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Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 6, 1883.

The Municipal Elections.

Time flies, and in a few weeks we will be in the midst of another Municipal contest. Whether the excitement attendant thereon will reach any degree of intensity or not is a matter that depends entirely upon the interest the people take in their municipal affairs. For our part we can conceive of no matter of greater importance than the selection of good honest municipal representatives. Upon their action, to a great extent, depends the material prosperity, not only of the community as a whole, but of each individual connected therewith. A good honest economical administration of our municipal affairs will go far towards making Acton a prosperous town; but a careless, wasteful and lax administration would surely result in great harm. For these reasons we contend that the very best available men should be selected, regardless of party, personality or creed.

It is impossible as yet to state definitely who will be candidates. The old council have we believe done their duty carefully and to the best of their ability, and for this they deserve the thanks of the public. Ratepayers should remember that their services have been voluntary, and that they have both put to a great deal of trouble, a great loss of time and incommodious expenses, with the chief end and hope of reward being in the approbation of their fellow townsmen. If ratepayers, as a rule, would remember this they would be less inclined to grumble at the doings of the Council.

For the Reeveship the only name as yet mentioned is that of our present Reeve, Mr. W. H. Storey, who we believe would be the unanimous choice of the electors if they could be induced to accept the position. The experience of the past year will enable him to serve them in that capacity far better.

Regarding the members of the present Council, with whom we have not personally conversed, we hear of one of the gentlemen that they would stand for re-election. The Finance Committee, Messrs. Henderson and Smith, have certainly had their hands full during the year. The Hall committee, in my opinion, have done, and they pronounce themselves ready and willing to appear before the ratepayers to explain any point in referring to their expenditures during the year. As chairman of the Street and Sidewalk Committee, Mr. Lamont has certainly been a success, and it is surprising what satisfactory results have been accomplished considering the limited means at his disposal. Mr. Reeve will not, I expect, be a candidate for re-election, but his honest and economical course during the year, having refused to endorse the expenditure of funds for any purpose, excepting the winding of the clock, a. m. bell, and a few new street lamps. We venture to predict his re-election. There will doubtless be new candidates for the Council of next year, but no names have yet been publicly mentioned.

The Franchise to Women.

The Municipal Council is in receipt of a circular from the President of the Woman's Suffrage Association stating that the Councils of Toronto and Ottawa had decided to petition the Ontario Legislature, asking the extension of the political and municipal franchise to women on the same terms as to men, and requesting Acton Council to take action in the matter.

A precedent for this concession is found in the fact that women are now allowed by law to vote at school trustee elections if they have the necessary property qualification, and there certainly does not appear to be any good reason for making a distinction in this respect between the school and municipal—or even the political—franchises.

The woman suffrage movement is making great headway in Canada, and we have no hesitation in standing forth in support of the rights claimed, and we see no reason why women who have property should not represent it. They are taxed for it the same as men. Where property is taxed it ought to be represented by some one.

The matter will no doubt be brought up at the meeting of the Council next Tuesday evening, and we trust they will concur in the action of the council named above.

Board of Education.

The Trustees of Acton Public School met in the Council Chamber, on Monday evening, 3rd inst.

Members present, Mr James Matthews chairman and Messrs. W. H. Storey, James Moore and J. E. McGarvin.

Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed.

The finance committee presented their twelfth report, recommending payment of the following accounts:—

Thos. Moore,	salary Nov.	$45.52
Miss Gordon,	do	27.08
Miss Grant,	do	20.83
Mrs Adams,	do	6.25
H. P. Moore, half year salary &c.,		16.74
Donald Mann, Taxes Teachers Residence,		7.50
Thos. T. Moore, school supplies,		1.50
		$125.72

Moved by J. E. McGarvin, seconded by W. H. Storey, that the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.—Carried.

The application of Miss Jennie K. Grant for the situation of teacher of third department, at an advanced salary, was presented to the board.

Messrs D. Henderson and Dr. Lowry entered and took their seats.

Moved and seconded that Miss Jennie K. Grant be re-engaged as teacher of third department at her former salary, two hundred and fifty dollars.—Carried.

Mr. H. L. Thurston applied for the use of one of the school rooms, every Thursday from 4 to 6 p. m.

The secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Thurston that the board did not approve of using the school for any other purpose than that for which it was designed.

Moved by W. H. Storey, seconded by J. E. McGarvin, that the Town Hall be the place for holding the election of trustees to fill the usual vacancy caused by the retirement of Messrs. James Matthews and D. Henderson from the board, and that H. P. Moore be and is hereby appointed returning officer, with instructions to give proper notice thereof.—Carried.

Board then adjourned.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We wish it to be distinctly understood that we are not responsible for the opinions or expressions of our correspondents.

Rockwood's Depravity.

To the Editor of the Free Press.

DEAR SIR, I was very much pained while perusing my morning paper on "Youthful Depravity" under the signature of a person calling himself "Citizen." In this article he deplores the moral condition of the youth of this village because the Rockwood boys are of an inquisitive and very much easy disposition. He hints at our chief magistrate, who was entirely out of place. It is no crime, or indictable offence, for our worthy magistrate to hold his clear views on religion. So long as he does his duties of his office faithfully and according to the statutes, the most hypocritical Christian cannot blame him, and have any of the Rockwood Sabbath breakers been brought to our magistrate to see whether he would punish them? Not one. Hitherto in his long experience "Citizen" runs whining to you. Mr. Editor, I am not afraid to inform on any of the boys for fear of getting his head broken, "save man! Patronize!" for the age of chivalry is gone.

He says "Citizen" the Sabbath of the Rockwood boys are spent in drinking, hunting and gambling. He does not say Acton and Georgetown are not in the same category. Now, I venture to say that not one Sunday out of every twenty does "Citizen" or any other person see a Rockwood youth drunk. But on the contrary, he sees them playing with no immoral games of pitch-and-toss, marbles, or bum. Acton is the banner county of Halton and Guelph, who come here in a semi-drunken condition, drive through the streets at time yelling as a maniac and conduct themselves in such a manner as to cause the quiet citizens to blush.

As regards playing base ball, I believe some taken part in the game, they do so, but there were very small boys, who I have no doubt, got a good whipping from their mothers before commencing prayers.

As to the hunting, I have taken pains to find out whether any of our boys had been out shooting on Sunday, and I am happy to say they have not. If "Citizen" heard any reports they must have been an Acton or Guelph Boy's. It is a false statement to say that no lady can walk our streets without being insulted. But, Mr. Editor, there are in every place persons who are known as religious hypocrites, who are continually parading their own holiness and denouncing others as extremely wicked, who do not belong to the same class as themselves. We unfortunately have one of those in Rockwood, and they will always be neglected by those whom they deride. But any of the most respectable ladies will tell "Citizen" if he takes the trouble to find out, have never been insulted by any of the Rockwood boys.

Some of the Rockwood public meetings I admit are not very orderly, but some are quiet enough. In those orderly meetings we find the minister or other chief man taking his place on the platform or at the front and placing some confusion in the boys, but in the disorderly meetings we find the chief men down among the boys noising around and trying to find out where the noise is. It is unnecessary for me to say that the noise invariably continues as long as the functionary is out of his place. It is but a few weeks ago since one of the most popular singers of Guelph told me she was always pleased to come to Rockwood because she always got such a good hearing.

The duck and goose being taken to the "Devil's Well," is a story five or six years old. It is a wonder his holiness will pen the name of that place I repeat. "Citizen" has been around to some old women who he told him that the boys used to take fowls to the Devil's Well. Certainly they did, but it is many years ago.

And now, Mr. Editor, I am going to tell you something which I would fain leave unsaid. During the fall and summer months two young women, hailing from Acton—that good little place—come regularly twice or thrice a week on what we call the eight o'clock train, conducted themselves in such a manner that even the Rockwood rowdies compelled the constable to attend that train and stop the visits of these prostitutes. And if some of the boys did depart somewhat from the paths of virtue, can we not blame that godly little village of Acton for the same. Does this in any way stain the fair fame of the "banner county of Halton?" If so, I cannot help it; it is a fact.

Again, Mr. Editor, I do not mean to say that our boys are just what they should be, but they are not such as "Citizen" represents them; and I think it would have reflected far more credit on him had he used the high position which he occupies in endeavoring to elevate the youth of his village to a higher moral standing, than in gathering up a lot of old wives' stories and publishing them in the paper of a neighboring village. And, Mr. Editor, in your little editorial you chime in with "Citizen" in extolling Acton at the expense of Rockwood, while on the same page you have an item which says the farmers in the vicinity of Acton are losing fowls, and blame the Acton boys for stealing them. "Consistency is a jewel."

Hoping I shall not have the necessity to trouble you again, I remain, yours &c.,

A ROCKWOOD BOY.

Rockwood, Dec. 3rd, 1883.

Concerning the strictures in the last paragraph of the above, addressed to us, we have only to reply that we in no wise endorsed the statements of "Citizen" in our item last week. We only assured our readers that the author of the letter was a man of integrity, and not a whining, hypocritical fault-finder, having no standing or respect in the village in which he is a resident. This he will find if he takes the trouble to give the item a second reading. Since the appearance of the letter in question, however, we have met several of Rockwood's citizens, and in speaking of the letter, they informed us that the statements made by "Citizen" were true, and without question, in every respect.

Referring to the young women of unbecoming character, reported to hail from Acton, we feel called upon to inform "A Rockwood Boy" that we are unacquainted with the characters referred to, and assure him that if he—who is apparently so well acquainted with them and their movements—will prove that they are residents of Acton, the FREE PRESS will do all in its power to eradicate the evil.—ED. FREE PRESS.]

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