

—Keep the tax rate down where we can pay it.

—Keep the present ward system

Alderman Ward 3

PUT NEW LIFE IN THE COUNCIL

TOWE

Is Trained and Knows the Duties of Mayor and What he Should Do

ALDERMAN — 1924 — 1928 — 1929 — 1930 — 1931
ALDERMAN — 1933 — 1934 — 1935 — 1937 — 1938

1939 ? ? ? ? ?

10-YEAR TRAINING

If you think that I have carried out my obligations squarely and unbiased during my 10 years as alderman . . . that I have striven to act in the best interests of all classes . . . then give me an opportunity to apply my experience in municipal affairs as your Mayor in 1939. Seniority with ability merits support.

I WILL NOT MAKE RASH PROMISES TO GAIN VOTES, AND I WILL CARRY OUT MY DUTIES WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOR.

Vote TOWE For Mayor

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For Alderman **WARD 2**