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TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 3, 1878.

Mr. Storey's Requisition.

We have found that the village of Acton is not entirely free from political bigots. During the past week there has been not less than six of those persons brought us to task for publishing the requisition to Mr. Storey. If it would edify those parties, we would inform them that it was inserted as an advertisement, and is paid for as such. If those parties had wished to get up a requisition to Mr. McGarvin, or any other person, we would have been only too happy to publish it, provided it was paid for.

NOMINATIONS.

VILLAGE OF ACTON.

REEVE.—W. H. STOREY.—Proposed by Ransom Adams, seconded by Thos. Ebbage.

DR. MCGARVIN.—Proposed by Robt. Craine, seconded by M. Speight, for Councillors.

M. SPEIGHT.—Proposed by Thos. McLain, seconded by John Kennedy.

C. S. SMITH.—Proposed by James Goodall, seconded by Eli Snyder.

JOHN COATES.—Proposed by Asa Hall, seconded by James Goodall.

E. NICKLIN.—Proposed by John Speight, seconded by D. Christie.

D. D. CHRISTIE.—Proposed by E. Snyder, seconded by Asa Hall.

JAS. RYDER.—Proposed by D. Christie, seconded by D. Christie.

Eli SNYDER.—Proposed by J. Speight, seconded by C. S. Smith.

C. T. HILL.—Proposed by Horace Hall, seconded by Robert Agnew.

H. SMITH.—Proposed by Thos. Craine, seconded by Malcolm Kennedy.

JAS. RYDER.—Proposed by E. Moore, seconded by H. J. Hall.

Messrs. D. D. Christie, M. Speight, E. Nicklin, C. S. Smith and J. S. Ryder withdrew.

The Clerk declared the meeting adjourned till Monday, Jan. 7, 1878, when a poll will be taken. He was prepared to hear the speeches of the new and retiring candidates.

Mr. Storey thanked the electors for the honor they had conferred in nominating him for the first office in the Council. Some persons said it was personal hostility which brought him out against Dr. McGarvin. He would inform them it was nothing of the sort. There had been a great amount of indifference manifested by the Council of last year. Sometimes they did not meet for four months, which did not give the public an opportunity of presenting any petitions. He was sure of election, as he thought the electors had stimuli enough to see who should be elected. He again thanked them for the honor they had conferred upon him.

Dr. McGarvin was sorry that Mr. Storey had made some allusions to the Council of 1877. He denied that the business of the Council had been neglected. If Mr. Storey had looked into the business of this Municipality he would have seen different. He thought he had filled the office of Reeve for the past two years in a business way. The money of the Municipality had been spent in a judicious manner.

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Mr. Eli Snyder said he did not ask for the job. He had consented to act by request of a number of ratepayers. He would leave it to them whether he would be elected. If elected, he would do his best in the Council.

Mr. C. T. Hill was absent.

Messrs. Christie, Speight, McGarvin and Storey had considerable discussion about some lots in the Village, which should have been set for taxes.

Mr. J. Secord showed by figures, the advantage to be derived by the Council granting a bonus to Mr.

Beardmore. It would be a good public investment. Those very men who are opposed to bonus business were the very ones who were in favor of giving a bonus to the brush factory.

Mr. Goodall also expressed his opinion on the bonus question.

The meeting then adjourned.

GUELPH.

—Mayor, George Howard, by acclamation. Reeve—F. J. Chadwick; George Elliott, and W. Hart, First Deputy Reeve—George Sleath and David Kennedy. Second Deputy Reeve—J. C. McMillan. Third Deputy Reeve—C. Chase, Jas. Goldie, and Dennis Coffey. Councillors—North Ward, A. McCrae, John Inglis, C. F. Leonardi, F. Biscoe, W. H. Mills, O. McDonald, N. Sudley, J. Giddie, W. Hearn, Richard Mitchell, Geo. Hood, Dr. Cowan, J. Mays, Dr. Clark, W. J. Fairbank, and C. Astor Burrows; South Ward, D. Day, J. A. Lamprey, E. O'Connor, P. MacMillan, J. T. Brill, O. Clark and C. Adsett; West Ward, E. Newton, Geo. Bruce, E. Tyson, H. Hatch, Geo. Elliott, J. C. McLagan, and W. Hart; East Ward, A. H. Goodeve, R. Melvin, M. J. Doran, D. Coffey, F. J. Clatb, A. Dubbar, C. Woodburn, J. H. Ferrer, and C. Davidson.

ESQUINGHAM.

W. Clay elected Reeve by acclamation. First Deputy Reeve—W. McEnery and J. S. Frazer. Second Deputy Reeve—Geo. Wrigglesworth and John Lindsay. Councillors—Paul Kennedy, John H. Shortreed and R. Graham.

NASSAGAWEYA.

John Ramsey, elected Reeve by acclamation. James Menzies elected Deputy Reeve by acclamation. Councillors—D. Hutchison, W. Watson, C. McPhail, D. Wheelaghan, G. Norrish and R. Campbell.

ERIN.

Reeve, J. W. Burt, by acclamation. First Deputy Reeve—Clas. McMillan and W. Carter. Second Deputy Reeve—Robert Reid and Henry Smith. Councillors—Henry Pearin, H. Henry Drinan, George Smith, D. McNaughton and Robt. Ferguson.

ERAMOSA.

Reeve—John Ross; James Logrin. Deputy Reeve—George Duffield, Henry Carter. Councillors—W. Duffield, Henry Hortop, C. Bernard, Robt. Hamilton, Thomas Waters, John Dickinson, Donald McCraig, John Scott, John Mutrie, Daniel McLoughlin.

Action Village Council.

A special meeting of the Council was held at Matthews' Hall, on Thursday, December 27, 1877, at 7 o'clock. All the members present. The Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Reeve read a communication from Mr. W. H. Storey, tendering his resignation as surety for Mr. John Ross, Village Treasurer, and asking that the Council relieve him from the same, on Mr. Ross failing new bonds, as he intended to run for an office in the Council of next year.

The Reeve said the principal reason for his calling the special meeting was to consider the communication of Mr. Storey. He did not want to put anything in the way of Mr. Storey, and he thought it would be better to release him, provided it was legal to do so. He did not apprehend any danger from trespassing on the law in this case.

Mr. E. Nicklin had not much to say. He was tired of being a councillor. One year satisfied him, and he thought it would satisfy most any person who tried it.

The clerk stated that he was ready to hear the new candidates specify.

Mr. John Coates was absent.

Mr. M. Speight had nothing to say.

Mr. John Speight said he had been requested several times to run for Councillor. He would not descend to go around and ask any person to vote for him. If there was a big salary at the back of it, he would not mind going around and shaking hands and ask the folks were, but as it is it would not pay. He was dead against the bonus business. They had squashed the little busness, and they could not see the gain in Mr. Beardmore getting a bonus for his tannery. He said if they liked to elect him, he could, but he would not work to secure his election.

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Moved by Mr. Nicklin, seconded by Mr. Christie, that this Council give Mr. Donald Cameron the sum of \$5, being two-thirds value of a lamb killed by dogs, the owners of which were not known. Carried.

Mr. Henderson presented the eleventh report of the Finance Committee, recommending the payment of the following accounts: J. H. Hacking, printing, \$2.50. Total, \$1.80.

Moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the eleventh report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Henderson, that this Council adjourn till Saturday, 29th, at 1 o'clock. Carried.

The Council met, pursuant to adjournment, at 1 o'clock. Members all present. The Reeve in the chair. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

Moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the twelfth report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

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