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population of something about 2,500; you now have a population of 12,000. That is, as great as Hastings was when I can first remember it, as long ago as sixty years. (Cheers.) Hastings has grown from 12,000 inhabitants in the year 1841 to nearly 70,000, and what may you not expect in the development of your town? (Hear, hear.) I am pleased to be here upon official grounds because I represent to-day your neighbouring town of Hastings, whose interests are almost identical with your own, whose boundaries are contiguous to yours on one side, and whose aim always should be, and I believe always will be, to work in unison with you in carrying out those great Municipal duties which have now devolved to your lot. Believe me, gentlemen, there is no jealousy between the two towns—(hear, hear)—nor, I hope, will there ever be.

COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS.

You have in your town Hastings men broad and born, who have come here to get their living, and who still regard with affection the old town of their birth. You have also many people in Hastings who are owners of property in this town, and whose interest, therefore, is identical with yours. Undoubtedly, in the future, your boundaries will be growing eastward, and they will be near and contiguous to Hastings, and you will have questions between the two towns which will require serious study and careful manipulation. Let us hope that they will always be decided upon a fair and honest grounds between the two towns—(hear, hear)—and with a feeling of friendship for both towns, not sacrificing the interests of either, but doing the best for each. (Hear, hear.) I allude more particularly to a question which will sooner or later arise, I mean the drainage

THE EXAMPLE OF EASTBOURNE.

The Mayor of Eastbourne (Alderman Strange)—I have the honour and privilege to represent one of the newer municipalities, and we are very glad indeed to find, and congratulate you upon it, how the enterprise of our town has been so worthily followed, and our example so splendidly copied by the inhabitants of Bexhill. (Laughter.) We have everything to gain by the increase of Municipal liberty and Municipal life. (Hear, hear.) We are delighted that we can now address you as the burgesses of Bexhill, whose interests and our interests are combined. Your success must be our success; your failure will evoke sympathy from us, and I earnestly hope that the success of this day, inaugurated so splendidly as it has been, may go on continuously. One of the greatest salvations of our country to-day is the fact that there are so many men of our cities and towns who are willing to take upon themselves the burden of Municipal administration, not in their own interests, not to grind their own axe, but to benefit the town in which they are living, in order that they may ensure its progress. We congratulate you on having gained this very eminent position as one of the youngest and newest boroughs, and we congratulate you upon being a Coronation borough—(cheers)—and we trust you will go on and increase in prosperity, the burgesses of this rising town.

NO POLITICS IN MUNICIPAL LIFE.

But while we congratulate you very sincerely on attaining to Municipal life I should like to give you a word from Eastbourne, and that is that it brings with it a very serious responsibility to every burgess. There should no longer be any ex-

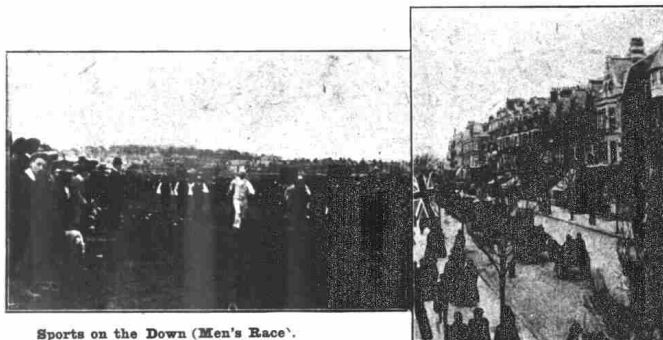
All I have to say is most heartily, most sincerely do I wish prosperity in every sense of the word to the new Corporation of Bexhill, to the new town of Bexhill, and to every burgess of Bexhill. That is all I have to say. (Laughter and cheers.)

Alderman Key (ex-Mayor of Eastbourne) said—I am something like the preceding speaker. I had no idea that I should be called upon to say a few words to you to-day, and I find some difficulty, because the previous speakers have touched upon nearly every subject that I should like to say a few words on, save and except this: that you burgesses of Bexhill have in your wisdom seen fit to ask for a Charter. This day you have got it, and let me add before long you will have to pay for it. (Laughter.) There is no doubt whatever that under a Corporation you will find your expenditure increase. (A Voice: No.) Well, I have some experience in a matter of that kind, if that young gentleman behind has not. (Laughter.) But I will tell you this: if you, as burgesses, do your duty you will find that you will get something for your money. (Hear, hear.) In other words, it will be left in your hands to send the proper people to represent you, and if they do their duty they cannot do that without spending money. I am sure of this: that if you want to get your watering-places to the front you are bound to spend money, because there is just as much competition among watering-places at the present day as there is in business, and therefore if you are going to be in the front you will have to spend money, and you must have the proper persons to spend it. The Mayor of Eastbourne has told you that you must avoid and shun politics—a very good piece of advice. I will tell you something more. You who are lady burgesses

from youth into manhood, and the dignified presence of your Worship on this occasion reminds us very forcibly of the new responsibilities which have devolved upon us. It is no empty compliment if I say to your Worships that I think we shall be very well advised if we are guided in the future carrying on of public work here by the example of these neighbouring towns, of which your Worships are the very worthy representatives. (Hear, hear.) We certainly cannot fail to admit that a great deal of our present prosperity is due to the fortunate position in which we find ourselves in having two large and flourishing towns as our neighbours. (Hear, hear.) And it is a matter of congratulation to note that as year after year goes by the distance between these towns and ourselves is rapidly becoming less, and therefore our interests are becoming more and more identical. I can assure your Worships that in any question that may arise in connection with the public work of these boroughs—and I am speaking now not for myself, but on behalf of the whole borough—that you will be met by the same generosity with which I am certain you will always approach us. Your Worships, I thank you very much for the very kind words you have spoken and for your presence here to-day. (Cheers.)

THE OLD AND THE NEW.

Councillor Walter Smith, who had a very hearty reception from the crowd, said—I little expected I should have to say anything here to-day, and I am quite taken by surprise in being called upon. This is not such a big matter of rejoicing to some of us as it may be to you. (Laughter.) I have been associated for nearly twenty years with a Local Board and District Council, and now under this new



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west of St. Leonards and east of Bexhill, and if the matter is left in the hands of judicious people an agreement and a proper understanding will be arrived at, which will be beneficial to both towns, and detrimental to neither. (Hear, hear.) It is not my place to detain you on this occasion, but I am bound to be here on behalf of Hastings to bid you God-speed, and I hope you will always enjoy the blessings of Municipal liberty and that you will carry on your work so well that your town may be a pattern. (Cheers.) You have begun your Municipal life well. You are better off than many old towns, because you are under the control of the Local Government Act. You have a fair field; you have begun well; you have got a good Front Line; you have the same interests as we have; what will do you good will do us good, and what will do Hastings good will do Bexhill good. I therefore wish you a very successful day to-day, and trust this Council will do its duty for you and to you, and that you may live as a Municipal Corporation as many centuries as Hastings has done up to now. (Cheers.)

FROM A PLACE OF ANTIQUITY.

The Mayor of Lewes (Alderman Gates) said—Representing, as I do, the centre of the county, the old borough of Lewes, I am delighted to be here to-day to congratulate you on the reception and reading of the Charter of Incorporation. We at Lewes, an old borough, not of much progress, but of antiquity—(laughter)—have watched the wonderful progress of Bexhill, and I congratulate you in the name of the borough of Lewes on your Incorporation and your enjoyment of the benefits of Municipal life. I wish you most heartily very great success in that government. (Cheers.)

use for any burgess abstaining from the poll; everyone should exercise the vote which is placed in their hands to the best of their ability. Don't be influenced in your choice of men by which of the great parties in the state they belong to. Tory and Radical can decide on drainage matters, street cleansing and all the multifarious matters that come before the Council, one quite as well as the other. Don't let politics enter into your elections whatever; keep it outside absolutely and entirely—(cheers)—and then you will get the best men on both sides to occupy the positions which you want them to do. Do let me urge on you the great responsibility that rests on you. We have always got a great many critics. Any burgess of Bexhill who elects to take his position in the Municipal Chamber must expect to have adverse criticism. Never mind about that. Do your duty to the best of your ability. Go straight. I see there is a motto put up over there, "Be Bexhill flourish in prosperity to our new borough." But I see the individual who put that up had not got quite a straight eye. (Laughter.) I hope the prosperity of Bexhill will be straight, and that every burgess and candidate for Municipal honours will go straight and be straight to carry on the prosperity of the town, and increase its progress. I wish you every possible success. (Loud cheers.)

GETTING SOMETHING FOR THEIR MONEY.

Alderman Tuppenney (Deputy Mayor of Hastings) next addressed the people. He said—About the last thing in the world I expected to do to-day was to make a speech here, but every member of a Corporation seems to do the bidding of his chief, and the Mayor of Hastings orders me to speak

of Bexhill know that you are not allowed to exercise your privileges, although you are called upon to pay your taxes so far as the political way is concerned. Our Parliament has shown its wisdom in this: that knowing it is a difficult matter to choose the best candidates—because they are pretty much alike; they will say any mortal thing, and when they are once there they will forget about their promises—you are allowed to join in electing the best babies one likes to have in the family. It is a good-kicking one—(laughter)—one that can cry, and not a meek and mild baby. You have shown your strength, and I am surprised if we copy you on Monday organised one of the best things you could have ever had. (Cheers.) Our Mayor has told you you have copied us. (Laughter and cheers.) One word in conclusion. Let me wish you most heartily success for the new borough, and I trust that everything will be done by this Council to improve this place, because if Bexhill flourishes Eastbourne and Hastings will do, and we are never accustomed to take a back seat. (Laughter and cheers.)

THE CHARTER MAYOR'S THANKS.

Lord De La Warr—As the Provisional Mayor and therefore the temporary representative of this new borough, I thank you for the kind words which you have spoken and for the sympathetic interest which you have shown in our local affairs by your presence here to-day. I thank you also for the welcome which you have extended to us as we enter the ranks of South Coast boroughs. We have emerged to-day

regime I consider you will expect something far different. We have done our best in the old times to govern you and carry on the business in a satisfactory manner. Now you will have to take a more dignified position, being associated with the towns of Eastbourne, Lewes, and Hastings, and if you follow their examples I have no doubt your town will rise as it has done for the last twenty years, and become one of the most favoured seaside resorts on the South Coast of England. This occasion makes me think of the many dear old faces of those with whom I have been associated, and especially with the dear good gentleman whose memorial I see before me, and who was one of your first Chairmen. It makes me think that years and years have gone by, and of the dear old square, Arthur Brook, Mr. Samuel Poulton, Mr. Scrijvens, Mr. Gold, and other gentlemen who have gone, and who did their best to keep the town prosperous. You must send good men to come here; send men who will go straight, gentlemen who will look after your own interests, and I have no doubt that your town will prosper as it has hitherto done. This concluded the ceremony at the Town Hall.

THE PROCESSION.

The order of the procession, which formed in front of the Town Hall shortly after two o'clock, was as follows:—

- Mounted Police.
- Band of the 2nd Cinque Ports Royal Garrison Artillery Volunteers.
- Constables.
- 3rd Battery 2nd Cinque Ports Royal