THE NEW MAYORS.

Parramatta Council. Mayor Waugh Hatted. "The Argus" Selects Him.

The Parramatta Council met on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the ensuing year. Aldermen Waugh and Jago were nominated, and, after a breezy discussion extending over a couple of hours, the voting was equal, and "The Argus" representative was asked to decided the matter by drawing lots. The result was that Alderman Waugh's name came out first, and that alderman was then declared duly elected by the town clerk, who presided. There were present Aldermen Waugh, Noller, Henderson, Champion, Bartlett, DeLow, Moxham, Thomas, Smith, Jago, Brown and Graham.

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Just as the aldermen took their seats, Alderman Henderson rose and went over to Alderman DeLow, when a conversation, apparently of a confidential character, took place.

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The said D.D. blushingly resumed his seat, remarking, "I was not trying anything;" I wanted to nominate him. (Loud laughter.)

Alderman Waugh said he did not propose to make any statement in reference to the progress of the borough during his year of office. He would take the opportunity of doing that later on. The meeting was called for the purpose of electing a Mayor, and nominations should be made to the coincil clerk, who would be in charge of the meeting.

Alderman Champion nominated Alderman John Waugh, who, he said, had shown a certain amount of aptitude for the position, and had the time at his disposal. He also had a good grip of matters financial.

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Alderman Henderson, in seconding the nomination, said that a Mayor who had only been twelve months in the chair had simply been through his initiation, and would, in consequence, be better qualified for another term of office.

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Alderman Brown nominated Alderman Jago. He could not agree with Alderman Champion in regard to the aptitude of Alderman Waugh. The speaker's chief cause of complaint was in regard to the report of the auditors. That report would not hear out Alderman Champion's remarks. Then there was the question of money overdue for asphalting. The money had not been collected which should have been. They were led to believe that Alderman Waugh could put the finances in order, seeing that he was connected with one of the largest banking inatiutions in Sydney. The report of the auditors was not flattering to the Mayor, the town clerk, or the officers. It suggested that a book-keeper be employed. He would oppose that, tooth and nail. If their officers were not competent, let them get officers who were. That applied to the outside staff as well. No man took a greater interest in public matters than Alderman Jago, and they should give him some recognition. No alderman was more conversant with the Act and ordinances.

Alderman J. B. Smith seconded Alder.

Afternan J. B. Smith seconded Alderman Jago's nomination. During the past ten or twelve years Alderman Jago had always endoacoured to help the ratepayers, along the ratepayers in the back streets, who had no toads. Money had be in spent recklessly. If it were their own money they would think twice of spending it as they now del. The water

be a spent recklessly. If it were their own money they would think twice of spending it as they now del. The water rate had been ranced in order to get the water to the higher levels, but when the Mayor booked in the cupbeard to find the money, he found it had gone. Then the captain looked in the stolchole for retrenchment, He did not go to the bridge, where there was plenty at room for retrenchment, and it they put the same man in again and again this unsatisfactory state of things would be repeated.

Alderman Thomas supported Alderman Jago's nomination, and he did so without any animosity to the present Mayor, but he would say this Politically and personally there was a party opposed to Alderman Jago's nomination, and he did so without he would say this Politically and personally there was a party opposed to Alderman Jago's nomination, and there wall had remen Jago's month that netter of the aldermen named would over occupy the Mayoral chair. No matter how good a man was, they could find another as good. He did not believe in perpetuating the Mayoralin Every able man should have a chance of that honer. He did not desire to hring Alderman Wangh's regimented described by speech, therein connecting a policy that he said he would have put forward had be been a condidate for the services, to give him the opportunity of showing his mental as Mayor.

Alderman DeLow then rose and made a lengthy speech, therein connecting a policy that he said he would have put forward had be been a condidate for the position. "Rut" the cenarked I here will be Mayor. This brought forth a "hear, kear, from Alderman Henderson, Alderman Below with a withering look at the worked alderman, remarked. Now, dan't add to your reputation.

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supporting the candidature of Alderman Jago are here without the sanction of the people. Here both Aldermen Thomas and Smith protested against these remarks. They had been returned by the people un-opposed.

Alderman Moxham: Another point against Alderman Jugo is that he is the prince of the high rating party of the council.

Alderman Jago: Since I opposed you politically, you have opposed me both principles and unbilied.

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Alderman Thomas: The rate was proposed by your own nomines.

Alderman Moxham: A most serious charge had been made when it was said that it was rumoured that all the coal ordered did not reach its destination. I refuse to believe that any carter would steal coal.

Alderman DeLow: I agree with you there.

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Alderman Moxham: Charges have been made without giving the man a chance of retuting them. This should not be treated lightly. It possible he would compel Alderman DeLow to give the name of the person referred to. It was a terrible thing to attempt to steal the character of a man without giving that man an opportunity of defending himself.

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Alderman DeLow is mad then getting the sack for it?

Alderman Moxham: I only know of one officer sees the chance, I hope he will go for satisfaction, and make Alderman DeLow prove the assertion.

Continuing, Alderman Moxham said the choice between Alderman Moxham said the choice between Alderman Moxham said the choice between Alderman Waugh and Jago should not go by draw from the hat, but by a majority cote. No matter which was elected, he (the speaker) would support him in every effort to do the heat they could to push Parramatta along.

Alderman Bartlett and he would support the camidature of Alderman Jago. He had all the qualifications except one. The casion he opposed him was because of the attitude he had taken up in regard to the water question. There had been no dissenting vote in the council, and denounced the council at a public usefung, so he could not place that implied confidence in him that should be felt in the Mayor. However, if Alderman Jago word elected, he would give him all the support he could, provided Alderman Jago word elected, he would give him all the support he could not support Alderman Jago word elected, he would give him all the support he could not support Alderman Jago word not support Alderman Jago word elected, he would give him all the support he could not support Alderman Jago word elected, he would give him all the support he could not support Alderman Jago word not support Alderman Jago word elected, he would give h

Granville Council. Dr. Kerr Elected Mayor.

At the meeting of the Granville Council or Tuesday evening, Alderman Dr. A.
L. Kerr was elected Mayor. There were present Mayor Townsend, and Mormon Kort. Mobbs, Lanc. Neilson, Wilkins, Riddle, Harnes, Noble, and Buncum. The retiring Mayor, Alderman Townsend, intimated at the opening of the meeting that he would not be a camulakate. Apologies, were made for the absence of Alderman Neilson ptoposed Alderman Kerr for the clair, and Alderman Mobbs was proposed as a candidate by Alderman Lane, who protested against any acceptance of the idea that there were only two aldermen in the council qualified to accept the position of Mayor.

to be applied to municipal work; and in all his work in the chair he had tried to study what he considered was true economics. He did not believe in cheeseparing or starving the roads, but in utilising the money at the disposal of the municipality to the best advantage.

After the election of the Mayor the council studied the plan for the alteramatta and Granville, and after some discussion it was was decided to accept a recommendation embodied in a minute from the Mayor for a boundary line other than that lately favoured by the council. It was decided to take the proposed line (favoured now by Granville, along Prospect-street, and then by that street northerly to the Clay Cliff Creek.

Alderman Mobbs suggested that the line should follow Prospect-street to the Rosehill railway.

After the election-of-Mayor meeting, the Mayor-elect and the retiring Mayor and the aldermen spent an hour in pleasant social intercourse, when the usual tonats were honoured.

Auburn Council. Mayor Lang Re-elected.

A special meeting of the Auburn Council was held on Friday, for the purpose of electing the Mayor for the coming year. Present were the Mayor (Alderman J. T. Lang), and Aldermen J. W. Lees, Morice, Sacker, O'Sullivan, Hunter, Gray, Jenkins, Gibbons, S. Hill, and Picken.

MAYORAL ALLOWANCE. MAYORAL ALLOWANCE.

Alderman Morice moved that the Mayor's allowance for the coming year be £25. Alderman Hill seconded.—Alderman Picken asked what was the amount of the allowance last year?—The Mayor; £25. Alderman Gibbons said that he had always been opposed to the granting of a Mayoral allowance, and must vote against the motion.—Alderman Huntersaid that, as a matter of principle, he did not believe in such allowances, and therefore could not conscientiously vote for the motion.

NOT MILLIONAIRES.

motion. The Mayor had often to put his hand in his pocket to pay for expenditure which he would not incur if he were not Mayor.

The motion was carried.

ELECTION OF MAYOR.

The next business was the election of the Mayor for the ensuing year.

Alderman O'Sullivan said he thought there was but one wish in the mind of every alderman present, and that was that the present Mayor should retain the chair during the ensuing year. They all realised that it meant a good deal of self-accrifice both in respect of time and money which had to be devoted to the public interest. Mayor Furnival, on bidding good-hoe to office, said he did not know whether he wished his greatest friend or his greatest enemy to occupy the position. They realised the sacrifices the Mayor had made and the success which had resulted, and he thought it was the unanimous hope of the aldermen that the Mayor might see his way clear to retain office, at any rate for another twelve months, the remaining life of the present council. Round the table were many gentlemen well qualified to fill the office, but unable to do so on account of their various occuwell qualified to fill the office, but unable to do so on account of their various occunations. It was often easy to find fault, but he thought the Mayor had the confidence of the whole council, who, if he remained in office, would benefit by the experience he had guined during the past 12 months. He moved that Alderman Lang be the Mayor for the coming year, Alderman Morice had much pleasure in seconding. They were in a somewhat peculiar position in connection with the inauguration of the new sanitary system, and it would be unwise to swop horses while crossing the stream. They wanted the Mayor's care and guidance for at least another 12 months. Another Mayor, however much he might be in favour of the scheme, would not have the same group of the details.

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Alderman Hill supported the motion. There being no other boundarion, Mayor Lang use declared annumently resolected.

The Mayor said that he had originally intended that his one year of office should have been his last. When he cheerfully accepted the position at the beginning of the present term, he thought he might perhaps be of some services to the distinct, and he was happy to say that he believed he had been of service, as the town had been most properous during the past 12 months. If he turned his back on them now, when servous matters were on the way, he might be CHARGED WITH COMARDICE.

had been said that they could not car-ous the capitary service, and also that was doubtful it it could be carried on the low rate struck. He recognised at these were serious questions, but had absolute faith that the whole

the issuing of the circular made a laughing stock of the whole municipality. What sense could there possibly be in addressing members of the Legislative Assembly on matters that did not interest them, or with which they could not possibly have anything to do? Of course, if the Mayor land paid the expenses of printing and posting the circulars out of his own pocket, there could not be much objection to him making himself ridiculous in the eyes of legislators, but the expense was being debited to the council, which made it quite a different matter entirely.

The Mayor sold that in the matter of the Moorelank water-mains, it was Alderman Smith who had moved him to action. At a previous meeting Alderman Smith hoped that he (the Mayor) would send a protest to the Government on the matter.

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Alderman Smith: I advised you to protest to the Water and Sewerage Board, which is an independent body.

The Mayor differed. There was dual control. If the Board were a separate body, he would have had no trouble. They had been pegging at the Board since 1907. Did they think he was going everlastingly to the Board, and getting no further forward? If he could not get justice done one way, then he would try another. He was there to carry out what was best for the town, and would do it in the way that appeared to him to be the most effectual. (Applause from a section of the public.)

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The Mayor returned thanks for the high honor again conferred upon him. He hoped in matters covering the town's welfare, he would not be foolish enough not to take advice when it was offered. Any one who was not amenable to reason was not fit to occupy the position. He would continue to do his best in the interests of the town and district, and would try to avoid bringing ridicule upon any of them. (Hear, hear.)

Ryde Council. Re-election of Mayor Redshaw. A Stormy Scene - A Serious Charge

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A special meeting of the Ryde Council was held on Friday, for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the ensuing term. There were present: Alderman J. Redshaw (the retiring Mayor) and Aldermen Benson, Kelly, Darvall, Anderson, Sutton, Kirk White, Cox and Bernard.

Alderman Anderson referred to what had transpired at the previous meeting of the council relative to the objection raised by him as to Alderman Kirk White continuing to occupy a seat at the council table, when he had lost his qualification as an alderman, having disposed of his property at Eastwood, and having gone to reside ontside of the municipality.

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The Mayor said he could not permit a discussion on this matter, seeing that it had nothing whatever to do with the object for which the meeting had been expressly called, viz., the election of Mayor.

Alderman Anderson asked to be heard as a matter of privilege, as he wished to make an explanation as to his attitude that night, which, in view of the statement he had made on the occasion referred to, would otherwise be open to misconstruction. He then detailed fully the remarks he had given utterance to at the previous council meeting, as reported in "The Cumberland Argus." He had made those statements, he said, without any "feeling" against Alderman Kirk White, who, whilst sitting at the table in full possession of his qualifications as an alderman, had won the respect and esteem of his colleaques; and had, marcover, done good work for the ratepayers whom he represented. What he (the speaker) had emphasised on that occasion, and wished still to emphasise, was that, by occupyhis colleagues; and had, moreover, done good work for the ratepayers whom he represented. What he (the speaker) had emphasised on that occasion, and wished still to emphasise, was that, by occupying a false position, Alderman Kirk White placed in jeopardy the good opinion held of him by his colleagues and the ratepayers. He (the speaker) had said that if Alderman Kirk White continued to occupy that false position, he (Alderman Anderson) would retire from his seat at the table. But what he now wished to explain was that if he did so at this meeting his action would be misunderstood as applying to the election of Mayor (and there was only one candidate, he heat was not, his intention to retire, because the candidate for the position of Mayor (and there was only one candidate) might take it as a per-sonal slight. He appealed to Alderman Kirk White to consider his position, and to think well as to whether he should give a vote that night. The speaker repeated that, under the special circumstances that night, it would be had taste on his part to retire, as he had unlicated that he would do at the previous meeting.

Alderman Kirk White said he wanted everyone in the room to know that he had perfect right to sait at the council' as to whether he had not the legal right to sit there.

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Alderman Kirk White: An alderman has challenged my right to sit. I have the right, and as to the challenge not being a personal matter, I say that it absolutely is a personal matter; and, what is more, when an alderman goes the length to stab another in the back in his absence.

Alderman Anderson. Will Alderman

Ermington and Rydalmere Council.

Mayor Begus Re-elected.

A special meeting of the council was held on Wednesday, to elect a Mayor for the ensuing twelve months. Present: The Mayor (Alderman J. Bogus), Alderman Sebbens, Stevens and Sinfield. The town clerk (Mr. T. Fauther) was the returning-officer. Alderman Stevens proposed Alderman Bogus for the chair. Seconded by Alderman Sebbens, supported by Alderman Sebbens, supported by Alderman Sinfield, and carried unasimously. The Mayor-elect briefly returned thanks, and afterwards entertained the aldermen and staff.

Smithfield and Fairfield Council.

Mayor Anthony Re-elected.

The election of Mayor took place on Tuesday. Present: The Mayor (Alderman J. Anthony), Aldermen J. Downey, E. J. Laughtou, J. Stein, J. R. Fergerson, S. Critchley, W. Stimson, H. Dreis, and G. Pame.

Alderman Stein proposed Alderman J. Anthony as Mayor for the ensuing twelve months. He had every confidence in that gentleman, who could be relied upon to do what was best in the interests of the municipality.

Alderman Fergerson seconded the nomination with pleasure. Alderman Anthony had a better grip of the Local Government Act than any other alderman present.

Alderman Downey heartily supported the nomination. Alderman Critichley nominated Alderman W. Stimson. He had no fault to find with the works performed by the past Mayor, but thought that, after Alderman Anthony had occupied the Mayoral chair for three consecutive years, a change was desirable, and one of the other ward representatives have a trial. He did not believe in a monopoly of the chair year in and year out. He believed Alderman Stimson would fill the position with credit to himself and satisfaction to the municipality.

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Alderman Paine seconded. The aldermen generally had had every consideration at the hands of Mayor Anthony, and he personally, had no grudge against the Smithfield Ward representative in the chair. Fairfield Ward had a claim, and he thought Alderman Stimson had earned a term of office, which he had filled very acceptably on a previous occasion.

Alderman Dreis (Fairfield Ward) supported the nomination of Alderman Stimson, and acknowledged the valued services of the previous occupant of the chair. Alderman Stimson would make a capital Mayor.

The voting was as follows:—For Alderman Alderman Herman Alderman Friender, Paine, and Dreis.

The Mayor-elect was about to return thanks for his election, when Alderman Critichley asked whether Alderman Langhton was legally an alderman, or a visitor to the council? (Sensation.) That was the time, he thought, to ask.

The Mayor thought the question out of place and very ill-advised. However, he ruled that Alderman Langhton had not forfeited his seat hy reason of his repeated absence from the council. Alderman Critichley thought the books would show differently, but would not press the objection any further.

The Mayor, in returning thanks, said it was indeed gratifying to him to know that he still retained their confidence. They would find a lot of work to do, and the Local Government Act was beginning to be appreciated.

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Alderman Stimson said he had to thank his supporters for the chair, and expressed himself well satisfied with the election of Alderman Anthony.
Alderman Paine, Fergerson, Downey, Critchley, and Drois each in turn congratulated the Mayor on his election, and promised him every possible support.
Alderman Laughton also congratulated Alderman Authony, and said that if he had not legally east his vote, he had done so "as a friend of the Mayor." (Laughter).
This terminated the election proceedings, and the Mayor-elect entertained the aldermen and staff.

Cabramatta and Canley Vale Council. Mayor G. Stimson Re-elected.

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A special meeting of the Cabramatta, and Canley Vale Council was held on Monday evening, for the purpose of electing a Mayor for the ensuing year. The Mayor (Alderman G. Stimson) presided, and the whole of the other alderman were present with the exception of Alderman G. S. Dobbie, who was away recuperating his health, and who sent an apology for mon-attendance.

On nominations being called for by the Mayor, Alderman Johnston nominated the present occupant of the chair for another term. He said he did so, feeling that every alderman had confidence in the Mayor (Hear, hear.) They had not bately had a rosy time in the matter of finds, yet no one could have looked better after what was placed at their disposal than Mayor Stimson. They had, if therefore, not been able to do much in the way of improving the minicipality. He hoped, however, that during the ensuing year, when their revenue would be able to carry our some much-needed referms.

Alderman Zami seconded the motion. He said the Mayor had done well during the very of the lact that more money would be placed at their disposal during the ensuing 12 months, he would, no doult, do botter during his next term of office. He Mayor the necessity of yetting the back rates in. A special effort should be made in that direction.

There being no other nomination, the town clerk (Mr. W. H. Johnson) declared

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ON THE LOITER.

Samuel Mair was charged with loitering in Good street, Granville, after having been requested by a police constable or refrain from doing so.

The defendant, who pleaded guilty, was used 10s, with costs 6s; or three days: marisonment. opriscoment.
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Indice v. Chas. A. Johnson.—The defendant was charged with, and pleaded guilty to, disobeying an order of the Court for the maintenance of his wife, Time (two weeks) was allowed for the payment of the amount. The case was adjourned till the 23rd February.

Same v. Chas. Pincham.—This was a case of a similar nature. Time to pay was allowed, the case being adjourned till the 23rd of February.

Same v. Henry Yabsley.—Another case, similar to the last, Defendant asked for time to pay £1 I/s, the amount due. The defendant was allowed 14 days in which to pay up, and he was advised that if he stopped drinking, he would "find a better chance of paying the money.

ONCE MORE.

Norman G. Gould was fined £5, with costs (or two months' imprisonment) or neglecting to pay a sum of £18 5s to pay the money; and was informed, i answer to a question which he put to th Bench, that the original order was sti

going on.
THE STOLEN WATCH. THE STOLEN WATCH.
Chas. Geo. Hadley v. D. and R. Israel.
—The defendant, a pawahroker, was
charged with having in his pussession,
as pawahroker, a watch, chain and locket,
which had been stolen, and the possession
of which the complainant, the owner, was
desirous of recovering.
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Israel said that he was willing to give up possession of the goods if he was al-lowed by Hadley the amount he had (in good faith) advanced upon them. Chas, Geo. Hadley deposed that on the 22nd of September he was wearing the gold watch, chain, and locket, produced, Missed them on September 23. The ar-ticles disappeared. Valued the articles at £30, Was willing to pay the pawn broker £4 compensation. Had been put

ticles disappeared. Names the archees at £30. Was willing to pay the pawn-broker £4 compensation. Had been put to expense (about £5 35 or £4 45) it his efforts to trace the watch, chain, and hocket, and to find the thief.

David Israel, the defendant, deposed that he was a pawnbroker, residing in Newcastle. The watch was pawned with him on Saturday, 25th September, at 6 o'clock. Lent £5 10s upon the articles. On the following Monday he received the pawn slip from Sydney. Noticed the that the watch had been stolen. Reported the matter immediately. The police that the watch and chain and hocket would be handed over on the payment of the amount owing. The police had been stolen and hocket would be handed over on the payment of the amount owing. The police had been stolen to the police that the watch and chain and hocket would be handed over on the payment of the amount owing. The police had been stolen to the payment of the amount owing. The police had been stolen to the payment of the amount owing. The police had been stolen to the payment of the amount owing. The police had been stolen to the payment of the amount owing. The police had been stolen to the payment of the amount owing. The police had been stolen to the payment of the amount owing the payment of the payment of the amount owing the payment of the payment of the payment of the amount owing the payment of the payment of

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