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The Watchman.

THURSDAY, DEC. 29th, 1898.

Elect Mr. Kylie

It is not the most pleasant thing in the world to oppose any citizen's effort to obtain a municipal office. One appreciates the spirit that prompts a man to take that much interest in the welfare of our town, and we would not intentionally press our opposition to any reputable citizen's candidature in a manner, or to a degree that would discourage his commendable public spirit. The occasion must be one of acute crisis when our desire to elect any municipal officer would cause us to forget that the common interests of our town depend on the united efforts of its citizens and that side by side in the utmost good-will we are striving to serve those interests as best we can.

After all when several men are nominated and enter the field, and only one can be elected, a choice must be made by individuals and newspapers that are going to be anything but deadwood in the corporation. This is the case in the majority contest this year and we have made our choice. We have chosen Mr. Kylie. We are happy to say that that choice has not been made because of personal antipathy toward Mr. Smyth or Mr. Walters or because of all suspect the integrity of these gentlemen, but because we believe Mr. Kylie is the best qualified and most deserving candidate for mayoralty honors. In briefly stating upon what grounds we hold this belief it is not necessary to display any hostility to either of the other candidates. A few simple and well-known facts have made it impossible for us to take any other course. With regard to Mr. Walters it is certainly no discredit, but rather the opposite, that he holds an important position under the Ontario government, but it certainly is a reason why he should not be mayor of the town when another suitable man is available. Extensive work will be done next year on sewers and walks. Anyone who has known the ceaseless demands from the mayor will feel it impossible to support a man whose other and first duties detain him out of town for periods of uncertain frequency and duration. That appears to us an overwhelming objection to Mr. Walters.

Two or three just as simple and just as forcible objections lead us to oppose Mr. Smyth. The town is waking up. Evidence of new life and substantial advancement is everywhere. Mr. Smyth admits that he is an obstructionist; we need an expansionist to marshal our energies for important enterprises in the town's behalf. Again, it is absolutely necessary to have a competent man to direct our sewer and cement walks operations next year. If our streets commissioner is not a capable man we shall have to go to the expense of an engineer and will carry on these works to a satisfactory completion. But Mr. Smyth is in favor of removing Mr. Pilkie. What else can we do but oppose Mr. Smyth?

We are then shut up to Mr. Kylie's candidature. He has a record in municipal office and that record shows him to be in no way inferior to either of his opponents. Suppose all three are of equal ability. Why should Mr. Walters or Mr. Smyth be chosen with those really serious and admitted objections, when Mr. Kylie will bring equal ability without those objections? We think it

is neither passion, prejudice or sophistry to say there is no reason why they should be. Without arbitrary statements, therefore, with a disparaging word of either of the other candidates, we think the case has been made out for Mr. Kylie.

We only state a personal opinion and one in which we shall not try to compel any ratepayer to agree with us when we go a step further and say that Mr. Kylie, not only equals, but is superior to either of his opponents in the particular sort of ability this town at present requires. He is a man of strong personality, who will make an effective leader of his council. The operations of a man who can stand fatigue, go places, suggest methods and bring things to pass. No man, who is not prompt to decide and fearless to execute the measures he approves, ought to be in the mayor's chair next year. The position must be filled by a man of good business ability, for this is more and more a town of affairs. These are qualities in which we think Mr. Kylie may be fairly claimed superior to either Mr. Smyth or Mr. Walters. Besides he is a manufacturer, and an employer of labor in the town all the year round, and is in touch with the workingman. We bespeak a hearty support for Mr. Kylie.

The Jail and the Poor

Under the above heading a correspondent writes:

"A case came up in the police court at Lindsay, Dec. 21st, that ought to be reflected on by every citizen of the county of Victoria. Wm. Pomeroy, an old resident of the back country, who has been living with a farmer in Somerville, recently had both his feet frozen and, being unable to work and having no other resource, was taken to the lock-up at Kilmount, where he had had medical treatment, at a cost of about fifty dollars to the township of Somerville. After about two weeks, Pomeroy being still unable to work because of his injuries and general weakness, it became necessary to dispose of him somehow. The township had no place to put him in, but the county had one—the jail! The reeve of Somerville therefore secured a warrant and poor old Pomeroy was arrested on a charge of vagrancy and brought by County Constable Amos Train of Kilmount to Lindsay, where he pleaded accused of vagrancy. His plea was guilty and was committed to jail for three months.

Such are the facts. Do they concern the public of Victoria county? Can a poor old man, himself inefficient, be held in jail and the well-to-do public be guiltless? The law says he is a vagrant and commits him to jail to associate with evil doers, when he is only old and poor. Any man with a fraction of a heart would take a father or brother, thus afflicted, to his own home and give him the best place in it and try to make up for loving care for all his grievous sufferings and loss, but Victoria county sends him to jail—to its own disgrace.

Victoria county might have a home. She is amply rich enough. The added expense would weigh lightly upon her well-to-do citizens. Victoria county is filled with churches and schoolhouses, beautiful residences and magnificent farms. Her citizens mostly have enough to eat and to spare, they have comfortable houses, and want their public spirit and liberty, but all the same many of her poor are sent to jail. The case of Pomeroy does not stand alone. Every year citizens of Victoria county, men and women, are sent to the common jail for the one reason only that they are too poor to live anywhere else. There they are subject to prison discipline, confined by prison walls and must bear the prison stigma. They may have been rich in earlier life, they may be cultured and refined, their souls may be innocent and stainless with criminal, but their profanity and idleness and yet have no relief because they are poor. This ought not so to be. If not for Christ's sake, if not for man's sake, at least for the sake of the respectable and general humane people of this county ought to call loudly for a House of Refuge. An opportunity is to be given on polling day, Jan. 2nd, for the citizens of the county to demand by plebiscite vote a county House of Refuge. The county council will be ready to carry out the wish thus expressed. Surely every voter, if he counts himself a man, will vote "yes" when the day comes and will mark his ballot for the councillor most capable and willing to carry his will, in this direction, into effect.

The above is a sample of how this county uses its poor. They do not all go to jail it is true, but most of those who do not are in a more wretched condition than those who do. The fact is the poor of this county cannot now be taken care of, because there is no provision for it. It is one of the most difficult undertakings in any country, and for a civilized people to suppose they can do it without organization or institution is one of those strange delusions that still cling to enlightened communities. Sending indigents to jail is abhorrent to the very first principles of humanity. It is not a very long cry from the savage who leaves his aged father to perish, to the Christian ratepayer who stows somebody else's father into the prison cell to pine and die because he is old and poor. Any difference is in favor of the former savage. The sneer of the infidel is something for which we have no very high regard, but he would have a good deal less to sneer at if people professing all sorts of high-sounding things would stop throwing old people into jail.

There are many who suppose that all is done when the township makes a grant now and again. That is the fatal mistake about this whole question. Where are these miserable old bodies that get the grants? Scattered here and there, often in hovels alone, a constant burden to the neighbors, or lodged, unwelcome guests, in some inhospitable quarters, they are piecemeal of misery, than which there is no worse under the sun. Marriage makes grants, and makes them as liberally as any township. Until a year or so ago two aged recipients, of which we know, lived in that township. We should like to ask the residents of Manilla what they think of the grant system after their experience for years with one of these old people in the east end of their village. The residents of the eighth concession, near the Brook boundary, might say what they think of the way grants cared for the other one. The difference between the present state of affairs and the House of Refuge is the difference between disgrace and honor for the ratepayer, and wretchedness and happiness for the old folks, and the cost is a postage stamp on a hundred dollars! End it gentlemen, end it.

Editorial Notes

A HAPPY and prosperous New Year to friend and foe.

THAT THE TOWN shall retain Mr. Pilkie's services is of more importance than the election of any particular candidate.

SOME of us will die paupers in old age. It might be as well to provide suitable quarters for that event.

AFTER a couple of unexpected rallies the 1898 council has executed its demise. Requisite in pace.

DR. BURROWS wants the papers to publish just what is said by councillors. He must have loose ideas on what can go into a family newspaper.

NOTE for Kylie. He may not be perfect, but in a race with a man who wants to dismiss Commissioner Pilkie and another who will be out of town a good deal of his time, Mr. Kylie should be an easy winner.

FOR COUNCIL to vote the town's money to the reporters was bad enough taste, but to make the donation an occasion of debate on the qualifications and deserts of these men was worse still. Any one not provided with a councillor's epidermis could not fail to feel a degree of humiliation by the recent performance, that largely neutralized his satisfaction at the receipt of his ten-spot.

FOR THE benefit of candidates, who promise to do wonders with the finances of the town, we mention the fact that since 1891 the ordinary income has equalled the ordinary expenditure in two years only, viz, 1892 and 1893. Furthermore it should not be overlooked that hitherto all extraordinary expenditures have been met by extraordinary sources of revenue that no longer exist. For these facts we are indebted to the auditor and they certainly forbid either legislator or ratepayer taking a too rosy view of our prospects.

THERE is little reason to congratulate the town on the general tenor of the nomination speeches. In the fact, however, that Rev. Mr. Macmillan had his church crowded when he preached on municipal affairs, and that after delivering a sermon by no means sugar-coated, he should be nominated, and received on the platform as heartily as any speaker, is a cheering indication that the ratepayers are in sympathy with the best municipal methods. It is a pity that their own nominees should discredit them on public occasions. Aspirants to office in Lindsay look more in the etiquette of debate and in the common manners of public speaking than they do in brains or integrity. Voters must have an eye on council-chamber decorum when casting their ballots.

To Stop the Window Shade Flapping. The flapping of the window shade, when the sash is raised and the shade lowered, is a serious annoyance to nervous people, who are generally light sleepers. The noise which the air and the shade produce is like nothing so much as a rapping, as of some one gently tapping, tapping at the chamber door. It is accompanied by a soft rustle as of stiff skirts. This in a gentle breeze; when the wind is high the noise is louder and murders sleep. If the shade is raised the light wakes one too early in the morning, yet ventilation is absolutely necessary to health.

The way to prevent the tapping is very simple when one knows how. I screw two little brass hooks, one on each side of the window frame, opposite each other about 18 inches from the sill. At night tie a ribbon or broad tape across the open window, from one hook to the other, as sailors say "taut." Screw a third hook in the molding below the sill, exactly in the center. Pull down the shade over the ribbon, and tie the cord to the lower hook. The shade will be firmly held in place, and no noise from a high wind or the rainstorm will cause noise enough to awaken you.

Knights of Trafalgar.

Very few people are aware of the existence of "The Knights of Trafalgar." Such a society was, however, established in 1809 in London to commemorate the battle of Trafalgar, and it now flourishes as a benevolent institution in Spitalfields, where, in fact, it originated. At the annual meeting of the other day, a statement was made that last winter the Knights of Trafalgar distributed nearly 10,000 loaves of bread and about the same number of cwts. of coal, and it will be admitted that this is a worthy mode of paying honor to the name of Nelson. In 1809 Spitalfields was a very flourishing centre; in these days it is a densely populated district, and the residents are almost entirely limited to the narrow side of a high wind or the rainstorm will cause noise enough to awaken you.

Some Causes of Insomnia.

An extended study of the phenomena of insomnia by De Menacoe, a Russian authority in medicine, brings him to the conclusion that it is characteristic of persons who blush, laugh, weep readily, whose pulses are apt to quicken upon the slightest provocation. Loss of sleep, however, he admits most frequently results from overwork of either mind or body; overstrain of either kind will dilate the blood vessels of the brain, and eventually paralyze them, extreme cold producing the same result. Experiments also show that excess of the emotions causes a rush of blood to the brain, and sleeplessness, if occurring near bedtime. There is a common theory that sleep is required in proportion to the scarcity of red corpuscles in the blood, and thus all persons do not correspond in their need of sleep, and many authorities agree that the need of sleep depends upon the strength of consciousness.

Walter of Fact Scotch.

The lowland Scottish peasant has an extremely matter of fact way of speaking about her relatives' and friends' deaths. The Cornhill Magazine tells of a good woman who had lost her aunt remarking to a sympathizing visitor: "Eh, yes, mem, aunty's deid, but she was very auld and frail. She's far better awa' and far happier in glory, and I got a hunner pounds o' a legacy."

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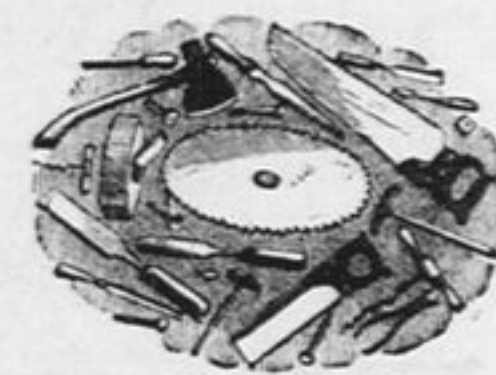
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