

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

F. C. TAYLOR, ESQ., MAYOR FOR THE YEAR 1898.

Lively Contest in Town and County. The municipal nominations on Monday last created very little excitement. Steps were taken by a few leading citizens to bring out capable men, and it is a pleasure to be able to state that their labor has not been in vain. In the election of Mayor F. C. Taylor we can boast of a first officer who possesses courtesy and ability which with his thorough knowledge of municipal matters will make him a valuable acquisition to our council board.

Mayor F. C. Taylor, by acclamation. Reeve—Thos. Brady and R. Touchburn 1st deputy-reeve—James Keith and John Wilcan. 2nd deputy-reeve—Robert Smyth, by acclamation.

COUNCILLORS. North Ward—J. D. Graham, Alex. Horn, John Macgwood, by acclamation. South Ward—R. Baldwin, P. P. Burrows, John Duke, E. P. Gillogly, Jas. McGibbon, J. H. Sootheran. East Ward—Samuel Baillet, Fremont Crandell, Geo. Grandall, W. B. Fee, James Graydon, Jos. Killaby, A. D. Mallon, J. R. O'Neill.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES. Thomas Walters, William McWatters, Thomas Ellis.

The Public Meeting.

The small attendance of interested ratepayers at the public meeting held on Monday evening for the purpose of discussing municipal matters, to say the least, was discouraging to the men who are willing to place their names before the people as municipal candidates. The meeting was called for 7.30 p.m., but it was after eight before anything like a gathering was present, and even then it was hardly in keeping with the importance of the occasion.

Col. Deacon was the duly appointed chairman, and after opening the meeting in his fluent manner and wishing all his old friends and neighbors the compliments of the season, invited the nominees to take seats on the platform, where Market Clerk Callaghan, with an eye to the beautiful, had rearranged the scenery on the stage, and everything presented a very attractive appearance.

On the platform were Mayor Smyth, F. C. Taylor, Reeve Touchburn, Dep. reeve Gillogly, Messrs. R. Kyle, Thos. Brady, J. McGill, J. H. Sootheran, and Dr. Burrows. The chairman, after specifying that each speaker should be allowed fifteen minutes, expressed the hope that good order would prevail.

Mayor Smyth was then called upon to address the meeting and thanked the ratepayers for the honor they had conferred upon him. While he did not expect to be the first speaker called upon, it was quite proper for them to call upon him to give an account of his stewardship. He took up the finances of the town. At the commencement of last year they had an unprovided surplus of \$2400, but there was an unprovided sinking fund like \$1700. For the year 1897 they had a surplus of \$2400, but as the ratepayers were some \$400 out of pocket, the surplus would be reduced to about \$2000. During the year they had purchased some additional land for a wharf, and put in an electric fire alarm. The system had been submitted to a great deal of criticism, but he informed them that while it was not the wish of the council to do so by the demands of the Underwriters Association, otherwise the insurance of the whole town would have been greatly increased. He could not see any way by which municipalities could override the demands of the Underwriters unless they were to combine and do their own insurance. In fact he could assure them that the municipal corporation which he attended with Coun. Sootheran, were considering this plan. He briefly alluded to the erection of the band stand and the purchase of the road roller, which combined with the other expenditures totalled up to some \$2400, and which should be added to the capital account. At one time it was hoped that they would be able to have reduced the rate to 23 mills on the dollar, but Coun. Sootheran, following a plan that he believed Mr. Taylor had endorsed when chairman of finance, thought it was better to have little too much than not enough. As to the plans wherein they had failed, he might mention the sewerage scheme. It was hoped that they would have been able to do something along this line and it was intended to put the sewer pipe down into the bed of the river, but after investigating the matter it was found that there was a great deal of necessary plumbing to be done and traps to be put in before it would be safe to house-pipe holders. He explained how they had adopted a plan recommended by the board of health, and expected the property holders to petition for sewers on the frontage plan. He had personally waited on the property holders on Kent-st. and found them ready to sign a petition to get the work underway. The cost would be about \$1 per foot on the frontage plan. He referred to the purchase of the roller and the good roads movement, which was now in the experimental stage. Campbell, provincial road superintendent, had visited Lindsay and delivered a lecture that opened their eyes. Since that time Coun. Sootheran had introduced a by-law that had been endorsed by Mr. Campbell, which outlined the system to be followed in connection with our street improvements in the future, and which could not be altered and was now open for thorough work. In conclusion, he referred to his intention to retire, but at the urgent request of his friends he had consented to offer himself as a candidate for the second deputy reeve.

Mr. Kyle announced that he was no

a candidate for the majority and even if he was he would be only too ready to stand aside for Mr. Taylor, who he considered was a better man for the position. After looking over the list of nominees he was satisfied that they had material from which to select a good council to assist Mr. Taylor. It was the votes that would tell. He was very sorry to say that frequently in Lindsay men were nominated and elected for a joke. In Peterboro they ran the best men they could find, and the result was that they had a prosperous town. He could not understand how men could be found ready to nominate any man for a joke when they would consider every point in their own business dealing. Let them consider for a moment that they are one of a company of thirty-two to expend say \$40,000 of their own capital. Would they act in this way? No, they would want time to consider each point. He was not a candidate for the majority but was among the list of nominees for the south ward and perhaps he might be there.

Mr. F. C. Taylor, the new mayor, on coming forward stated that he felt grateful to the previous speakers for the kindly allusions to himself, and he hoped he would merit their expectations. He could at least assure them that he would do all in his power to add to the general prosperity of the town. He felt that at times we did not fully realize as citizens how good a town we had. During the long years of depression there was not a town in Canada that had held its own as well as the town of Lindsay, which had continued to prosper through it all, as was plainly manifested by the number of good buildings that had been erected. We are in the centre of a fine agricultural district, and Lindsay should be a good town for the manufacturer, as well as a good town to live in. He wished here to thank his mover and seconder, as well as those who signed the petition, for placing his name in nomination. He had felt somewhat timid in offering himself for the majority as he felt that he might be intruding upon other worthy men. He had when he first came to Lindsay entered the council and had served five years—three as mayor—of the busiest time of his life and when he could least afford it. He was pleased to hear Mayor Smyth's excellent statement of the finances and he was pleased to know that the council he was going to remain to accept Mr. Kyle's advice and place good men in the council the incoming year. The question of good roads was an important one, and he felt that whatever work was undertaken should be undertaken with a view to making a permanent roadway. He referred to the proposed extension of the Victoria railway to Mattawa, which should receive every encouragement from the town and council. He (Mr. Taylor) then surprised the audience by stating that he hoped to see a hospital erected for the sick before the end of the year. A number of gentlemen had been working quietly along this line and he was pleased to say that he believed it would be a reality, and at very little cost to the town. In conclusion, he thanked the ratepayers for the confidence bestowed upon him, and while he regretted the criticism that had been heaped upon the old council he felt that they had carefully looked after the finances of the town and he only hoped the incoming council would do even better.

Mr. Thos. Brady, candidate for the reeve, stated that the old council had made a good showing, and he believed like previous councils they had done their best. As a rule the councils all did their best and were the most abused men in the country and were frequently criticised by men who could not even do as well. The old council had held long sessions at which very little business was transacted owing to certain members who played to the gallery. He persisted in playing should not elect men who played to the gallery to the grand stand. He was pleased to hear the very satisfactory financial statement as given by Mayor Smyth. The council had very little money to expend after all, and when we consider how little nature has done for Lindsay we should not expect great things nor talk too much. There had been large sums spent on our streets, but the surroundings were not as favorable as in some other places. Nature never intended that present site should have been selected for a town. He was present at any personal desire on his part, but simply at the urgent request of his friends. He thought there were better men than he was, but when they were approached and asked to stand they refused, on the grounds "that it would hurt their business." This should not be. He was not going to make a personal canvass, and if they wished to vote for him or against him it was alright. If he was elected he would use his best judgment in the interests of the whole town. He would not enter any ring to vote down a resolution brought in by some one who was opposed to him. He thought there had been too much of this kind of thing done this year.

Reeve Touchburn was pleased with Mr. Brady's remarks, but felt that he overlooked the fact that some of these members were not elected by the ratepayers. He was before them for the tenth time, having served in the council for nine years. During that time his course had been satisfactory to himself, and he felt that it must have been to them. He had been chairman of the board of works committee a new name for it—for six years. It was the most important committee of the whole council, as it expended the most money. Lindsay never was intended for a town, as Mr. Brady had truthfully remarked, and it was hard to keep up the streets. The mill had attracted the town, and the citizens had now to make up for the defects. Last summer they had Mr. Campbell, the provincial road superintendent, in town, and in his lecture he said "give me the machinery and I will give you good roads." We have the machinery now and should get the roads. It was an old saying "make a man chieftain of streets and if he don't do everything that the ratepayers ask he will be killing." He condemned the spirit that elicited pleasure for members when the chairman of any committee was assailed. It was easy for citizens to lodge complaints when they could not get just what they wanted in front of their own doors. He also censured the election of men who were neither ornamental nor useful, but could find fault. He had not a word to say

against Mr. Brady. He was not going to make any promises, as he could not see how he could do anything different than he had done and as he believed in the interests of the town. In conclusion, he thanked the ratepayers for the confidence placed in him in the past, and wished them a happy new year.

Mr. McGill was surprised to find his name among the list of nominees, as it was placed there without his knowledge. He was pleased to see that Mayor Smyth was a candidate for second deputy, and he would do all in his power to elect him if he was opposed. Coun. Sootheran stated that he had very little to say to them. His career was well known to all of them and what the reporters had not given them the anonymous correspondents had. He then explained how the salary grab question had come about. The council with two exceptions favored payment for their services and he was authorized to consult the town solicitor. This being done at the next meeting of committee he had requested Mr. Walker to leave the room, when he read the opinion from Mr. Hopkins, which stated that they could not vote themselves a salary. He then told them in the way of a joke that there was another way in which they could do it by granting the mayor \$800, but it was only meant as a joke. He knew of a way in which they could have been paid and that was by voting themselves a sum for services rendered to the committee, but he did not dare to mention it because they would have jumped at it.

Dr. Burrows stated that the Lindsay council was peculiar in that there were no rings and therefore there was no cohesion. He then read extracts from the press reports to show that he was not responsible for all the beer garden episodes in connection with the council. He also read the passage at arms between himself and Reeve Touchburn, who had assailed his private character. He had in parliamentary terms called the reeve "a liar" and thought there was not a man in the room that would not have done the same. He then pointed out that while the late council had its faults they had done more for Lindsay than any previous council for the past ten years, and he was pleased to say that he had taken a foremost part in the work. He had seen the first to memorialize the government with a view to securing better navigation in our river. Then they had secured the needed improvements to the wharf and he was able to say that from private correspondence with the department they would be returned the full amount of the first cost. He was the first councillor to set in the good roads agitation and if it was wrong then he was willing to accept the blame. Mr. Graham had been moving along the same line, but he had been corresponding with the department for many months before a letter from Mr. Campbell, which he thought applied to Reeve Touchburn. He favored placing the streets under a competent man at a salary of \$600 which he considered quite reasonable. He could safely say that they had a good system that cost them \$300 less than many other places had got it for. It would not be altogether satisfactory until they had secured an electric fire on the town bell. He had done all he could to make the fire brigade effective. He had failed to have the town hall remodelled into civic offices. He hoped to see a new innovation in the system of making roads by the use of only good, honest, broken stone. He also hoped to see a section of artificial stone sidewalk laid this year when he felt the ratepayers would not want to go back to the plank. He was sorry to say that he had failed in his attempt to give every poor man his full share of corporation work at what he felt was worth, but he had tried to do away with the nepotism and favoritism and the practice of building extra walks opposite the residences of councillors like Reeve Touchburn had done.

Coun. Deacon enquired if the public school sinking fund was all paid up. Coun. Sootheran explained that the two last councils had paid their way as well as paying up a certain proportion of the sinking fund that had not been provided for by previous councils.

Col. Deacon referred the statement of a surplus. Mayor Smyth took a hand and pointed out that the council had not the power to take the money contributed by Roman Catholics to pay off the Protestant school debts. The colonel stated that the debt would have to be paid some day. Reeve Touchburn then secured an extension of time and related the story of the salary grab from his point of view. In reply Mr. Sootheran repeated how he had urged a council to look into the matter and see if they could not secure pay for their work. Reeve Touchburn was not the first man to oppose it, but Coun. Horn was, and the opposition did not come from Mr. Touchburn until he thought that it was the popular thing to do. He was quite willing to leave the matter with the ratepayers. During last year he had prepared 120 reports and since the dissolution of the old board of works he had prepared the reports of works committee also. The old board of works had been incompetent to secure a report from them. In fact they never got a report from Mr. Touchburn, but they went on expending the money just the same. He had insisted on reports being furnished in order that they could tell where their money was going. They all knew what work he had done in the council and if they thought he should be returned then they could do so. If not it was all right. He was in their hands and did not propose to make a canvass.

Township Nominations. VERULAM. Reeve—Ms. Akster (by acclamation). Deputy-reeve, R. M. Thurston, J. D. Hunter and Wm. Hetherington. Councillors, T. Robertson, John Lewis, J. Paterson, W. Mann and A. Braden. HANOVERS. Reeve, Mr. Kinkade (by acclamation). 1st deputy-reeve, H. Henders and Mr. McIndoo. 2nd deputy, Mr. Stanton and

J. Mcquire. Councillors, Barincent, Hickson and McGill. CARDEN. Reeve, J. Alton and Abraham Jacob. Councillors, John M. Chrysler, Daniel Day, M. Healy, John J. Irwin, D. McPhail, Jas. McKay, P. Moran, T. Strachan. MARIPOSA. Reeve, Edwin Mark (by acclamation). First deputy-reeve, John Stacey, P. S. Mark. Second deputy, W. Cannon, R. Rich. Councillors, N. Gillicie, A. McKinnon, M. McPhadden, W. Suggitt. EMILY. Reeve, W. Adam and J. R. Boate. For deputy-reeve, J. J. Mitchell and W. S. Graham. Councillors, D. Kennedy, D. Scully, Isaac Fee, W. Brown. BEXLEY. Reeve, R. L. Leroy. (by acclamation); councillors, Wm. Peel, J. Black, Edward Lytle, Alex. Hume, Peter Cameron, Robert Ferguson. ORS. The members elect (by acclamation) are: For reeve, James Robertson; deputy-reeve, J. T. Curries; councillors, J. H. Hopkins, Daniel O'Connell, Thomas Hickson. ELDON. Reeve, Donald Jackson, Archibald McFarlane; deputy-reeve, Colin N. McDonald, Neil McMillan; councillors, Donald McPherson, Ronald McFadyen, James Vanston, Charles E. Ross, R. J. McEchern.

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SKATING AND HOCKEY.—The rink opened on Thursday evening last, and has since been open for skating at the hours prescribed by the directors at the hours prescribed by the directors. "Are we going to have as many skaters this year as we had last?" seems to be one of the questions of the day. The hockey boys started their practice on Monday night. They have a longer practice this year and should get down to good form. MODELITES.—As usual at the recent model exams, Fenelon Falls made a good record. The three modelites and three renewals passed the exams, and have now their professional thirds. In former years it was not an unusual thing for school trustees to be searching for teachers, now the teachers must search, and diligently, for schools. Some person has to get the blame or a good many persons will get with minds chock full of "give it to him." I would suggest blaming it on Hon. G. W. Ross. He seems to be coming in for a considerable amount of blame in this district now, so one fault more or less will make very little difference, and after all, those grocery store meetings don't seem to improve the standard of education to any appreciable extent.

CHRISTMAS.—Two weeks ago almost any eight year old boy in town could be heard giving his opinion of Santa Claus. In ninety per cent of the cases he would be skeptical. Santa Claus! Why, there was no such person. How could one man go all over the world in one night? Saturday morning between seven and eight o'clock the same boy might be seen in his shirt sleeves and perhaps with only one boot on, searching in the snow for the tracks of the reindeer. Such is life!

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