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Ald. Gibson to be Mayor

LONG YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE

PROMINENT business man and Croydon Council member since 1921, Ald. Lieut.-Col. Charles Henry Gibson, of Radcliffe Road, East Croydon, is to be Croydon's next Mayor. He will take office in May. Tall and lean, crisply effective as a speaker, untiring as a champion, Ald. Gibson will wear the mayoral robes with dignity and effect.

Educated at Kingswood School, Bath, he was articled to a firm of contractors and then joined a small firm of builders in Croydon 40 years ago. He started C. H. Gibson, Ltd. (Contractors), in 1913, moving to the present London Road premises in 1928, and now employing 350 men. He has been a director of Stewart Klitz and Co. for 25 years.

WAR SERVICE

He served overseas in both wars and has over ten years' commissioned active service to his credit. He was in France in 1940, and scrambled back from St. Malo in June with the loss of four officers and 91 men of the original company.



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Soon after his election to the council, he became known as the "chief tram-scrapper" for his trenchant advocacy of that policy. The Council then controlled the local service. He has served on several important committees and is chairman of the Planning and Development Committee. He has many public interests outside the council. He is a Whitgift governor and chairman of the Foundation Finance Committee, member of the South-West Regional Hospital Board, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Croydon group of hospitals, and a member of the Crystal Palace Trustees, in which capacity he engineered the successful campaign to reopen the grounds to the public.

He is a member of several professional bodies, and has been a Rotarian since 1923. He belongs to the Croham Hurst Golf Club. He is married.

Ald. Gibson's election as Mayor will have the support of the council's Labour group. His name was put forward by a selection committee on which Labour is represented.

Croydon Rotarians, at their luncheon on Tuesday, warmly congratulated their colleague on his selection.