

Port Arthur Municipal Election

The Story of the Ballots

For Mayor				
	Ward 1	Ward 2	Ward 3	Total
Mooney	98	378	470	946
Oliver	64	210	268	542



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To The Ratepayers of Port Arthur:



Ladies and Gentlemen.—
My name will come before you on the ballot as a candidate for the Mayoralty, on Monday next.

I believe that the great majority of the ratepayers, like myself, are intensely dissatisfied with the general administration of municipal affairs, for some time past. We are, I believe, suffering from the generally disastrous effects of ring rule. This ring has been headed by the present Mayor—an Ontario Government official. Against this very transparent attempt of a few interests to "hog" control of our municipal affairs I most emphatically protest.

To summarize briefly, my position is as follows:

I know of not a single good reason why our Municipal Offices were removed from the city's Municipal Building; after an expenditure of \$30,000 of the ratepayer's money had been made, on the building the previous year, to make the accommodation ample for the city's requirements for years to come.

The proposed agreement with the C.N.R. I consider the most vicious agreement ever presented to you. To think of practically shutting off over two miles of the city from reasonable access to the waterfront, and deeding to the railway company some fourteen street ends, in exchange for a tumble-down dock, with the strings attached, appears to me would be little short of criminal.

It is admitted on all sides that even in times of prosperity, the general expense of carrying on our municipal affairs has been very extravagant, and now that a general depression is on, this situation ought to be grappled with, and a policy of retrenchment carried out.

Taxation has gone about as far as most ratepayers can stand. A halt must be called or a ruinous condition of affairs will prevail.

We want clean, honest, progressive city government, free from any taint of corruption or "bossism". If elected I shall endeavor to give you that form of government. No set or ring ever had or will have any strings on me.—I can promise fearless independence of action in all matters affecting your interests. To this I pledge myself willingly, and hereby respectfully solicit your approval and support.

With the Season's Best Wishes.

J. P. MOONEY

Port Arthur, Dec. 30, 1914.

MR. JOHN P. MOONEY IS THE NEW MAYOR OF PORT ARTHUR BEING ELECTED BY A MAJORITY OF 389 OVER MR. J. A. OLIVER