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With this, the first issue of the Free Press in 1879, it may not be out of place to make a few remarks in reference to ourselves.

In the first place, we beg to tender our thanks to those who have extended to us the medium of the Free Press, to place their merchandise before the people, and thus allowing us to reap a small amount of profit.

And in thanking them we would not forget those who did not forget us when giving us their bills for action, sales, entertainments, &c.

While thus tendering our thanks we would also respectfully request that they would continue to bestow on us a liberal share of their patronage. We have facilities for doing work successfully by any office in Halton County, and on these grounds alone we ask your aid. We do not claim to do our work for nothing, but wish it understood that we must have a fair profit in order that we may live. We also wish to remind our patrons that our work is always well done or else it is not allowed to leave our office.

With regard to the FREE PRESS itself, we would say that we have made it interesting, and now we feel that we are being rewarded as shown by our rapidly enlarging subscription list. We also have great satisfaction in being able to establish our place as the best local paper in Halton County. This position has been disputed us, but we have no fears in making the assertion. During the coming year it will be our only aim to make the FREE PRESS even more interesting—if such were possible—our readers than it has been heretofore. In endeavoring to do this, we would respectfully ask the kind cooperation of all, and under any items of news comes under their notice we would be very grateful to them if they would send it to us. We take this opportunity of thanking our correspondents who have occasionally sent us news, and would request that they should continue to do so.

We will always endeavor to write editorials on the leading questions of the day, both of local and foreign affairs. In politics we would continue independent, and realizing the trouble experienced in holding these views to the public, would request our readers not to let us be prejudiced and condemn us before thinking, but to calmly consider the hard matter we have to keep on the independent line, and then we are satisfied that our short-comings will be pardoned.

Since the FREE PRESS was established in Acton, three and a half years ago, it has been the custom to present the accounts quarterly. It was, recognizing the feeling throughout the country, that everything should be done on a cash basis, have resolved to adopt the system of rendering our accounts monthly. This we think will give our patrons and account holders better than the present system, as we will then be allowed to collect more readily, and thus will have our money to work with, instead of having to wait for a long term.

At midnight on the last day of the year the normal hour was fixed about 12 o'clock, and all the clocks were set simultaneously.

VILLAGE COUNCIL FOR 1879

The Candidates' Fitness Reviewed.

With respect to the selection made by the electors for the Village Council for 1879, the interest would not be advanced by the review of the fitness of the candidates. It is a large task, and it is a wise selection, and in fact, that the village has succeeded in choosing the man best fitted for the office.

For the office of councillor, we had six candidates.

Mr. E. Nicklin has already served at the Council in 1877, and so far as we could learn, he did nothing which would not advance the interests of the village.

Mr. D. Henderson, also has a good reputation, having served on the Board for a year. He is watchful and if elected, will, no doubt, prove to be an excellent councillor.

Of course, it is not our place to advise the electors for whom they should vote, but we might hint darkly that he is one of the best candidates in the field.

C. S. Smith, has also sat at the Board, and being a large taxpayer, will, if elected, do every thing possible to keep down taxation. He is a good man.

Ransom Adams, has never represented this village at the council, but we opine that he would make a good councillor. He pays into the treasury a large amount of taxes, and is, without very careful financial affairs, no doubt he will do all he can for the advantage of the village.

John Coates, was a representative of the Board for 1878, and has acquired himself admirably. He is a good man, and as he has already served in improvements he should be again returned. The council would be incomplete without him.

Esquevas Council.

At the nominations for members of the council for 1879, Esquevas township, in Stewarstown, on Monday, the 27th inst., the following were nominated for Councillors: Alex. Kennedy, J. H. Shortwood and R. Graham.

We are not acquainted with any of the candidates excepting Mr. Alex. Kennedy, and many of the taxpayers to whom we have conversed regarding the matter say that he is the best man of the three. He has long been a resident of the township, and thoroughly understands what his duties will be, if elected. We have frequently of late pointed out to the electors the neglect which has been shown to the northern parts of the township, and have recommended that some good man should be returned to represent us. All the other candidates but Mr. Kennedy reside in the lower portions of the township, and probably do not visit this section during the entire year, while Mr. Kennedy resides on lot 31, con. 1, and thus he travels a great deal in this vicinity. Besides this, Mr. Kennedy would do all in his power to keep down the taxes, and will endeavor to run the municipal affairs as cheaply as possible. We trust that the electors of Ward No. 4 will be guided by the majority of all the voters in the township, and we sincerely hope that Mr. Kennedy will be returned with a good majority over his opponents.

THE YEAR 1878.

We are naturally led to look back on the events that have transpired in the past—and these may have been of more or less important character. We sum them briefly up as follows:—In looking back we find that when the year opened Russia and Turkey were at war, which was brought to a close during the spring months, and Russia proved to be too much for her opponent. The Turkish Empire was at the mercy of the Czar, but a truce was sounded, and both Powers signed a treaty of peace known as the treaty of San Stefano. The Congress of Berlin received this treaty, and after all the points were argued, an amicable arrangement was arrived at, and embodied in the Treaty of Berlin. Russia was, by this treaty, virtually deprived of the legitimate fruits of her victories. But Turkey was both humbled and divided; Bulgaria was made a separate kingdom; the British took possession of the island of Cyprus, Bosnia and Herzegovina became subject to Austria, and a series of National R-forms were forced on the Porte. The result of this war thus gave Russia no advantage, England the expense of Turkey's power in Europe, and added prestige to the power and influence of Britain.

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