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Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen, I should first like to thank Harold Buch, who nominated me for this high office and Mrs. Dr. Hays who seconded my nomination - These Citizens have already shown me great honour - I deeply appreciate it. Why am I running for Mayor. I suppose I am running because of a chance remark made a few years ago, when someone said " It is only a Municipal Election." Ladies and Gentlemen I have spent many years of my life working in Federal and Provincial elections - I have had opportunities to stand for the nomination in both cases - I have always turned them down because I would never spend that length of time away from my family. I am running because I believe that the Government of a Municipality is the very foundation of our political structure. It is not the least important of Political Offices, it is the most important - If the foundation is weak the structure will collapse - I believe it is the duty of every citizen to support that Government and to offer himself for Public Office if he and his fellow citizens feel he has something to offer. I feel that the Office of Mayor requires the services of sincere, devoted and trained man - one trained not only in dealing with other Governments both Provincial and Federal but one who has the business background to cope with these affairs. I believe the Town of Fort Erie to be the most important entity in Canada, to be the symbol of the bases upon which all Governments are built. I believe I have those qualifications - That is why I want to be Mayor of the Town of Fort Erie, my Hometown. - I was born here, have lived here and now am raising my own family here. I have a very definite personal interest in the affairs of Fort Erie. During the past few weeks I have had the opportunity of speaking with many of the good citizens of Fort Erie and you have impressed the wish and desire for many improvements - better streets, sewers, disposal, water filtration plant, new schools, new hospital parking space, municipal pool and recreation building, etc, etc and lower taxes. All these would indeed be wonderful but, I can not say to if elected, this will all be so, for after all, what does a Mayor do?

For the records, what does the Mayor do - He not only acts as Chairman of a meeting understanding the rules of Parliamentary Procedure - He must not be opinionated ..

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He must place or see that the case under discussion is placed before his Council in an impartial way. - He must give guidance and direction to Council Members and what is most important he must see that all Delegations and persons wishing to be heard are heard in Council and Council renders its Decision as quickly as possible.

I have been accused of being somewhat bold to stand for the highest Office - many believe I should start at the bottom and work up - that I lack experience. Again I refer to the duties of a Mayor - he must be able to handle a meeting. After all, you are electing on Monday not just a Mayor - you are electing a Council, a group of men who will represent each Ward in this Town - Each man on this Council is given an important job to do. It will be his responsibility to see that his department is run efficiently. The Mayor presides at these meetings, he must see that rules are followed - that the questions are discussed intelligently and answered. The Mayor must have a thorough knowledge of Parliamentary procedure; he must be firm in applying these rules; he must not allow meetings to get out of hand; he must guide, lead and direct and keep the discussion on the problem at hand until solved.

I am not lacking in experience. I have chaired many meetings - Club meetings, Community meetings and political meetings.-

Business Experience The prime consideration is the matter of Taxation. What you and I have to pay to operate the Town and certainly in this consideration must be one big requirement - Efficiency. This is one point where I feel I have a great deal to offer the People of the Town of Fort Erie. My Father and I operate a Construction Company where for the past few years the Gross Income has been comparable with that of the Town - We have had to under competition run that business at a profit. I have the experience to apply to the Town Affairs the same efficiency we have applied to our own business. Construction is our business-- in the Town the next two years will see the Greatest Municipal Construction this Town has ever seen. There is the addition to our High School, a proposed addition to our Hospital, the proposed new Filtration Plant and sewage plant involving the expenditure of millions of dollars - these Buildings will be paid for by Grants and taxation, their maintenance will be

paid for in the same way - They involve several millions of dollars - wastage can take place and may if they are not under the scrutiny of a Man who experience in that field gives him a great advantage - He will be using the same Training as he uses in his own Business. Let me say right here, O.C.Teal & Son Ltd., will not be bidding, if I am elected Mayor on any direct or indirect Municipal Project. We are willing to sacrifice this opportunity for the Civic Betterment of the Town that I may do ny part- use my training to prevent wastage of Taxation money. Ladies and Gentlemen for the past 17 years I have been a partner if the Firm O.C. Teal & Son. The fact that it has enlarged and prospered is not because of but I have been a party to it.

Political Experience. AS I roll back the years, yes, I may say I have had Political experience - for 15 years I was Bill Houck's Campaign Manager and Confident - I was Assistant Campaign Manager for the late Humphrey Mitchell. I was charter President of the Niagara Riding Liberal Ass. I tell you these things not in any bragging way, but rather to explain what political background is necessary to the Office of Mayor. He must be able to deal with all levels of Provincial and Federal Governments. During Bill Houcks term of Office I had the privilege of helping many Citizens and delegations at his bequest with both Federal and Privincial Houses. I was able to see the working of the various Departments and let me say Ladies and Gentlemen a knowledge of the workings is a must for anyone who seeks the position of Mayor for Provincially and less so Federally you are daily seeking help from various Departments whether it is the Health Department, the Highway department or any of the other Departments. I have had that experience - I know the intricacies of these Departments - I want to use them to the benefit of the People of the Town of Fort Erie.

General Experience: For ~~ix~~ 2 1/2 years I have had the privelege of serving on the Buffalo Fort Erie Bridge Authority Familiarly known as the Peace Bridge Commission. You may say what good could that do the Town of Fort Erie. Ladies & Gentlemen there I was to sit in conference both at Municipal, Provincial and Federal levels as that Commission had dealing with all those Governments and their various Departments. Just as the Mayor and Council of the Town of Fort Erie must do. Here we come to an important step in the Year 1962 the property known as the Peace Bridge comes up for re-assessment. These are your

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Tax Dollars, Ladies and Gentlemen, the largest Tax Payer in the Town of Fort Erie, the Peace Bridge Commission. I do suggest to you that as your Mayor having sat on the Commission on the one Hand and being in a position of Advisor on the other I could not help but soundly advise Council. The Assessment in the Town of Fort Erie of the Peace Bridge is Vital to your Tax future. As Chairman of the District No 10 Canadian Cancer Society, I feel I do have a grasp on the personal lives of many of our people for this feared disease strikes on in four of we Canadians. Of what importance is this to the Office of Mayor. It gives you a personal insight into the lives of People, - A Mayor must not be impersonal - machine like - he must be human and approachable - he must be understanding of the difficulties of others for either directly or indirectly he will be dealing with many of these difficulties. Ladies and Gentlemen I have left my personal side to the last for that is where it should be - for it is the part that many of you know about me. I was born in Bridgeburg in 1917, I graduated from Fort Erie Public School and Fort Erie High School - I graduated from McMaster University receiving my B A in Political Science and Economics where for two years I studied Municipal Law - from there I went to the Ontario College of Education, where I graduated specializing in Physical Training. At this Time, I taught in the High Schools of Ontario for 5 years At this point Ladies and Gentlemen, I stop for here is a training that may go unnoticed or you may feel unimportant. The Mayor is a Member of the Police Commission, as such like Ceasar's Wife he must be beyond reproach, in our Town the Chief difficulties of the Police are with the so called Juvenile Delinquents - having handled in my teaching career some 5000 boys and girls between the ages of 13 -18 I do feel the understanding and knowledge I had of the Boys and Girls places me in an excellent position to give advice on the Commission.

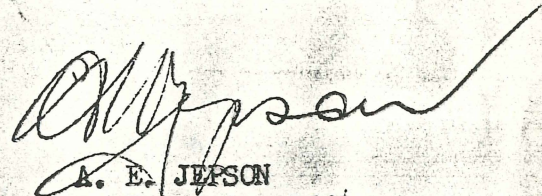
In closing Ladies and Gentlemen, I ask for your support while I leave with you these thoughts My Dad started a Business and saw it Grow-- It has had its setbacks- it has had its reversals by dint of hard work and application together, we have seen it prosper- If I did not know with the above qualifications I could do service to the Town of Fort Erie and fulfill my obligations to it, I would never have stood for the Office of Mayor- not because of myself but because of the honour and esteem in which I hold my Father's name-to me it is

TOWN OF FORT ERIE

LIST OF ELECTIONS

I hereby certify that the following is a list of the results of elections for the TOWN OF FORT ERIE held on December 11th, 1961 -

Dated this 11th day of December 1961



A. E. JEPSON
Returning Officer

<u>OFFICE</u>	<u>NAME</u>		<u>VOTES</u>	<u>RESULT</u>
MAYOR	TARTAGLIA	Michele	1181	
	TEAL	John M.	1987	Elected
REEVE	BURGER	Clarence E.	1660	Elected
	DUNCAN	William	1437	
DEPUTY-REEVE	GUESS	Herbert T.	1247	
	TAYLOR	Gordon J.	1874	Elected
COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE	MILLER	L. Victor	1687	Elected
	TAYLOR	John	1418	
COUNCILLOR - Ward 1	HARTLEY	A. Frank	98	
	PINKNEY	Thomas W.	57	
	WHITE	William H.	144	Elected
Ward 2	TROUP	R. Harvey		Acclamation
Ward 3	MINOR	Laverne		Acclamation
Ward 4	LESLIE	Walter A.	275	Elected
	LONSBURY	Daniel	248	
Ward 5	WILLIAMS	Lloyd C.		Acclamation
PUBLIC SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Ward 1	CULP	James D.	Acclamation
		NESBITT	Lloyd L.	"
	Ward 2	BOWMAN	Kenneth H.	"
		MacDONALD	Archie	"
	Ward 3	GARDNER	Ralph E.	"
INESON		Douglas G.	"	
Ward 4	DUNNING	Clayton A.	"	
	MASKELL	Ernest H.	"	
Ward 5	SPECK	Harold	"	
	ZIFF	Stella	"	