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OPS NOMINATIONS.

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OLD TOWNSHIP HALL CROWDED TO THE DOORS FRIDAY.

Addresses by the Candidates and Others—Some Warm Passages.

There was a red hot nomination meeting last Friday afternoon, when the Ops ratapayers met to nominate candidates to the field to represent their interests on the Ops Township Council for the year 1926, and the Old Hall at the cemetery was packed with interested farmers. At times eloquence loomed up stiff, strong and lengthy, while again brevity was the soul of wit.

Out of the four reeves nominated two will oppose each other, John Jackson and Jas. H. Hopkins and out of the ten nominated for Councilors seven will run, Roche, Hickson, Best, Coulter, Wilson, Sluggert, Hawkins, and the canvassing among these gentlemen will be warm. Secretary O'Boyle occupied the chair very acceptably, and first called on Reeve Jackson to speak, a synopsis of whose remarks were as follows: First Mr. Jackson thanked the ratapayers for the majority which they give him last year. In Reboro they had given him a majority of 40. The principal reason of his victory was that all knew him and voted because he was not a partisan.

His victory over Mr. McLean had been a great one. To-day he had beaten a year and had many sides to his record. When the Fee case had been brought up, which cost the township at the finish \$1405.05. Mr. Jackson proceeded to tell why taxes were higher. When the taxes were \$1490.32 in the treasury and deducting from that \$72, which Mr. McLean had expended, some \$900 was left to carry on the business of the township, and he had to borrow money. The Board of Health \$30 and Home for the Aged \$146.40. Mr. Jackson read the judgment given at Osgood Hall on the Fee case, in which he maintained that they were not to blame for the case and they had to pay costs. The street had been sold and they considered they had done well. The Reeve then touched on the new Assessment Act. The assessment in 1924 had been \$1,820,465. The total taxes collected in 1924 had been \$1,575,555 and in 1925, \$1,675,916. They had raised \$784 more than the former Council. When they left office they had some \$800, and to-day the present Council had \$1,100. They had raised more and paid all old debts and the next Council got in with a clean sheet. It was for ratapayers to see whether they had spent too much money or not, but they had to. It had been said that the closing of the Omemece road had cost lots of money, but it had never cost one cent. They had spent a lot of money, but the township was in better shape. A story had been circulated that he had acted as assessor on Sunday, but whoever had said so was a falsifier and a liar, but it would take more than that to defeat him, and he challenged anybody to bring on a charge against him. He didn't want no side stories and didn't want a man in the township to vote for him if he could not fill the position. The township was \$300 better off to-day than a year ago and not \$1 had been misapplied by him. He hoped for a fair fight, with no hard feelings.

Councilor John Sluggert stated that he had filled the position for seven years, but was still in the field. He had spent \$682 in his division.

Councilor John Sluggert stated that in his division he had used \$776.74, all for good work. He thought by closing the Omemece road, the township had been benefited.

Councilor Best dwelt on the Fee case and said he thought it was time to get rid of Mr. McSweeney, who had conducted himself in his letters. He had spent \$907.76 in his division and had a small balance on hand.

Ex-Reeve Jas. McLean said it was not his intention to be a candidate, but he had spent 8 or 9 years in municipal work and was satisfied. He wouldn't make out how Mr. Jackson had only \$800 in the treasury, but had raised only \$700 in taxes and spent \$1500 in roads and bridges and still had a balance on hand. Mr. McLean dealt with past figures and did not find how the treasurer was

better off than last year. He also touched on the Fee case. Mr. Jackson would have to explain how he left the treasury better. He would have to give the taxes another jump next year. If you spend money you have got to raise it, and the best man isn't too good for the Council by the present state of affairs. Mr. Newton Smale made a striking address. He considered a public dollar as sacred as a private one and on general principles he held that it was right to criticize. He was not a candidate but hoped to be one at a future date, but it would be sorry to pay good money out for what seemed nothing, but the only profit we can get is the profit of experience. Mr. Smale then spoke on the assessment. He thought the Council had not tackled it in the right way. It was a serious business and had to be tackled in a serious way. The Council should have assessed in the summer and not in the winter. A poor farm looked just as good as a good one in winter. He would favor the appointment of two assessors for Ops, as the township was divided. Two men could come within a few dollars of the real valuation. He wanted to pay his fair portion, but no more. The Council should have picked out an experienced assessor, and not a new one. He was in favor of closing the Omemece road. It was a move in the right direction, but too urgent. Let things take their natural course, and let the road get beyond repair.

Mr. Jas. Hopkins, a candidate for the Reeve ship, tried to point out that the Council had spent \$300 more than they had collected. Mr. Hopkins dwelt on the Fee case and on the assessment. The people had to pay more than last year, and the Council was to blame. He maintained that the ratapayers should not have to pay the Fee bonds. Mr. Hopkins also spoke on a bad railroad crossing.

Mr. Wm. I. Reid said that some criticism was right and some was wrong. In many cases the taxes were not higher, but the school taxes were, and the ratapayers received the benefit, and he claimed that the taxes were not high enough. Mr. Reid dwelt on the Omemece road question, which Mr. Hopkins said he and Fox should pay for, and cleared up a few points.

Mr. S. Coulter referred to past figures and found that the Council had been assessed every two years, and in June, but got a competent man. He offered himself as a candidate this year.

Mr. Wm. Henry Wilson said he was a candidate this year. He didn't think it was a position that should be held for six or seven years.

Mr. James Byrnes waxed eloquent and was in favor of bringing out young men for municipal honors. Mr. Byrnes stated his intention of running for the Council.

Mr. Jos. Meehan was not a candidate, but he waxed strong and forceful in his remarks re the Fee case, in which he said he had been unfairly drawn by the Council.

Reeve Jackson made a few more remarks, after which the meeting dispersed.

FOR REEVE. Jas. McLean—Moved by Messrs. Jas. Robertson and Nicholas Brady. John Jackson—By Herman Hart and Michael Fox.

FOR COUNCILOR. Jas. Roche—By Newton Smale and Nicholas Brady. Thos. Hickson—By Nicholas Brady and Hugh Carscadden. John Sluggert—By P. G. Clancy and N. Q. McEachern. Samuel Coulter—By W. H. Wilson and Hugh Carscadden.

Wm. Henry Wilson—By Peter Hawkins and Samuel Coulter. Wm. Best—By N. Q. McEachern and Jas. Byrnes. Jas. Byrnes—By Jas. Robertson and P. G. Clancy. Peter Hawkins—By Hugh Carscadden and John McEvoy.

Wm. Isaac Reid—By J. N. Ball and Michael Fox. Joseph Meehan—By Wm. I. Reid and Michael Fox.

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ABOUT CHRISTMAS.

Great Anniversary Instituted at Bethlehem.

THE SWEET INFLUENCES OF THAT FIRST CHRISTMAS

have come on increasing in Power and Will Continue to Permeate the Ages. Below we publish a paper written by Miss L. O'Connor, daughter of Mrs. James Fleury, south ward. The composition was read at a church entertainment at Princes Albert, Sask., early in January of last year, and was highly praised by the Advocate newspaper. It is as follows:

Christmas is once again come to us with its many blessings, joys, messages of peace, friendship and good-will. This is the time of the year when all should be brightest, when no trace of trouble should mar the happy season, when life's grandest message of peace and good-will are to be transmitted in honor of the great message of peace. Even mother earth aids much in the celebration, donning her most beautiful garb, her white robes, indicative of greatest purity. Preparations both exterior and interior have been made throughout the universe, and there is no reason why it should not be so. We are celebrating the greatest festival of the year, the greatest event that could possibly occur. Even on the coming of an earthly ruler what great preparations are made, what decorations, what show! Why should we not do so even exteriorly for the coming of the greatest of all sovereigns?

Long centuries have come and gone since the first Christmas night. The world has plunged forward through many revolutions. Nearly all things have changed to an almost incredible degree. Time moves but eternally stands still. This amid perpetual change the faith which is the representative of eternity on earth, remains and is at rest. The Bethlehem of the first Xmas night has never passed away. It still lives a real life, not the straggling village but the old Bethlehem that momentous hour which gave to the world its Redeemer.

But even independently of this august reality Bethlehem exists as a living power in its continual production of supernatural blessings in the souls of men. It is ever impressing its own peculiar characteristics of self-sacrifice and love of souls. It is a divine type which moulds the actions of beings upon earth. An act of real kindness and unselfishness is a grander thing than the discovery of a continent. Yet Bethlehem, especially at Christmastide, is eloquent of thousands of good deeds, and the season when by acts of love and self-sacrifice, joy should be brought to all. There are some who believe the joy is a mere shallow thing. Surely this is not the case. True joy is frequently undermost and sorrow is uppermost, but from this very cause joy is the deeper of the two.

As under every stone there is moisture, so under every sorrow there is joy. We dig into the bosom of sorrow to find the gold and precious stones of joy. Sorrow is but a condition of time; joy is a condition of eternity. It heaven joy will cast its lot on earth, whereas there is not a lot on earth from which sorrow has been able to completely banish joy. There are souls, too, in this world of ours, for it is a pleasant old world after all, who have the gift of finding joy everywhere and of leaving it behind them when they go, whose influence is an inevitable gladness of the heart. Indeed this

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seems to be the spirit which is universally prevalent at this glorious season of Christmas and has been for many centuries past. Man seems to borrow at this season in particular a small part of the love and self-sacrifice of the little infant, whose birth is being celebrated the remembrance of which is ever extending.

The sphere of influence is the whole wide world, the regions where Christmas falls in the heart of our souls as well as in this land of ours, in the haunts of dense cities, even as a ray of brightest sunshine. Bethlehem is daily a light in a thousand dark places, beautifying what is harsh and desolate, and is not a child, nor grown folks can see.

No Santa Claus. Yes, he lives and will live forever, a thousand years from now or ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood, and will still bring them back to the origin of Santa and his first coming in the little crib at Bethlehem.

How often has the wish occurred to each of us to have been present at the first little crib of Christmas, to have gazed upon the little babe who came to the earth, to the universe when he was repelled and forgotten by all. But that thought seems to remain a retrospection and we overlook the present and the future of opportunities of repaying now the wrong done. We have but little ones who are so infinitely dear to Him to whom this season is specially appointed for enjoyment and there is no reason why we should not at a time of rejoicing, both aspirationally and materially.

It would indeed be interesting to examine the different ways in which this spirit has manifested itself in different ages and among different peoples of the world. Gifts are made especially to children who, on account of their tender age and innocence are the most faithful imitators of the divine child. If we look upon a child in its simplicity, humility, candor and innocence, what is more natural for us than to think of the divine child who was born on Xmas day. Our hearts expand and we feel some of the holy Child's proofs of our love and gratitude and, as we bestow nothing upon him personally, we make our gifts to innocent children, who most resemble him, and are a dollar kicking, but a professional ball player. No man ever helped himself up permanently by kicking his neighbors down. Give others a kind word, and give it freely. Remember you may want a good word some day. You may have thousands to-day and to-morrow without the price of a shave. Don't be a kicker. It doesn't pay. You can't afford it. There is nothing in it. If you want to throw something at somebody and bricksbats. If you feel that way you are the man that needs kicking. Whatever you do, don't allow yourself to become a chronic kicker. Let everybody push together, and we'll be better and happier, and live longer.

Sensible Idea—Push it Along. The following resolution was passed at a recent meeting of the Board of Education of Smith's Falls: That no home work be given to pupils on Fridays in the public schools; that the home work given on other days of the week be not more than pupils can reasonably get through with in an hour; that the schools be promptly dismissed at 12 o'clock and 4 o'clock; that nothing be allowed to interfere with the 15 minutes recess forenoon and afternoon, and that in the opinion of Smith's Falls Board of Education the system of crowd-ing too much study on young pupils is injurious to both mind and body.

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Your little ones are a constant care in Fall and Winter weather. They will catch cold. Do you know about Shilo's Consumption Cure, the Lung Tonic, and what it has done for so many? It is said to be the only reliable remedy for all diseases of the air passages in children. It is absolutely harmless and pleasant to take. It is guaranteed to cure croup, whooping cough, and all other respiratory troubles. The price is 25c per bottle, and all dealers in medicine sell.

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eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. We would have no enjoyment except in sorrow and sigh.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well doubt half the pleasures of life. You might engage men to watch all the chimneys on Xmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see him coming down what would that prove? Have you ever broken your glass marble to find the color inside and felt very disappointed to find only colorless glass when it was broken? That did not prove that the color had not been there—you destroyed it in looking for it. The most real things in the world are those which neither children nor grown folks can see.

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DON'T BE A KICKER.

Advice Which Some Local People May Profit By.

Here is some good sound common sense under the above caption: "If your neighbor is prospering let him prosper. Don't growl, grunt or grumble. Say a good word for him, and let him go at that. Don't be a kicker. Your turn will come. No one is the whole show. If you see the town is moving rapidly, feel proud of it. Help it along. Show a little push. Try to get some of the benefit yourself. Don't stand around like a chilly cadaver and waste your time feeling sore because some one has more sense and success than you have. Do a little huzzling yourself, and if you can say a good word for your town or people say it like a prince. If you are full of bile and disposed to say something mean put a padlock on your mouth and keep it there until you get a hypodermic injection of the milk of human kindness. Don't be a kicker. No man ever advanced a dollar kicking, but a professional ball player. No man ever helped himself up permanently by kicking his neighbors down. Give others a kind word, and give it freely. Remember you may want a good word some day. You may have thousands to-day and to-morrow without the price of a shave. Don't be a kicker. It doesn't pay. You can't afford it. There is nothing in it. If you want to throw something at somebody and bricksbats. If you feel that way you are the man that needs kicking. Whatever you do, don't allow yourself to become a chronic kicker. Let everybody push together, and we'll be better and happier, and live longer."

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COW TESTING ASSOCIATIONS.

IN DENMARK THE PLAN IS SUCCEEDING ADVERTABLY, Canadian Farmers Should Get into Line—Money Made Easily and Steadily. Probably every farmer in Canada would like to obtain more profit from each individual cow in his herd, but at present there is lack of cooperation amongst farmers to accomplish this object. In Denmark, the home of agricultural co-operation, there have been testing associations since 1895, and there are now nine thousand farmers having their cows tested systematically. Similar work will pay here, and pay well. Wherever such work has been done, the average production per cow has speedily been raised twenty-five and even fifty pounds of butter per annum. Surely there are hundreds of farmers, painstaking and thoughtful, willing to show a little enterprise for an almost certain return of from five to ten dollars more than at present from each cow per year. In Michigan an association was organized in September 1905. Canadian farmers need to take this matter up quickly and seriously.

As an instance of what substantial progress is possible when individual cows are tested, a farmer near Cowansville, Que., furnishes a striking illustration. In 1896 fifteen cows were kept giving an average of only 131 pounds of butter. In 1900 tests were commenced of each cow separately, the milk being weighed regularly. In 1904 twenty cows were kept (on the same land which when purchased in 1881 would not decently keep nine cows) and the average production per cow was 254 pounds of butter. This increase of 123 pounds per cow can be attained on many other farms.

In some illustration testing undertaken in 1904 and 1905 by the Dominion Department of Agriculture it was shown that very poor returns are received from many cows, therefore the urgent need of cow testing associations is apparent. Valuable practical bulletins on the subject are available and will be sent free to any applicant.

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