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CORRECTED RESULTS OF LAST MONDAY'S ELECTIONS.

How the Popular Vote Was Distributed Among the Candidates for Town, Township and County Honors.

Now that the fuss and excitement of election day is over, our citizens are congratulating themselves upon the fact that the calibre of the new council compares very favorably with that of last year's body. True, Mr. Jas. Graham, last year's capable minister of finance, has sought and obtained higher honors by being elected one of the county commissioners, but luckily Reeve Ray and Coun. Sootheran, with Mayor Smyth, have a thorough knowledge of the town's financial position and needs, and Mr. Horn will bring to their aid keen business acumen and thoroughness. Mr. W. M. Robson, whose victory over Capt. Crandell in the struggle for the second deputy-reeveship was one of the surprises of the contest, has also had a long municipal experience, and being a shrewd, careful business man, may be relied upon to further the town's best interests in every possible way. We may state that Messrs. E. P. Gillogly, J. D. Graham, W. Pedlar and J. Killaby represented their respective wards last year, and their good records led to their re-election. The new men are Messrs. Mallon, Bryans, Baldwin, Burrows and Horn. The two former are old councillors who had retired for a season to give other ratepayers a chance, and their familiarity with council methods will prove valuable. Dr. Burrows has a number of reforms to advocate, and being of an original turn of mind his suggestions may prove of great value. Mr. Baldwin has not as yet had any experience in municipal matters, but as he is credited with being possessed of a fund of good common-sense no doubt he will speedily find opportunities to apply it for the common good.

FOR SECOND DEPUTY-REEVE.

	Crandell.	Robson.
East Ward—No. 1	53	16
" " 2	105	25
South Ward— " 1	23	113
" " 2	68	75
" " 3	76	50
North Ward— " 1	22	96
" " 2	45	69
" " 3	63	79
	475	524

Majority for Robson, 59.

FOR COUNCILLORS.

East Ward.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	Total.
Bryans, Geo	45	54	..	99
Bullick, Sam	20	48	..	68
Fee, Capt	8	27	..	35
Heim, Jas	23	32	..	55
Killaby, Jos	36	59	..	95
Mallon, A. D.	40	71	..	111

South Ward.

Baldwin, Robt., acclamation.
Burrows, P P., "
Sootheran, J H., "

North Ward.

	No. 1.	No. 2	No. 3.	Total.
Graham, J D	64	54	75	193
Horn, A	69	63	75	207
McDiarmid, Fred	37	39	32	108
Pedlar, Wm	94	71	82	247
Thornhill, Jos.	26	18	33	77
Wilson, John	33	55	74	162

School Trustees.

Jos Staples, P G Pilkie and D R Anderson, by acclamation.

SOUTH WARD ELECTION.

Mr J H. Sootheran Elected.

In the south ward, where three councillors should be elected, it appears that while there were any number of nominations all resigned except two, and in this dilemma Mayor Smyth applied to the town solicitor, Mr. Hopkins, to know what was to be done, and Mr. Hopkins has given the mayor his opinion that Mr. J. H. Sootheran, who was the last to resign, is duly elected. It appears that under the statute it is only candidates who can resign to the clerk, and that when all had resigned except three, they were by force of the statute elected by acclamation, and parties elected cannot resign to the clerk, but only to the council and with the consent of the council, and any person elected, if qualified, must take office, otherwise they are liable to a penalty of $80 or to be sent to gaol. We understand Mr. Sootheran had positively refused to run, and while his was the last resignation in writing, he was the first to notify the clerk that he would not run, but the town solicitor says his verbal notice amounted to nothing, that under the statute he can only resign in writing, and now he is a councillor, nolens volens. Mr. Sootheran made an excellent councillor last year, and we are sure the ratepayers generally will be delighted to know that the law has done them so good a turn. "Harry" is being joked by his friends on the fact that he has either got to go to the council or to gaol.

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Messrs. Bryans and Graham Elected For Division No. 2.

As expected, the contest for the county council in Division No. 2, comprising Lindsay and West Ops, resulted in the return of Messrs. Robert Bryans and Jas. Graham. The former polled an exceptionally large vote, his majority over Mr. Graham being 223, while the latter snowed Mr. Touchburn under by the handsome total of 130 despite the 391 votes taken by Messrs. Connolly and Keith. The interests of Lindsay and West Ops will be well looked after by the above gentlemen, who are both capable and experienced men.

In Division No. 3, comprising East Ops and Emily, we are pleased to be able to record the election of Mr. Samuel Fox, last year deputy reeve of Ops, who swept the eastern part of the township, obtaining 598 votes out of the total of 745 cast, and had his majority increased to 675 by the votes of 77 admirers in Emily. Mr. W. C. Switzer, warden of last year's county council, is the second commissioner, and his popularity in Emily is attested by the large vote he received in his own township, 551, which Ops increased to 601.

East Ward.

	No. 1.	No. 2	No 3.	Total.
Bryans, R	45	77	..	122
Connolly, T	11	24	..	35
Graham, Jas	43	89	..	132
Keith, Jas	7	20	..	27
Touchburn, R.	24	29	..	53

South Ward.

Bryans	151	97	72	320
Connolly	14	42	23	79
Graham	32	62	88	182
Keith	17	7	18	42
Touchburn	57	69	44	170

North Ward.

Bryans	69	62	92	223
Connolly	5	15	22	42
Graham	58	65	59	182
Keith	17	31	40	88
Touchburn	75	34	65	174

Nos. 1 and 2 Divs. Ops.

Bryans	95	49	..	144
Connolly	12	12	..	24
Graham	50	40	..	90
Keith	5	8	..	13
Touchburn	26	33	..	59
Bryans, total vote				809
Graham, total vote				506
Touchburn, total vote				456
Connolly, total vote				199
Keith, total vote				170

Messrs Fox and Switzer Elected for Division No. 3.

The Vote in East Ops.

	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5	No. 6.	Total.
S J Fox	75	190	215	118	598
Dr Cornwall	1	1	4	4	10
T McQuade	12	24	21	30	87
W C Switzer	2	6	25	17	50

The Vote in Emily.

Fox	77
Cornwall	194
McQuade	366
Switzer	551

Fox, total vote	675
Cornwall, total vote	204
McQuade, total vote	453
Switzer, total vote	601

The New County Council.

As far as we have been able to learn up to the hour of going to press the new county council will be made up as follows:

Division No. 1—Messrs. Shaver and Johnston.
Division No. 2—Messrs. Bryans and Graham.
Division No. 3—Messrs. Fox and Switzer.
Division No. 4—Messrs. Lithgow and Austin.
Division No. 5—Messrs. Ellis and Bailey.
Division No. 6—Messrs. Dr. Wood and Cameron.

OPS TOWNSHIP COUNCIL.

FOR REEVE.

	Div. (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	tot'l
J Byrne	14	29	16	51	47	23	171
J E Ellis	81	55	27	49	66	45	323

FOR COUNCILLORS.

J T Currins	26	28	32	46	43	76	251
J D Hutton	95	49	34	53	53	36	320
J H Hopkins	46	81	16	37	37	21	238
Wm N Rea	18	11	15	38	105	16	203
D Walker	38	28	29	67	35	25	213

Outside Municipalities.

Beaverton—Reeve, Duncan McMillan.
Fenelon Falls—Reeve, R. M. Mason.
Omemee—Reeve, Thos. Stephenson.
Mariposa — Reeve, Wm. Lownsbrough; 2nd deputy-reeve, J. M. Swain; councillors, John Stacey, Richard Rich.

THE MANVERS ELECTION.

The following is the vote for members of county council and members of township council at late election:

For County Councillors—Div. 3.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	total
Ferguson	20	8	47	37	28	14	45	199
Preston, J J	112	132	141	148	210	120	120	983
Vance	25	41	106	12	89	104	80	457

For Reeve.

Kinkade	56	43	117	66	80	48	80	490
Preston, H	21	44	28	31	85	70	50	328

Majority Kinkade, 162.

For 1st Deputy Reeve.

Barnicutt	22	33	57	83	64	48	40	347
Henders	50	53	77	15	93	58	82	427

Majority Henders, 80.

MARIPOSA ELECTIONS.

Following is the result of municipal elections in the township of Mariposa:

For Reeve.

W Lownsbrough	390
Thomas Broad	179

For 1st Deputy-Reeve.

Edwin Mark, by acclamation.

For 2nd Deputy Reeve.

J M Swain	271
W H McCrimmon	167
W A Silverwood	64
David Anderson	43

For Councillors.

John Stacey	201
Richard Rich	169
Wm Channon	163
A Davidson	152
M McArthur	108
Wm White	108
Robert Ramsey	43

LOCAL NEWS-LETTERS

OAKWOOD.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

Y. P. S. Convention.—The Young People's Societies of Cannington district will hold their convention in the Methodist church, Oakwood, on Thursday, Jan. 14th, 1897. The morning session will open at 10 o'clock, afternoon at 1 50, and evening at 7. Interesting papers and addresses are to be given by ministers and E L. workers. Mr. B. Snell, of Toronto, will give two addresses.

Revival.—A revival meeting is in progress in the Methodist church here, and quite an awakening is going on. Many are announcing a change of heart and going forward for prayers. The superintendent and his colleague, assisted by Evangelist McHardy, are conducting the services.

The Municipal Elections passed off quietly, and much satisfaction is felt over the result. Mr. Lownsbrough is again returned for the reeveship, with Mr. E. Mark as 1st deputy and Mr. J. M. Swain as 2nd deputy. The new councillors are Messrs. Stacy and Richard Rich—both good men. Others ran pretty well behind, but Mr. Wm. Shannon came nearly tying Mr. Rich.

WOODVILLE.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

Re opening.—School re-opened here on Monday last, the junior department under the care of Mr. Torrance, the newly-engaged teacher.

Pulpit Notes.—Rev. Mr. Duncan, pastor of the Presbyterian church here, was absent last Sabbath preaching in Ottawa. The pulpit was occupied in his absence by Professor McLaren.

An Accident.—What might have proved a serious fatality had the building been occupied, occurred on Thursday night, 24th ult. A large part of the ornamentation and ceiling of the Methodist church fell almost directly after the church had been vacated by those who were present at the Christmas tree entertainment. The church has been repaired and will probably be ready for use next Sabbath.

Hymeneal.—A wedding took place in our town last week, it being the occasion of the marriage of Miss Mary McLean to Mr. Ryan Switzer, both of this place. We wish them all possible happiness through life.

Election.—An election was held for school trustees on Wednesday, 6th inst. There were twelve nominees. This is only the second time in the history of Woodville that such an election has been held.

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VICTORIA ROAD.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

Hymeneal.—A large gathering of friends assembled at the home of Mr. Jas. Ball, Bexley, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 30th, to witness the marriage of his daughter, Miss Mary Ball, to Mr. Daniel Laidley, plasterer, Kirkfield. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful presents, which testified the esteem of her many friends, whose best wishes are that both may have a happy life.

Concert.—Look out for the grand concert of the season, to be held in the new town hall, Kirkfield, on Wednesday night, Jan. 13 h. The stage will be crowded with distinguished artists from abroad, amongst whom may be mentioned the gifted young artists of the west, the far famed quartette of Woodstock, the Misses Murphy. It will be remembered that two of these young ladies appeared in Cavana hall, at Victoria Road, last winter, and completely and repeatedly brought down the house. This time they come as a strong quartette, with harps, violins, etc., and will render solos, duetts, quartettes and string quartetter. They have a choice and lengthy program in store for the citizens of Kirkfield and surrounding country on Wednesday night, Jan. 13 h. Mr. Hyfield, of Kirkfield, and Miss Pearl Perry, the "nightingale of the north," have under their instruction a chorus of talent which is sure to make a hit. Prof. Moore, of Toronto, will preside at the piano. The grand concert will be opened by the famous Wylie string band, of the north. The program will include dialogues, recitations, etc. This grand concert will be repeated at Victoria Road, in Cavana hall, on Thursday night, Jan. 14th. All are invited to come early and secure seats or standing room. Proceeds in aid of R. C. church, Victoria Road.

SOUTH OPS.

[Special to The Post.]

Address and Presentation.—On the afternoon of Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, the pupils of s.s. No. 1 assembled at the school and presented their teacher, Miss L. Hanahoe, with the following address:

To Miss Hanahoe: Dear Teacher,—We, the undersigned, on behalf of the pupils of school section No. 1, having learned with the deepest regret of your intended departure, feel most earnest y that we could not permit you to leave without an expression, however trifling, of the high appreciation which we have ever held of the sacrificing duties which you have always seen well to perform for us during the last four years we have had the esteemed pleasure of enjoying under your kind and careful tuition.

As a slight token of these sentiments we ask you to accept this album and lady's companion, not on account of their intrinsic value, but as a true sign of the kindly feelings which we entertain towards you.

Sincerely trusting that every heavenly blessing may follow you wherever you may be stationed in life,—We beg to remain, Mary Traynor, Lizzie Meaghee, Lizzie Carlin.

SONYA.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

Ecclesiastical.—This week I can give a few more particulars of the services to be given in the Presbyterian church here next Sunday and Monday. The Rev. Macmillan, of Lindsay, will preach on Sabbath morning and evening; and in the afternoon at 2.30 Rev. Mr. Stewart, of Sunderland, will occupy the pulpit. On Monday evening Mr. Macmillan will give a lecture, and will be assisted by the Sunderland choir. Collections at all the services.

Personal.—Miss Cassie Ferguson is home on vacation from the Belleville training school for nurses.....Miss E. M. Real and Mr. Wm. Real returned on Saturday from a trip to Toronto and Orangeville..... Mr. Wm. Thorburn takes charge this week of South Brook union school, and Miss Pinkham resumes her work at the Royal Oak....Miss Lizzie Ferguson takes charge of the school at Munro's Beach.

HEAD LAKE.

[Special to The Post]

For County Councillor.—At a meeting of the ratepayers of the municipality of Laxton, Digby and Longford, held in the town hall here on Dec. 28th, it was moved by Mr. G. S Houston, seconded by Mr. James Campbell, and resolved, that as John Bailey, esq., who has for the long space of twenty four years occupied the highest position at our disposal, that is, reeve of our municipality, having decided to retire from the said office, we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of his long and useful services; and furthermore, we pledge him our support as a nominee for the position of county councillor of this division—a place which his great experience eminently fits him for to occupy, and we hope that his life may long be spared for usefulness in whatever sphere he may hereafter occupy.—Signed, G. S. Houston, James Campbell, Thomas Davey, Andrew Washington.

GELERT.

[Correspondence of The Post.]

Elections.—Municipal elections were held here on Monday, Jan. 4th, 1897. Mr. John Sedgewick, reeve, was elected by a handsome majority over his opponent, Mr. A. Martin. The councillors are Mr. Brian Sharples, Michael Nowell, Mr. Switzer and Mr. Fred Lang.

Personals.—Miss E. Barr, of Lindsay, is at present visiting at Mr. John Sedgewick's.....Mr. D. W. Ritchie arrived home on Friday last for a few holidays.....Miss A. Bond spent last week with Kinmount friends.....Miss M. Watters is at present visiting Gelert friends....Mr. D. Schraeder, of Minden, spent Sunday last on the Dutch line.....Mr. Staples, jr., of Bexley, is spending a few days visiting on the Dutch line.

Party.—A most enjoyable time was spent at the residence of Mr. John H. Bowhey on New Year's evening by the young people.

Weather.—We have most enjoyable weather at present, reminding us of spring. We have lost all the sleighing.

Mollie Bawn.

BALLYDUFF.

The Elections.—Mad is all the rage just now, but notwithstanding the bad roads the candidates for municipal and county honors kept things lively. As we predicted some time ago, J. J. Preston captured the first seat for county council, with S. Ferguson second. For the reeveship, Gib. Kinkade, after a hard struggle, captured the prize, while the first deputy chair was won by H. Henders from the veteran John Barnicutt.....At the nomination Messrs. McIndoe, W. T. Maguire and J. Hickson had a walk over, being elected by acclamation. We trust the new council will keep expenses down to the lowest notch and show no partiality to any candidate for position under the new regime.

Losses.—We learn that Wm. McCullough has lost old Charlie, his well known driver, through a defective road leading to his residence. The old sorrel will be greatly missed, as he and Billy were great comrades and had many a good old time together. Now Charlie is gone and Billy will have to go through the world alone. An action against the council for the value of the horse is now the topic.....S. Ferguson, of Greenville, well known as Big Sam, lost a horse last week owing to slippery roads and poor shoes, and if reports be correct we think he should be punished. Reports say he left the poor animal lying on the road-side to die in pain instead of ending his misery. We would recommend an investigation by the proper authorities in both the above cases, and if neglect be proved then punish to the utmost.

Fire.—By the hand of incendiarism, fairies or goblins, another old landmark has been swept from our midst, namely, the old log house known as the Presbyterian manor, or the McCullough homestead. After standing the temperants and storms for over 50 years, and just as a new occupant was about to take possession, the fiendish work was done, and with the closing year the last link and mark of the old place was destroyed. It is not known whether it was insured or not.

School Meeting.—The annual meeting of the school board of this section was held in the school house on the 30th, and was, we learn, very poorly attended. The trustees presented their report, and the financial report showed a surplus to the credit of the section. David Baird, the retiring trustee, was re-elected again for the next three years.

Improving Stock.—We learn that our well known breeders and importers, J. Mitchell and F. F. Porter, are bound to keep up with the times. The former has purchased a thoroughbred large English Berkshire sow, also a thoroughbred Durham heifer; while the latter is, we learn, procuring a consignment of Yorkshire and Hereford cattle. Frank is also preparing to build a silo. Both the above are wide awake, enterprising young farmers, and we wish them success, and would remind them that The Post is the wide awake paper for the farmer.

Bees.—T. Sisson had a wood bee on the 31st ult., which was well attended from this section; fourteen saws were in operation. After the day's labor and supper the "light fantastic" was kept up till the clouds were breaking in the east.

Oyster Supper.—The oyster supper in connection with the Presbyterian church here came off as announced on the 29th ult., and notwithstanding the inclement weather was fairly well attended. Proceeds, $25.....Quite a number from around here took in the oyster supper at Pontypool on New Year's.

Holiday Visitors.—Mr. Simpson, pedagogue, of North Monaghan, paid a flying visit to old scenes in this section.....Miss B. Davis, of Toronto, spent the holidays under the parental roof.....Mrs. S. Ferguson and daughter, of Lindsay, are on an extended visit to the old home and friends. We welcome them to our midst, and may their stay be fraught with pleasant memories.....Mrs. Woods, nee Tilly Porter, of Doloraine, Manitoba, is on a visit under the parental roof, Balsam Grove manor.

(Balance unavoidably crowded out.)