

Cowbridge Sittings.

(By "VELOX.")

We fail to see why a candidate should disturb an elector at his evening meal, and perhaps compel him to stand by a draughty doorway and listen to a wonderful story of progress and prosperity for the town.

When a candidate and elector have lived together in the same small town for ten, forty or sixty years, there is not much they do not know about each other, and when the elector returns to his tea and his fireside, he will probably say: "Bust him, don't I know enough about the whole, blinking lot of them to please myself what I am going to do."

The Town Hall was packed waiting for the declaration of the poll, which came soon after nine o'clock, and as the candidates filed on to the platform they were each greeted with applause—victors and vanquished alike.

Councillors W. Pickard, W. E. Jones, E. Thomas and W. A. Phillips cordially thanked the electors for blessings received. Mr. George Meadows and Mr. A. James thanked the electors for blessings received and for what they hoped to receive on a future occasion.

Councillor W. Pickard proposed, and Councillor W. E. Jones seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Returning Officer (Alderman C. M. Davies), the Presiding Officers, Mr. W. T. Gwyn (town clerk) and Mr. Arthur W. Gwyn (deputy).

Alderman C. M. Davies, a tried, trusted, and worthy representative of the people, and Mr. W. T. Gwyn, guide, philosopher and friend of the Council and the people, responded.

After that—"For he's a jolly good

The annual inspection and annual general meeting of the Cowbridge fire-brigade took place on Thursday in last week. The inspection was made by the Mayor (Councillor W. A. Phillips) and members of the Corporation.

The men in charge of Chief-officer W. Brown presented a very smart appearance, which suggested that when "duty called or danger, they would never be wanting there."

Chief-officer Brown and the men were highly complimented by the Mayor, as also was Engineer Croome on the splendid appearance of the engines and equipment.

The annual general meeting was afterwards held in the Council Chamber, at which the Mayor presided. The usual routine business was conducted. An interesting item was the promotions which were as follows:—Chief-officer Brown to be captain; First-engineer Croome to be lieutenant; Second-engineer Tucker to be first-engineer; Fireman W. Bishop to be second-engineer.

In view of the amalgamation of the Cowbridge R.D.C. with the Cowbridge Town Council—in fire-fighting matters—several members of the R.D.C. attended the gathering, including Mr. S. Frederick (chairman), Messrs. T. Thomas (Boverton), T. Richards (Brigam), Mr. D. Thomas (Llantwit), and Mr. V. S. Gwyn (clerk to the R.D.C.).

The new motor-engine is expected to arrive shortly, when the brigade will be strengthened by new members from Llantwit, Llanharry, Llanharan, etc.

After the business of the meeting was over the Mayor entertained the members of the brigade and the Councillors. A very pleasant hour was spent, and as

The speeches were all in accord with the wish that the coming of the new fire-engine would for ever cement the bonds of friendship between the two Councils.

However perfect the new engine may be in pouring cold water where it may be wanted, let us hope that the "hose" will not be turned on to damp the ardour of the first informal joint meeting.

Sympathetic and kind references were made to the work of the late Captain D. Tilley, who did so much in the early history of the Brigade to bring it up to the present high standard of being one of the best volunteer brigades in Wales.

The Cowbridge Town Council met on Monday evening to nominate a Mayor for the ensuing year. The retiring Mayor (Councillor W. A. Phillips) presided.

On the proposition of Councillor E. T. Hopkins, seconded by Alderman G. M. Davies, Alderman T. J. Yorweth was unanimously elected.

Alderman Yorweth has twice previously filled the office, and Councillor Phillips has just completed two successive, strenuous and successful years of office.

The new Mayor will be "made" at a meeting of the Council on Saturday at twelve noon.

We hope to be present, after which we hope to "take our pen in hand," and write impressions of the "meeting," the "men," and the "multitude."

The Cowbridge November handicap is over—lost and won. There were six candidates for four seats. The successful candidates are now singing: "Onward Gallant soldiers" the other two

The result in figures as worked out by the electors, is as follows:—

*W. Pickard	268
W. E. Jones	266
*Evan Thomas, J.P.	261
*W. A. L. Phillips	247

G. Meadows	106
A. D. James	47

* Old Member.

The results in efficiency and usefulness must be worked out by the successful candidates themselves.

The contest was carried out in a fine spirit, the sun shone brilliantly and throughout the day the candidates seemed as happy as "sandboys" in each others company.

As far as this election was concerned, we were more than pleased to see that the old-time bugbear of municipal elections—door to door canvassing—was entirely done away with.



MR. ROBERT THOMAS, the late Manager of the Midland Bank, Cowbridge, particulars of whose retirement appear on page 2.