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Announcement
next week—it will be interesting.

FLESHERTON

The Municipal Elections

The interest taken in the municipal contest this year was much greater than usual, for some reason, and one of the old councillors has fallen in the general onslaught, namely Mr George Thompson, who for the past eleven years has represented the people at the council board. The two men are Messrs. T. R. McKenzie and R. Best, who ran a neck-and-neck race. For green men they ran a splendid race and are certainly to be congratulated. In the reeveship Mr. McTavish proved much too strong for his opponent, Mr. Kells. A large number of ratepayers gathered in the town hall to await full returns. Mr. Jos. Blakely was placed in the chair, and all the candidates, defeated and otherwise, with the exception of Mr. S. Thompson, delivered short addresses. Following are the complete returns :

FOR REEVE

McTavish	467
Kells	306
	161

FOR COUNCILLORS

Muir	375
Gibson	254
Best	249
McKenzie	248
Buskin	224
Geo. Thompson	218
Lyons	168
S. Thompson	156

OSPREY ELECTION

Reeve—Samuel Taylor 379, W. H. Guy 226.

Councillors—E. W. Norman 295, D. B. Winters 257, F. W. Brownlee 254, D W. Clinton 239, Jos. Allison 230, Chas. McKinnon 163, Alex. Hudson 103. The first four are elected.

Erskine defeated Davis in Euphrasia for the reeveship by a substantial majority Full returns not to hand.

Re That Denial

To the Editor of The Advance :

DEAR SIR,—Replying to an article headed "Denial," which appeared in your issue of the 25th ult, and in which I am the party to whom Rev. Mr Matheson refers as accusing him of being the author of certain statements regarding those who voted against prohibition, I beg to say that all that passed on that occasion was too trivial to require replying to through the press, much less from the pulpit. However, it is quite to Mr. Matheson's advantage from a financial point to contradict, as we were not the only persons here who held the opinion that he was the author of it. But we will believe Mr. Matheson, as he states he had nothing to do with it. But we will tell Mr. Matheson that we were of a different opinion in regard to the Liquor Act of 1902 to what he has been, and when we have to be dictated to or whipped into line from the pulpit as to how we will use our franchise we will find some other denomination whose teachers have more authority over their members and adherents than Presbyterians. In regard to his influence with "certain parties," we do not know what he means, nor do we want to know. He can use all the influence that is in his power, and we will not interfere. With reference to the sheriff appointing as agent : the sheriff may have asked him to act as agent. But he could not compel him to act as scrutineer. Our minister to act as scrutineer for the Liquor Act of 1902 ! I don't suppose that the sheriff cared whether the Act carried or not, at least reading between the lines we think not. And then he says "it was his own business." Probably it was, but we venture to say that he will not do it again. All we want of him is a tolerance of other people's opinion as well as he wants others to bear with him. If Mr. Matheson will refer to a recent issue of The Presbyterian he will find the following : "If this is to be accomplished we must hear less of the temperance party, because many who voted for the Liquor Act will absolutely refuse to identify themselves with a party that has gone by this name in the past. Extravagance and intolerance have brought it into contempt in the estimation of many faithful workers." How we could enumerate so many able and popular God fearing men in the church and out of it who hold a different opinion on the Liquor Act to Mr. Matheson, and which is our own as well. But we are to hold no opinions, but do as we are told. We were also told that "aspirants to municipal honors who did not vote for the referendum could stay at home. We can tell them that one of those parties was elected by acclamation and some of the others at the head of the poll So that public opinion differs from their wish. And they even tell us that we are a stumbling block in the way of good people in the church and to get out of it. Well, if we do it will be reluctantly, for there are people in the church that we do not wish to be separated from. We remember the time when we were of some use in the church. We remember going to church when we had to drive a yolk of oxen there, on account of old people who could not walk there. Some of these are lying low to day and some are still going to church. It was not brick churches and brick manses then, although we helped to build those brick buildings in latter days—and we are told now to step out for holding an opinion of our own. There were not so many goody goody people then, but we think there was as much fear of God. We can go back to the time when there was no Priceville, and only one horse between Durham and Priceville, and sometimes the minister could get that horse.

Dear Mr. Editor, we thank you very much for the space given our rambling remarks in your valuable paper. Wishing you a happy new year

—N. McKINNON.

Annual Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Electoral District Agricultural society of East Grey will be held in the Town hall, Flesherton, on

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1903

At one o'clock p. m.

For receiving and passing the directors' and auditors' reports for past year, electing officers for the year 1903 and such business as may be considered in the interests of the society.

As none but members for 1903 are eligible to office, or have a vote at such meeting, kindly send in one dollar to the secretary, before the day of meeting, or hand same to him that day and become a member and be prepared to take part in the meeting.

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to "The Revised Statutes of Ontario," 1897, Chap, 129, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of said William Randall Dyson, who died on or about the 3rd day of November, 1902, are required on or before the 20th day of Feb., A. D, 1903, to send by post, prepaid, or deliver to H. R. Dyson, Flesherton P. O., in the said township of Artemesia, in the aforesaid county of Grey, one of the executors of the deceased, their christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions and full particulars of their claims, a statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them.

And further take notice that after the last mentioned date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which they shall have notice, and the Executors will not be liable for the assets or part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received at time of such distribution.

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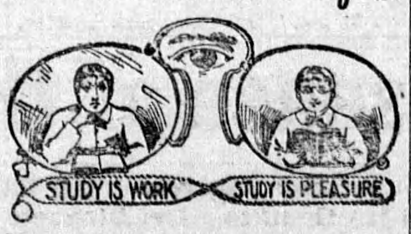

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