



"WE REFUSE TO DEFEND."

LABOUR IS RIGHT ABOUT KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL, FINANCE, AND PRINTING.

DURING the past year, the Sheffield daily newspapers and the Critics' Party have done their utmost in the way of criticising the activities of the first Labour and Co-operative Council that Sheffield has had. Nobody can reasonably object to their doing so; if they have nothing to find fault with they may as well join our party forthwith!

But mark the objects of their fault-finding—"degrading" King Edward VII. School, "throwing away" £300 on the Collins' report, increasing the rates, and founding a corporation printing department. There is no need to defend the Council in connection with these matters, and this article is much rather an attack on the "class" interest and conservative spirit which was responsible for much of the criticism.

King Edward VII. School.

King Edward VII. was the only public school with which our own Education Committee had anything to do; the only one which was open (by scholarship) to the children of the working men of Sheffield. To be exact, it is open to eighty-seven of them! The rest are sons of public school boys. Of its 670 scholars, eighty-seven only are there without direct personal payment by their parents or guardians. Now, it costs £38 per year to educate a pupil at that school, on the average, but of this sum the amount paid by parents is £17 per boy, the rates and taxes meeting the £21 which remains. The question here would appear to be—if the rates and taxes paid by people in general pay more than half the total cost of education at King Edward VII. School, how is it that only eighty-seven out of 670 places are open to three-ninths of the children who are the sons of working men and women?

Be very sure that the Labour and Co-operative movements are not desirous of "degrading" any school, or injuring the life and well-being of any child, or of gratuitously hurting the feelings of any parent. But neither are they content that this discrimination against the working class should go on indefinitely. The fact is that we have a relatively large and moderately well-to-do middle class in Sheffield who seek the advantages of public school education for their children because they know that the public school education is a mark of social "distinction," and the envy to the most lucrative posts.

Buying Preferences.

As things are, the parent who pays but a part of the cost of his son's education at King Edward VII. School—leaving the ratepayers and taxpayers to pay the rest—is having a preference over the children of railwaymen, miners, shop assistants, clerks, and wage-earners generally. From the point of view of national efficiency that kind of thing is highly detrimental; from the standpoint of intelligence as good a case could be made out for admitting, say, only red-haired children

to the benefits of public school education. It is an utter denial of the spirit of democracy and an absolutely un-Christian thing. Yet one found well-meaning fellow-citizens, some of them with a degree of public spirit, spilling their indignation over the pages of the "Sheffield Telegraph" because they supposed their sons would get no better chances for cash down than would the sons of tinklers and tailors and butchers and bakers.

In Mr. Gurner's statement of his own case, he closes with the words:—

"If it is decided that the school shall rank as a municipal secondary school, there is no case for the present limitation of the numbers of free scholars, and there is no justification for suggesting to the public that their boys will gain advantages which they do not gain at other day schools within this area."

Public School Advantages.

The only advantages of the public school, it must be stressed, are: First, a certain "class" distinction (which, forsooth, we are condemned for preaching); and, second, an opportunity to obtain the better posts which are often advertised and often intended "for public schoolboys only." The education as such, including the "team spirit" that is supposed to be cultivated, is not in the slightest degree superior to that of any decent secondary school. The fact that it costs more than £38 per boy at King Edward VII. and less than £38 at the Central Secondary School is not accounted for by any educational advantage for the higher figure.

The "Sheffield Daily Telegraph" announced portentously (23/9/1927) "School on Black List: Degraded Status Through Abolition of Governors and O.T.C." Clearly, the headmasters' conference is a conference of men like us we are, and clearly, too, the headmasters' conference is the appropriate trade union for that particular type of worker. But what does the "Telegraph" say when misery—not to the detriment of a schoolful of boys, but for the sake of getting enough to live on—put us all on the black list? We are not criticising headmasters here; we are pointing out that the "Telegraph" has one kind of sauce for the goose and another for the gander.

Wyggeston.

The "Telegraph" is also wrong in its "facts." Wyggeston Grammar School remained a public school when its board of governors was abolished; the O.T.C. was disbanded at Manchester without the Manchester Grammar School losing its status as a public school. All of which suggests that, though you may get the latest news in to-morrow's "Telegraph," it is occasionally worth while to wait a bit and have it correct.

Our policy? Why, we very earnestly desire "King Edward's" to remain a public school, but on exactly the same footing as the Central Secondary School—open to children of all citizens without any discrimination by the way of money. And we earnestly desire the Central

Secondary School (followed by others) to become a public school, too!

Printing

has brought rather caustic criticism upon us. Funny, isn't it, that as far back as October, 1920, the Education Committee approved of a recommendation that a printing department be established in connection with the Education Committee. If this falls into the hands of a septic, he can be provided with chapter and verse. It was a "Citizens' Council in 1920; but they were evidently afraid of their own decision, for nothing happened. Our party gets things done. As to Mr. Percival Sharp's being in charge of that department, we think it is a post for which he is eminently suited, seeing that he has grip, vigour, and the quality of high commercial efficiency.

Financial Matters.

The "Daily Mail" has supported the veiled suggestions that have appeared in our local Press to the effect that the Labour and Co-operative Council is responsible for high rates and for an increasing civic debt. Now the "Daily Mail" is certainly worth something to anyone who desires a large quantity of paper, who needs a catalogue, or seeks an insurance policy. But as a critic of public affairs it has been wiped off the earth by an independent person whose name we do not wish to claim in connection with our movement, and who was felt obliged to reply because of the danger to the financial standing of Sheffield if no authoritative answer were given to certain charges. That reply is given here, and would be difficult to improve upon:—

"First, practically the whole of our outstanding debt is represented by revenue-producing undertakings, such as tramways and electricity, new housing estates, waterworks, markets, &c., all in excellent revenue-earning order, and in addition we have a balance of assets over liabilities amounting to £9,000,000, which take the form of schools, hospitals, public buildings, parks, baths, libraries, and other amenities."

Rates and Assessments.

"Second: The rates in one part of the city only are 20s. 3d. in the pound. In the Ecclesial portion of the city they are 16s. 9d. in the pound, and in a small area as low as 8s. 6d. in the pound owing to differential rating. So the statement in the article needs considerable qualification."

"Third: It is many years since there was a thorough revaluation of assessments in Sheffield, with the result that other large cities which have had recent revaluations may appear to have lower rates, whereas in fact the rates levied per head of the population of Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Leeds, and Bradford are in every case considerably higher than in Sheffield."

"Fourth: The statement that £1,500,000 has been added to the public debt of Sheffield in one year is happily not accurate. What has occurred is that the Corporation issued £1,500,000 5 per cent. of stock in the early part

of this year, but the money was not employed to finance new schemes, but was used to pay off a banker's overdraft on capital account and to replace short-term loans due for repayment."

"The loan referred to is quoted on the Stock Exchange at a substantial premium, and the credit of the city is excellent."

If our opponents are the smart financiers they profess to be, why don't they see that the best way to depress Sheffield's credit, to make rates go up, is to speak ill of their own city? Yet, after all they have said, and after the Press of both Manchester and London has done what it could to make matters financially difficult for us, the fact is that *our credit stands high*. What does that mean? It means simply that people with money to lend would as soon trust us with it as anybody else; they believe in our honesty and our financial sagacity.

Councillor Harold Jackson's

Limitations.

Finally, the Collins' report had come in for a great deal of criticism. We regret that Councillor Harold Jackson felt it his duty to make so violent an attack upon it. If he had had business experience equal to that he no doubt possesses of a legal character, his opinion would have been very different. To have a thoroughly efficient inquiry into and report on the finances of an enormous business with a capital of many millions of pounds—and Sheffield is a "business" just like that—is cheap at £300. Let him ask among his financial and commercial friends who have had to do with financial reorganisation of big businesses for their experience as to the cost of work of this character.

It is also worth the money; and spectacular revelations were neither expected nor desired. There is no virtue whatever in startling denunciations in black headlines—which is what Councillor Jackson appeared to expect. Even if things were existent that deserved denouncing, it would hardly be policy, surely, for them to be blazed abroad—either from Mr. Collins' position or from Sheffield. We can rest content with the fact that saving can be effected—and ought to be effected—by modernising methods and tuning up to a pitch of efficiency.

Rates Again.

The Government itself is putting up rates this coming year—don't blame us for it. You will best serve your own interests, wage-earner and salary-earner, by voting Labour and Co-operative, by keeping good-humoured, by letting the "other side" have a fair show at election time, and by remembering that "Citizens" are your fellow-citizens. —B.

DO YOU KNOW THAT—

As a result of purchasing all the requirements of the various institutions under one single contract, the Labour and Co-operative parties have saved 11 per cent. of total cost!

WHY NOT EASE THE HOUSEHOLDERS' BURDEN BY RATING THE LANDOWNER?

A PLEA FOR THE RATING OF LAND VALUES.

BY COUNCILLOR A. BARTON.

A SHORT time ago a piece of land changed hands in the centre of Sheffield whose price worked out at about £1,000,000 per acre. That value wasn't given to it by its owner. If the owner had been an imbecile in an asylum or a hooligan of three, he would have received it.

The value was given by the community.

As the city grew the land became more valuable, and the more central the site, the greater the value. Witness is a town of modern growth. Just over a hundred years ago the ancestors of the present owners of the central portion were wondering whether it would pay them to pay the charges necessary for inheriting it. Twenty years ago the value of that portion was estimated at £5,000,000.

The community makes the value, the landlord gets it.

Why not put a special rate on this unearned increment of the landlord? It would be fairer than placing it on the overburdened householder, or the manufacturer, whose costs of production go up in consequence.

But the uncontrolled private ownership of land has another evil effect. As the city grows there is a demand for land, which grows more valuable. But the owners of land often prefer to keep the land idle or only partially used till

they can get the price they want. So the price of land goes up still higher, and if the city wants land it has to pay through the nose. Besides, it holds up development of the city's resources, and consequently hinders trade and causes unemployment. Now our present rating system helps these monopolists. Rates are fixed on annual values. A piece of land may be worth a lot; that is, its selling value or capital value may be very high, but if it produces nothing it has no annual value. Thus a piece of land may pay little or no rates, and yet, when its owner desires to sell, fetch a very large sum.

If rates were placed on the selling value of land instead of the annual value, landowners could not escape. They would then have to pay full rates on idle land. The result would be that they would soon want to sell, to let, or to use it. Land would be cheaper.

It is said if you taxed the rental value of valuable sites the landlord would increase the rents and pass it on to the tenant. But if unused land was fully taxed it would come into the market, because the landlord couldn't afford to keep it idle and pay rates on it; so there would be more land in the market; the price of land would consequently be less, and the owners of sites in full use could not raise rents while the price of other land was coming down.

If you rate land values the landlords cannot get out of paying.

Every penny one gets out of the landlords saves the rates of poor householders, and struggling tradesmen and manufacturers.

But land is made by no one—"God gave the land to all." And its value was made by the city. What fairer proposal that it should pay a larger share of the rates?

The objection is made that it is not practical. The answer is that in a large number of American cities and a considerable and growing number of Colonial cities, the system is in operation, i.e., the landowner pays a special rate on land values, and in some towns all the rates are levied on land values.

Another objection is that it is a Liberal idea. The idea, as we know it, is due to Henry George, an American, whose book, "Progress and Poverty," is well worth reading. The Liberal Party put it in its programme, as it put many good things, but never seriously tried to put it into practice.

The Labour Party not only puts it into its programme, but proposes to carry it into operation when it gets a majority in Parliament. Meanwhile, we must work and agitate for it, and if our opponents challenge us that we cannot stop the increase of rates, we can give evidence to show the need and possibility of making the landlords pay a larger and fairer share of them.

The City Council will shortly issue a report on the subject, and I commend it to the consideration of my fellow-citizens.

That report will show the actual prices paid by the Corporation for land purchase, and the rates paid upon it previous to purchase.

Purchase price is usually three times the annual rental, so if the lease price is divided by twenty, the rate based on selling value, as compared with rental before purchase, estimated on the rates paid. Thus, for example,

About 12 acres purchased at High Storrs in 1902, according to rates paid, had an approximate rental of £30 before purchase. £3,000 was the price paid. About 24 acres purchased in 1915, an addition to Whitley Wood, an approximate rental before purchase of £94. On purchase price a rental of £391 6s.

About 59 acres for Brushes Estate in 1919, £351 3s. 4d. before purchase, as against £1,125 on purchase price.

About 17 acres at High Wombold in 1919, £27 as against £294 6s.

About 470 acres for Manor Estate in 1921, £615 as against £2,350.

About 17 acres at Dykes Hall in 1925, £80 as against £450.

These facts speak for themselves and show the need: first, of rating land on its selling, and not its annual value, and secondly, of a special rate on the rental value of land. Such a rate would relieve the pressure of high rates on householders and manufacturers on the one hand, and prevent the closing of opportunities by land monopolists on the other.

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THE LABOUR PARTY stands for the interests of all citizens—not for the interests of a privileged and mouled few.

THE LABOUR PARTY pledges itself to continue to stand for the vigorous development of all social services, and in particular for

HOUSING, HEALTH, and EDUCATION.

THE LABOUR PARTY stands for the promotion of co-operative and domestic self-government.

The Reactionary Tory Citizens' Party and Press stand for that grudging development of social services which they are forced to concede when they feel it to be unsafe to withhold.

The Tory Citizens' Party and Press stand for the preservation of privilege for the well-to-do. They stand for legislation which shall keep safe the vested interests of the few against the human demands of the many.

The Tory Citizens' Party and Press stand for the interests of class and stand opposed to the needs of the mass.

WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE ON NOVEMBER 1st?

The results of this election will affect the lives of all citizens in your Housing, in your Health, and in your Education and Health of your children.

WHICH PARTY WILL YOU THEN CHOOSE ON NOVEMBER 1st?

WHAT IS OUR RECORD?

We ask you to examine our record. We desire to be judged by our record. Our record will show that in regard to Health, Housing, and Education, and in regard to the general care of the city, the Labour Party has combined vigour with prudence, speed with wise discretion, and conviction with courage.

WHAT IS OUR HEALTH RECORD?

We are wiping away the grunting landlord's best dividend-producing asset—slum property. We are calling imperatively for the sanitary improvement of all other defective housing. We have speeded up the conversion of privy middens, and by the end of 1927 no house in Sheffield with sewer access will have a privy midden.

We have abolished fixed asphalt six times as fast as our predecessors. We have provided sanitary dustbins twenty times as fast as did the Citizens' Party.

We found 147 people suffering from the fatal disease of tuberculosis in the waiting list for treatment. By providing more accommodation and by better administration we have reduced this number to forty-four. Further accommodation will be provided, and the waiting list will be wiped out.

ALL TUBERCULOSIS SERVICE IS NOW FREE.

The prompt action of the CO-OPERATIVE and LABOUR PARTY is saving the citizens' lives and citizens' Pockets.

Schemes are being rapidly pushed forward for better provision to meet the necessities of citizens suffering from infectious disease.

The welfare of the blind has been taken vigorously in hand. Provision for dealing with mentally defective is being pushed forward.

Your health service is now in a healthy and vigorous condition, and is growing stronger daily under the administration of the LABOUR PARTY.

WHAT IS OUR HOUSING RECORD?

We are building houses and bungalows "to let" and houses "for sale" by direct labour.

We are reducing the cost of building and improving the quality of the buildings. We are considering schemes for the provision of houses "to let" at lower rentals. Our direct labour policy is already having its effect on the quality of work and on the cost of building which will set out to private contractors, resulting in better buildings, lower cost.

WHAT IS OUR EDUCATION RECORD?

We found in attendance barrack-like schools and dungeons-like classrooms.

The school housing of elementary school children has been disgracefully neglected. We inherited a huge programme of school arrears. Within a month of taking office the notices required by law for the provision of sevenfteen new elementary schools (including extensions) were issued, and we have got on with the job.

Within the next three years a great programme of school buildings of the most modern kind will have been carried out.

THE CO-OPERATIVE AND LABOUR PARTY stands for Better Schools and Smaller Classes.

In the Secondary Schools classes are for thirty children and less. In the Elementary Schools classes are for fifty children and more.

job to do. We raised the loan and increased the credit of the city in the doing of it. We raised the loan at a less cost than the Citizens' Party had ever approached. We saved £3,350 of ratepayers' money in the doing of it.

The Tory Citizens' Party has attempted to land the public of Sheffield and the wider public of the country to believe that the £1,500,000 loan was raised to carry out "Socialist Wild-Cat schemes." It was raised to carry out obligations already incurred by our predecessors.

The Tory Citizens' Party did not shrink from action calculated to damage the financial credit of Sheffield nor to snatch a party advantage based upon the assumed ignorance of the people.

The bungling administration of the Tory Citizens' Party is shown in the absolute failure of its policy with regard to the collection of rates, the arrears of which we found to be £600,000. We have returned to the system which we

cancelled out the financial benefits accruing from our policy in the industrial part of the city.

The Tory Citizens' Party conveniently ignore the disastrous results of the policy of the Government which it supports, and seeks to saddle those results upon the back of the Labour Party.

LABOUR PARTY stands for a clean finance and a clean statement of its own responsibilities.

WHAT ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT?

We have promoted schemes for the provision of unemployment in connection with Tramway extensions in Abbey-Lane, Meadow Head, Prince of Wales-road; also in connection with the Water Department, Sewerage Works, and Highways Department, but here again the Tory Government has laid the hand of might upon common-sense administration.

They will be parties only to such schemes as will be required in five or ten years' time. Works which are needed immediately for the common good of the Tory Government have nothing to do with. They will pay no grants, they will give no sanctions.

All this is in keeping with the Tory Government methods of declining to deal effectively or equitably with the problems of poverty and unemployment.

SUPERANNUATION.

The Tory Citizens' Party has declined to give standard conditions of employment to its servants. Ninety-six per cent. of public authorities have adopted an equitable Superannuation Scheme in which the servant who has long contributed his fair share towards his pension. The practice of the Tory Citizens' Party has been to give pensions without such payments in some cases, and to refuse them in others, a system leading to favouritism and to general dissatisfaction.

THE CO-OPERATIVE AND LABOUR PARTY stands for the development of the principle of superannuation in its application to all citizens, and as the controlling part in the Sheffield City Council it stands for that which it demands from others—standard conditions of employment.

"WILD CAT SCHEMES"

Since the Labour Party came into power in Sheffield they have been misrepresented in the Press as "Wild Cat Party" carrying out a bundle of Wild Cat Schemes.

We claim that our policy and our administration have been marked by careful finance, by careful foresight, and by the conviction that the welfare of all citizens should be the anxious concern of the Body elected to the Local Government of the community.

We claim that our finance has been of a higher order of merit than that of the Citizens' Party, and that our anxiety for the general welfare of the citizens of Sheffield is marked by our policy and what we have been able to do in the short time of one year in bettering the social, the moral, and the material amenities of the city.

CITY RATE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

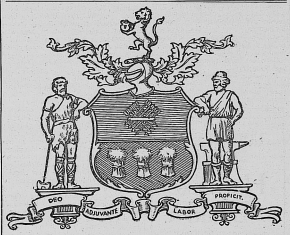
The following comparison disproves the "Wild Cat" theory—

	£	s.	d.
Manchester	5	19	2
Bradford	5	8	5
Liverpool	4	10	3
Leeds	4	28	2
Birmingham	6	0	0
Sheffield	3	15	3

ALDERMANIC BENCH.

Although having a majority on the City Council, the Labour Party have not a majority of Aldermen.

Refraining from opposing the Lord Mayor in the Municipal Elections last November, he and his servants elected to the Aldermanic Bench by the Labour Party, after being passed over by the Liberals and Tories for twenty years, sometimes to make way for persons in their first year of public service.



The Sheffield Coat of Arms reprinted above. "Deo Adjuvante Labor Prodest," stands for: "God willing, Labour Achieves." Who shall say that the motto is inappropriate during the present period in the city's affairs? See Manifesto!

THE CO-OPERATIVE AND LABOUR PARTY stands for greater equality in these things and in the general condition of school life.

A new Nursery School is being built in the teeth of the opposition of the Citizens' Party for the Dunsley-street area. We have increased and are increasing the provision of Secondary Schools.

The policy of the CO-OPERATIVE AND LABOUR PARTY is to regard the child as the future citizen, not merely as the future cogwheel in a huge industrial machine.

WHAT ABOUT FINANCE?

We found the Tory Citizens' Party overspent by £1,000,000.

We found their short period loans falling in for repayment.

No provision had been made to meet their overpendings.

No provision had been made to replace the loans falling in.

THE CO-OPERATIVE AND LABOUR PARTY were left with that

believe to be in accord with the opinion and with the convenience of small householders with small weekly incomes, a system of meeting liabilities weekly.

Destitute people have the same right of appeal as before. The result of the absolute failure of its policy will be to reduce the arrears of rates and to enhance the credit of Sheffield.

In the matter of rating, we found the requirements of the city for the first half-year to call for a rate of 5s. 8d. in the pound. We spent the first half-year in careful investigations and in careful consideration of policy, and by legitimate economies we reduced the rate during the second half-year by 10d. in the pound.

The shameless transfer by a Tory Government of its small and financial obligations in respect of unemployed men and women to the shoulders of the Local Guardians has called for and is met upon a further increase of 9d. in the pound in the Poor Rate, and has

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We regret to record the death of Mr. S. J. Wilson, of the Society's management board, who passed away at his home on Wednesday October 12th, after an illness which lasted only a few days.

Mr. Wilson, who was sixty-seven years of age, had led an unusually long service on the board, being first elected in 1899, and with the exception of a short break, had been on the management committee since that time. By his colleagues Mr. Wilson was held in great esteem, and his genial personality, together with his intense earnestness for co-operation and the society's welfare, manifested at all times, was a feature of his life that gained him innumerable friends.

In addition to his co-operative work Mr. Wilson had been officially connected with the Sheffield Equilibrated Order of Druids for nearly forty years, and had a wide circle of friends by whom he was highly esteemed.

Our sympathy is with the widow and family, who have sustained an irreparable loss, and the society, whose interests were paramount, has lost a valued and greatly-respected friend.

The interment took place at the General Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 15th, and a very large assembly of friends were present to pay their tribute of respect to his memory.

All his colleagues on the board attended, the departmental as also the branch managers, and every department of the society sent floral tributes of sympathy and respect.

Representatives from the Brightside and Carbroom Society and other societies were present, the deceased being well known in the South Yorkshire district.

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Obituary.

Sheffield Cooperator.

NOVEMBER, 1927.

MISREPRESENTATIONS.

SHEFFIELD citizens will be called upon in the next few days to make their choice of representatives to the City Council.

The situation in Sheffield is closely parallel to that which obtained throughout the country after the Labour Government's brief period of office in 1924. The force of reaction are using the same tactics as served them so well at the last general election. Misrepresentation is the order of the day. So virulent and unscrupulous has the misrepresentation been up to the present that the Lord Mayor—the neutral head of Sheffield's government—has felt himself compelled to repudiate the extravagant statements that have been made by Sheffield public men, and taken up by such upholders of reaction as the "Daily Mail." We take off our hat to the Lord Mayor for his defence of the city's good name, and his protest against men who would shouting "no politics" allow their political prejudices to run riot with their discretion. The unjustifiable attacks that have been made upon the Labour Party have been so ill-conceived as to disgust decent-minded people, particularly those who are well-informed on the city's affairs.

Honesty, economy, and sound business ability have characterized every action of the Labour government during its short period of office in Sheffield. In the manifesto we print in this journal, there is a record of work that no administration need be ashamed of. In fact, having regard to the destitution in the city, the Labour Party can be justifiably proud of its splendid achievements.

The pity of it is that Labour has not a daily Press to propagate its policy and its practical achievements in administration as these things take place, the effect being that *ex-parte* statements and sometimes actual falsehoods get easily a month's start in their circulation before an opportunity occurs to make complete repudiation.

Even so, the result is that the Labour Party appears to be on the defensive, when, as a matter of fact, it is not their actions but the misrepresentation that is to be explained.

In the parlance mentioned above, when the national Labour Government was the country after every other sort of misrepresentation had been used a forged letter was published and circulated throughout the Press of this country, which resulted in stampeding hundreds of thousands of electors against their own inner convictions. On this occasion we may look for similar tactics. The one thing our opponents are afraid of and annoyed by is the actual success of the Labour and Co-operative administration wherever an opportunity has been given. We have been interested in reading the Press reports and comments prior to the last municipal election in Sheffield, wherein dire consequences were prophesied if certain aldermen were defeated. Not one of these "prophecies" has come true; on the contrary, as the raising of the recent loan proved, so far as confidence being lost in our present administration, confidence has been renewed in the city's stability and prospects.

Co-operators, trade unionists, and in fact every working-class elector in Sheffield, should beware of the stunt stampeding tactics that will be used by our opponents, and once more give their support to representatives of their own class, who, having fully justified the confidence placed in them, can certainly be trusted to carry on the splendid work of making Sheffield a brighter and happier city.

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Hillsborough Ward.

Mr. R. E. JONES.

Mr. R. E. JONES (the Co-operative Labour candidate for Hillsborough Ward) has entered the contest in that ward with characteristic energy. Mr. Jones is advocating the principles which he has stood faithfully for thirty-four years. On the other hand, opponent appears to have forgotten of the main planks in the Liberal Manifesto, viz.: Taxation of Land Values, and it is recommended for Mr. Jones, the Co-operative candidate, to include this in his election address. In a connection Hillsborough Liberals will note the remarks of their old leader—Lord Oxford and Asquith—who wrote recently: "It is better for politics that they should not be asked or compromised." The one-time enthusiastic Councillor Jackson has his Liberalism into cold storage for the period of election. "We are only using his late leader's words when we think that the effect is 'demoralising to tone of public life.'"



Mr. R. E. JONES.

We hope every artwale supporter Councillor Jackson will make him swear questions regarding his Liberal inclinations rather than asking questions no immediate import of the Co-operative and Labour candidate, Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones comes before the Hillsborough electors with a fine record of public service; a fine record from his own party's first year of office; a fine personal character that is absolutely unassailable. He is not defending, he is to capture—and he is going to capture—the representation of the Hillsborough Ward in the interest of the large majority of electors—the working-class men and women.

rooksmoor Ward.

Mr. P. DONNELLEY.

Mr. P. DONNELLEY (the Labour candidate for Crookesmoor Ward) is seeking that seat in real earnest. His election campaign has been going on for some time; so long, in fact, that he is already well known to the electors. Crookesmoor has almost always been the cockpit of the election, containing many uncertain votes as to render the campaign a very difficult thing. With candidate like Mr. Donnelley, young, firm, enthusiastic, and well-informed, to venture to risk the prophecy of success. It should be remembered that Crookesmoor has provided the Labour Party with its Council leader (Mr. Rowson); and Sheffield's enterprising electric supply department, with a popular chairman in the person of councillor E. Snelgrove. They are not likely to fail in providing a worthy ally.

Mr. Donnelley has always been an active worker in the Post Office Workers' Union, and understands the

workers' needs from A to Z. There is no doubt that the consistent propaganda work that has been put into Crookesmoor Ward during the summer months, and the telling speeches made by Mr. Donnelley himself, will have



Mr. P. DONNELLEY.

their effect in placing him at the top of the poll on November 1st.

Neepsend Ward.

Mr. ALBERT ROBINSON.

Mr. ALBERT ROBINSON (the Co-operative and Labour candidate for Neepsend) is appealing for the further franchise of the Neepsend electors. In Councillor Robinson they have found a representative who has carried out his duties and responsibilities faithfully and well. He has followed closely in the footsteps of Aldermen Bancroft and Watkins, and is assisting Councillors Longden and Hewitt as colleagues, who are all determined that Neepsend shall be still further transformed. There is shown such improvements during the last few years as Neepsend, since Co-operative and Labour representatives voiced its needs in the City Council.

Councillor Robinson can be counted on to keep up the pressure and the speed of progress in this congested area. As he states in his Election address, "It is imperative that a vigorous Housing policy should be pushed for



Mr. ALBERT ROBINSON.

ward, and, in spite of what has already been done, there is still the necessity to build more and more houses to be let at rents within the reach of the lowest-paid workers." The development of the Leavelle Estate is going a long way to fulfil this desirable object, but it by no means represents the full total of improvements that have been made and are to be made in the Neepsend area. We would especially want electors to see to it not only that Councillor Albert Robinson is returned, but that he secures a sufficient majority to warn off the representatives of vested interests in the future.

Attercliffe Ward.

Coun. E. S. NICHOLSON.

Councillor E. S. NICHOLSON (the Labour candidate for Attercliffe) needs no introduction to the Attercliffe electors. Nevertheless, we hope that his many friends will not rest upon their oars in the present contest. In his three years' membership of the Sheffield City Council he has made a reputation that has endeared him to the hearts of his colleagues, and has intensified the confidence placed in him by the Attercliffe electors in 1924.

The same applies to his work on the Board of Management of the Brightside and Carlbrook Co-operative Society during the last four years. The developments in the society—from a membership of 36,000 to nearly 50,000; to an increase of trade; to the inauguration of the central premises at Wingate, and the increased prosperity of the society, is due in no small measure to the business capacity of Attercliffe's



Coun. E. S. NICHOLSON.

present Labour candidate.

The position of the Attercliffe electors is simply that they cannot afford to make a change at the present juncture, and from what we have seen of Councillor Nicholson's work, so long as he is spared health and strength, Attercliffe Ward could not possibly have a better representative than its present one. The Attercliffe electors' slogan should be "Nicholson has served us well, send him again."

Walkley Ward.

Coun. J. W. HOLLAND.

Councillor J. W. HOLLAND, who won such a signal victory in the by-election in succession to the late Councillor A. Spencer, has fully justified the confidence placed in him on that occasion. This is recognised by friends and opponents alike, for Councillor Holland has been honoured by the fact that Mr. Bancroft dare not face him again in a three-cornered contest, and the enemies of progress have agreed to drop the official council candidate and allow Mrs. Hamer Russell a straight fight, lest their forces should be split.

Not only has Councillor Holland shared in the fine achievements of the Labour Party in a general way, but definite improvements in his own particular ward are foreseen.

Walkley cannot afford to change its representative at the present time. Moreover, there is no reason why he should be changed, having given splendid, ungrudging service to the cause of the people. We only hope that the electors will not be stampeded by any silly cries of "extraneousness," which have been so ably disproved by our present Lord Mayor; whom, it will be

remembered, the Labour Party did not officially oppose in order to preserve the traditional position of neutrality on the part of the city's civic head.

Councillor "Jack" Holland has proved his worth, and there is no



Coun. J. W. HOLLAND.

reasonable reason why he should not be returned with an even greater majority than he secured on the last occasion.

Broomhall Ward.

Mrs. G. TEBBUTT.

Mrs. G. TEBBUTT is just the type of woman to represent the Broomhall Ward. A member of the Labour Women's Advisory Council, and until recently secretary of the educational sub-committee of that body, she is keenly interested in the lives of the women and children, who are the greatest sufferers under the present oppressive system in this at present poverty-stricken city. She has always taken a keen interest in the work of the Child Welfare and Maternity Centres. Prior to the formation of the Council for Social Service, Mrs. Tebbutt was very active in social work under the auspices of the Guild of Help.

She is a member of the Brightside and Carlbrook Co-operative Society; member of the Women's Guild, and president of the Attercliffe Labour Party's Women's Section. She has had a good training in social work and with the Labour Party in its propaganda.



Mrs. G. TEBBUTT.

work, having been particularly active in the elections for many years past and playing a good part even in the open-air work.

Having in mind such women as Mrs. Batten, Mrs. Wilkinson, and Mrs. Chetlham, the Broomhall people will be well advised to cast their votes for a woman with working-class experience, and calculated to voice their viewpoint in the council chamber as effectively as her predecessors, who, as everybody knows, set a high standard of public service in putting the women's point of view on all important social questions.

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Six hundred and fifty-seven fixed ASPHTS have been abolished this year as compared with 101 last year?

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And they have done the job well. They have done maternity and child welfare centres; they have established a municipal centre for artificial light treatment; they have built wonderful baths which the "Morning Post" said "would be a credit to any borough in the country"; they have provided washhouses equipped with every modern device, with mechanical mangles and electric irons; within the limits of their legal powers they have done all they could to elevate the lives of the common people.

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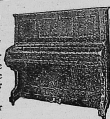
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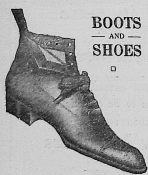
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