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Tuesday,
January 2nd.
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W. Burgoyne,
Fenelon Falls'
Most Modern Store.

WE WISH
All our friends and customers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
WM. CAMPBELL.

The Big Business

Done in our Store on Saturday was a fitting wind-up to a very satisfactory season's trade, for which our friends and customers will please accept our sincere thanks, and our best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. Your wants in our lines have been anticipated, and we are

READY FOR 1906

With an up-to-date stock of Groceries, Crockery and Glassware, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, etc. We are better prepared than ever to serve you, and will depend upon your appreciation of the advantages of dealing with us to make 1906 the best year in our history.

J. McFarland.

The Fenelon Falls Gazette.

Friday, Dec. 29th, 1905.

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The Gazette takes much pleasure in wishing all its readers a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The Nominations.

The nominations of candidates for the offices of reeve, councillors, trustees and commissioners were held in Two-mey's hall on Friday last, and were fairly well attended. The following gentlemen were nominated:

FOR REEVE.

J. McFarland, nominated by L. Deyman, seconded by G. H. McGee.
 R. M. Mason, nominated by S. J. Sims, seconded by M. H. McCallum.
 G. H. McGee, nominated by R. M. Mason, seconded by J. H. Stanton.

FOR COUNCILLOR.

G. Martin, nominated by Thos. Graham, seconded by G. H. McGee.
 J. Slater, nominated by A. Fountain, seconded by P. Oulette.
 H. Puley, nom. by A. Fountain, sec. by J. J. Power.
 S. J. Sims, nom. by W. L. Jordan, sec. by L. Deyman.
 W. Northey, nom. by R. N. Mitchell, sec. by J. McFarland.
 G. H. McGee, nom. by W. L. Jordan, sec. by A. Webster.
 R. Martin, nom. by G. H. McGee, seconded by Thos. Graham.
 M. H. McCallum, nom. by A. Webster, sec. by R. J. Moore.
 L. Deyman, nom. by S. J. Sims, sec. by J. McFarland.
 G. H. Littleton, nom. by R. J. Moore, sec. by E. D. Hand.
 T. Austin, nom. by H. McDougall, sec. by T. Scott.

TRUSTEES.

A. McIntosh, nominated by T. Graham, sec. by W. J. Heard.
 J. J. Nevison, nom. by J. Aldous, sec. by T. Poulson.
 F. McDougall, nom. by Wm. Campbell, sec. by J. L. Arnold.

COMMISSIONERS.

Wm. Burgoyne, nom. by F. McDougall, seconded by Geo. Martin.
 D. Gould, M. D., nom. by F. McDougall, sec. by T. Graham.

All the nominees were not present; but those in the hall were called upon to address the meeting.

Mr. McFarland was the first speaker, and explained the actions of the council regarding various matters. He said they had found it necessary to increase the salaries of the school teachers in order to secure efficient service, and they had got good teachers. Regarding law costs, the L. H. & P. Co. had disputed their assessment, and had gone to court, with the result that they were now paying taxes on \$61,000 instead of \$50,000. As to the commissioners, they were able to speak for themselves. He would mention, however, that the town was supplying light at a lower rate than other places were. Mr. McFarland then gave figures of a profit and loss statement of the operation of the system showing a profit (except supply account) of \$1043 11 for the past year. The supply account will not be apt to reduce this amount. About \$422 per month in rent is coming in, and the G. T. R. is to pay \$20 per month for power for its new pumping plant. As an instance of negligence on the part of his predecessors in municipal affairs, he spoke of the irregularity in the method of paying for registrations of births, etc., which had been going on for years until he stopped it. Coming back to the subject of electric light, he cautioned light users against substituting 32 c.p. lamps for 16 ones, without permission. This had been done, and the result was a burned out transformer. Offenders were liable to a fine of \$100.

Dr. Mason was then called upon. He thought the Reeve had made a very fair explanation of things generally. The trustees would hold themselves responsible for what they had done, and could answer any criticisms. Instead of having spent too much money, the board would have been justified in spending a good deal more, and as a matter of fact had saved money.

Geo. McGee, the next on the list, said that, as there were others present who had things down pretty fine, and could talk better than he could, he would not attempt to go into details. He had done what he thought was in the best interests of the town, and if put in again would do the same.

Dr. Gould then took the floor. He thought others just as capable as or more capable than himself might have been nominated, and if he had been

left out he would not have felt slighted. He had given time and attention to his duties ungrudgingly, and would do so again. He had no complaints to make. There had been some trouble with the working of the light plant for which they had blamed the water wheel; but when Mr. Aitkins, an expert, was here, he found the cause was in faulty setting up of the generator and switchboard connections. Changes were made with satisfactory results. The only dispute still unsettled was concerning the claims for expenses made by the Jenks people. A proposition had been sent them, but no reply had yet been received. He regretted that all lights had to be left burning all day in order to supply customers who needed light in cellars, but this had been unavoidable. After careful consideration, it had been decided to put in a separate system, with arc lights for the streets. They had hoped to have a sample of the light before nomination day, but had been prevented by delays in arrival of supplies.

Dr. Sims then gave a brief statement, comparing the amount the council of 1905 had and the council of 1906 will have to commence business with; and the expenditures of 1904 and 1905. The sum of \$1200 more taxes was required this year than last—\$375 for school purposes, and \$625 that had been raised last year from property sold. The other \$200 came from the L. H. & P. Co., but was eaten up in law costs. The new council will have \$700 more than the old one to start business with. This can be and probably will be used to commence building cement walks, as lumber is now a high price. On sidewalk \$517 less had been spent than in 1904; miscellaneous accounts were \$165 less, and printing \$35 less. Salaries had been increased \$58.50. The House of Refuge tax of \$97 was responsible for the rise in the county rate.

L. Deyman was next called upon. He had not made up his mind whether to be a candidate or not, and in the meantime had nothing very particular to say, and would not take up time of others.

F. McDougall, chairman of the school board, on rising to speak, said it would perhaps have been a little better if there had been some charges made against the board, as then there would have been something to talk about. The board had not done all that might have been done. The Inspector had pointed out defects. Ventilators and heating arrangements were unsatisfactory, and the yards were a great deal too small; but these were hard matters to remedy. More money had been spent, but it had been well spent. To get capable teachers, salaries had to be raised. They had now as good a staff as there was in the country, and the teachers were not being paid too much. Pupils going to Lindsay were farther advanced than pupils there, and were highly complimented. Fuel had been higher in price on account of snow blockades, which accounted for some of the extra expense.

Geo. Martin, when called upon, said he had made so much money while in office, getting \$10 each for poles and two or three prices for teaming, that he thought perhaps he had better keep very quiet now, and not say much. He had made such a pile that he could afford to stand aside and give someone else a chance.

John Slater announced that he was in the field. He liked to see the village prosper. The Sandford factory paid \$36,000 last year in wages, and this was a good thing for the town. He worked as long hours as anybody, and sympathized with workmen. The acquisition of the water power was a benefit to the village. He had made mistakes in the past, but was ready to admit it.

F. A. McDiarmid, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners, on being asked to speak, stated that the Falls was getting its electric light cheaper than any other place in the Province of which he had any knowledge, and in proof quoted rates paid in other towns. The service could be made still cheaper and improved if residents would take more lights. If the electric light were more generally used, the price could be put down to where it would compete with coal oil. The town is in better shape than other towns to offer inducements to industries wanting power.

The resignations placed in the hands of Clerk Junkin make Mr. McFarland Reeve for 1906, and leave six in the contest for council, namely: Messrs. Martin, Slater, Sims, Northey, Deyman and Littleton. There will be no contest for the offices of trustees and commissioners, as only the required number were nominated.

VERULAM.

In this township the only contest is

for the reeveship, for which Messrs. Mr. John Davitt and Mr. Emerson are the candidates. Messrs. David McFarland, Wm. Hetherington Jr., George Brooks and Robt. Mitchell were elected councillors by acclamation. All but the last named were members of last year's council.

SOMERVILLE.

For reeve, Robt. A. Callan and Jas. Wilson. For councillors there are 12 candidates, including all four members of last year's council.

BOBOYGEON.

Reeve, Geo. C. Byng, (acclamation.) For Councillors; Andrew Bradin, W. A. Davis, D. Hetherington, H. Mark, A. McIntyre.

FENELON.

Last year's reeve and council were re-elected by acclamation.

A Horse Thief Captured.

On the 11th inst. Charles Wilds and Norman Wilds two brothers, from Victoria Harbor, stole a pair of horses and a buggy at Coldwater, and, when ten miles north of Orillia, finding they were pursued, left the "rig" in a farmer's yard and took to the woods. Walking between forty and fifty miles to Coboonk, which they reached on the 13th, they hired a cutter and pair of horses from Mr. T. A. Carl's livery stable, and drove away, but failed to return. On the 19th Constable Brock, of the Falls, got a telegram from Coboonk and immediately started in pursuit of the thieves, whom he traced to No. 3 camp in Longford. He there learned that they had passed through Braesbridge on Sunday, the 17th inst., and sent telegrams to that and other places, and the thieves were captured about ten miles east of Huntsville by two constables from that village. By some means Charles Wilds, who had a pair of revolvers, gave his captors the slip and made for the woods, pursued by one of the constables, who was armed with a rifle, and shots were exchanged, but neither of the men was hurt and the fugitive escaped. On the 23rd Constable Brock went to Huntsville and took Norman Wilds to the county jail at Lindsay, where he will be tried by Magistrate McSweyn next Monday. While at Orillia, Mr. Brock heard something about the theft at Coldwater, and got the particulars from his prisoner on the way to Lindsay. A Winchester rifle, a fur overcoat, a pair of fur mitts, a belt, two hatchets and a large knife, supposed to have been stolen, were taken from Norman Wilds, and are now held by Constable Brock, from whom the owner or owners can obtain them. Mr. Carl went to Huntsville and got his horses, but his cutter was smashed to pieces.

Verulam Council.

Council met at Boboygeon on Dec. 15th; all the members present. Mr. S. Thurston was appointed D. R. O. at Dunsford poll, which is to be held in the Methodist church hall. The clerk was ordered to communicate with Mr. Courtney re his claim for work done on Emily boundary, asking for further explanation. A resolution re railway crossing at Lindsay was signed by the reeve and clerk. M. Sutton was allowed \$12.66, two-thirds value of sheep killed by dogs. Mr. W. J. Finley appeared re arrears on lot 18, con. 8, and statute labor rebate. It was arranged that he take \$4.22 and pay arrears. Wm. Jackson was allowed the privilege of cutting small second-growth trees along his fence. The collector presented a statement showing all taxes paid except \$37.24 returned to the county, and the roll was accepted. W. H. Bowhey's offer to open quarter line between lots 20 and 21, con. 2, for \$5 was accepted, subject to inspection by commissioner. No action was taken regarding application to have James White made an inmate of the House of Refuge. Forty six accounts, totalling \$885.98, were passed, after which the council adjourned.

ACCIDENT.—On Wednesday of last week Mr. J. T. Thompson Jr., while at work in the Sandford factory, stepped on a nail in a piece of board. The nail penetrated his foot near the toes, making a painful wound, which laid Mr. Thompson up for several days.

CHRISTMAS TREES.—The Christmas-trees in connection with the Presbyterian, Methodist, Anglican and Salvation Army Sunday Schools during the past few days were very enjoyable events to teachers, pupils, parents and others who took part in them. The singing of Christmas hymns and carols, recitations and some very pretty drills by the children were pleasing features of the gatherings. The hearty thanks of those who had charge are extended to all who so generously helped, with contributions and otherwise.