

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 11, 1885.

THEIR PLATFORM.

The position of Messrs. Henderson, Fyfe and Cameron, on the cemetery question, is clearly set forth in another column. Their platform, as here laid down, is a reasonable and commendable one, and should present itself as satisfactory to electors generally.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

Mr. W. H. Storey Re-elected Reeve by acclamation.

THE COUNCILLORS.

At twelve o'clock, noon, on Monday the ratifiers interested in the election of a council to superintend affairs connected with the municipality, of Acton, for the ensuing year, assembled in the town hall to nominate candidates for the position.

As we predicted some time ago the election will turn on the cemetery matter, and this was clearly shown by the nominations. Except in the case of the Reeve—no being elected by acclamation—the candidates presented were put forth either for or against the cemetery, as the matter at present stands.

It was evident from the appearance of things in general that a stormy meeting was anticipated. A full hall showed this, but although some sharp things were said and some unfair personal references made, altogether the meeting passed off very satisfactorily.

FOR REEVE.

W. H. STOREY—Nominated by Robt. Roy, seconded by Wm. Hemstreet. Elected by acclamation.

FOR COUNCILLORS.

JOHN CAMPBELL—Nominated by W. Hemstreet, seconded by Robt. Roy. WY. HEMSTREET—Nominated by Thos. M. Lam, seconded by W. H. Storey. Mr. Hemstreet withdrew.

FOR COUNCILLORS.

JOS. FYLE—Nominated by Wm. Hemstreet, seconded by Robt. Roy. D. HENDERSON—Nominated by W. H. Storey, seconded by Thos. Easton. WY. ISCOX—Nominated by W. Allan, seconded by David Maloney.

FOR COUNCILLORS.

THOS. C. MOYLE—Nominated by Jos. Anderson, seconded by B. B. Cook. FOR REEVE.—W. H. STOREY. FOR COUNCILLORS.—J. CAMPBELL, W. HEMSTREET, WY. ISCOX, JOS. FYLE, D. HENDERSON, WY. HEMSTREET, THOS. EASTON, THOS. C. MOYLE, J. B. PEARSON.

At the expiration of the hour Mr. Robt. Royce was moved to the chair. He thanked the meeting for the honor thus conferred. Hoped there would be no necessity for calling any one present to order, but that the speakers and hearers would forbear with each other and all part good friends.

letter of W. Allan a couple of weeks ago that people could be induced to settle here. Asked if it was a fact that Acton had made itself repugnant to outsiders. The council had kept the village clean, tidy and attractive. This took money, but didn't it pay? Acton was looked upon by other people as a model town, and desirable as a place of residence. Gave as an instance that Acton's property was not depreciating in value, that a few years ago the whole of Young's survey was sold for \$500. To-day it is worth an average of \$80 a lot—and selling at those figures is worth a total of \$4,800. Was property depreciating? No. And shame on the men who were endeavoring to run-down and injure the place. Mr. Storey had a word against the payment of Commissioner Lamond of his 20 cents an hour. Didn't think he should be expected to spend one or two months of his time for nothing. Mr. Lamond may not have acted wisely, but he for one would accept one-fifth of the responsibility for voting the twenty cents per hour. He referred to the cemetery matter. Said in this connection the council of 1885 was the most disagreeable one he ever sat in, and didn't intend to sit with such an one the coming year. Reviewed the cemetery matter, with all the incidents of opposition, threats and bickerings connected with it. Came to the conclusion that the people who opposed it were the people who never offered a plan for progressive measures, but always butted against other's schemes. Explained the acquisition of the 13 acres presented by Dr. McGarvin, and considered the council was acting in the very best interests of the people in accepting it. Said he felt keenly on this question, and if the people would elect men to support it, they would carry it to a successful termination.

Mr. Henderson, chairman of the committee on finance, would not detain the meeting for any length of time. Showed that the council commenced the year with no money in the treasury. He gave an itemized report of each account to date, showing the expenditures by the village itself during the year with the totals as follows: Charities, \$37; Town hall, including fitting up of school room, \$60; Contingencies, \$96.15; Salaries, \$229.50; Streets and sidewalks, \$1245.50; Total \$2066.50. At the present time there was a balance in treasury of about \$263.25, and unpaid accounts amounting to \$842. He took up the cemetery debenture. Was happy to say that notwithstanding what had been said against Acton it was very favorably regarded by outside people. The debenture was sold at a premium of 3 per cent. Received for debenture \$1080. Paid Dr. McGarvin for land \$600, surveyor \$117, workmen, \$273.89, and had an unpaid account of \$45. Referred to the large amount raised for school purposes, and the fixed rate for town hall debenture.

Mr. Lamond, commissioner of streets and sidewalks. Got twenty cents an hour. Didn't propose to work 40 or 50 days for nothing. He went over the work of the year. The whole council agreed how the new work was to be done, and estimated at the time that it would cost about \$1000. He brought in fragment reports to show what work was costing and found that considerable of the work recommended had to be cancelled, because of the expenditure. Explained about site of wood and lumber. Stated his position on the cemetery question. Was against the nineteen acres, but always in favor of the six. It was the additional 13 he opposed. Would continue to oppose it unless the people elected the members of the cemetery committee who were running and sufficient other councillors in favor of it to support it. Then he would give up his opposition. Mr. Lamond gave a detailed statement of his expenditures.

Mr. Pearson wished a lively election. Was chairman of no committee and consequently had no report to make. The cemetery matter was what engaged his attention. Gave a review of occurrences in connection with it during the year. Spoke of the petition and of the diagram which accompanied it. Dr. McGarvin said he knew of no diagram. Mr. Wells, one of the canvassers, explained that he had drawn the plan himself. His (Mr. Pearson's) reason for refusing to support the cemetery question was that he thought the petition had not sufficient signatures. He would have supported the six acres had the committee surveyed it according to the diagram. Didn't care anything about the cemetery as far as personal use of it is concerned, but would support committee so far as they met the wishes of the ratepayers. Had nothing to do with litigation. Didn't want it. Was still of opinion that the presentation of the 13 acres was a harbinger for a larger sum than was asked for the whole was being paid for it. Thought there was no necessity for taking the 13 acres. Estimated cost of preparing the hill side. Gave cemetery committee credit for their good work on the portion surveyed and made some suggestions. Whatever the majority of ratepayers say, he would support, if it was six acres, nineteen or none. Never contributed a cent towards litigation. If elected it would be without canvass, and would do his best at council board, but he would thank the people kindly if they left him at home and kept him out of trouble.

Mr. Joseph Fyle said if elected he would occupy an independent position, and would always esteem it his duty to do what was in his opinion for the very best interests of the community.

Mr. Thomas C. Moyle said he had no objection in connection with public matters to answer for, except as concerned the Public School. Made some explanation as to the expenses of the school during the year. Was satisfied if elected it would be in the interests of the municipality in general. Referred to his position on the new cemetery, and stated positively that he would support the cemetery until it was "blocked."

Had been a resident of Acton for 36 years, and never before asked for municipal honors, and now it was at the solicitation of friends. If elected would do his best for the town, not in a spirit of petulance, but handily. Thought the twenty cents an hour to the street and sidewalk commissioner was a harbinger. He would go in for having all public improvements done by contract under explicit specifications.

man in our midst and Acton should be proud of him. Was in sympathy with the cemetery question. What could we do without the new cemetery? Every ratepayer should be in favor of it and all should unite in securing it.

Mr. Hemstreet said he was also proud to be the seconder of Reeve Storey's nomination. Supported the Cemetery Committee.

Mr. Henderson appeared again to reply to the references of Mr. Pearson to himself as chairman of Finance Committee. Mr. Pearson gives me credit of being a good financier; but charges me with swindling to my own interests. Now, I turn back the mean, contemptible insinuation in his face, and challenge anyone to show that I have ever profited from the finances of the corporation to the value of one cent. Nothing is concealed in the matter, everyone can investigate. Instead of profiting, my connection with the finance committee has been to me an important loss. During the year, as manager of Acton Banking Co., I have carried from \$700 to \$1700 of the corporation's indebtedness, and never charged one cent of interest therefor. The treasurer has never drawn a cheque on me but what it was honored, even with above amount standing to the village's debit. I have and do work in the people's interest and have never yet voted any to protect myself. Spoke at some length on the cemetery question. He considered that after a residence of ten years or more in Acton he was pretty well acquainted with what the people wanted, and was endeavoring to carry out their wishes. The committee felt justified in not taking further action until the people had pronounced upon their past action, particularly when people thought a suit was pending, and when they had been led to think this from the words of members of the council. Of course they were not disposed to do force work. The cemetery committee were working in the people's interests, and felt confident that the good sense of the people would next Monday elect a council favorable to the cemetery. Was satisfied that next year would realize a much lower rate of taxation.

Mr. C. T. Hill supported Mr. Pearson because he thought him a good man for the position. Said the cemetery gift was a bummer.

Dr. McGarvin took the platform to say something on the question, but everybody in the audience seemed to want to talk at the same time, and the meeting broke up in disorder about 5 p.m.

NOMINATIONS ELSEWHERE.

Guelph—Mayor—Mayor Stephenson, Howard, Walker. Toronto—W. H. Howland, Mayor Manning. Hamilton—Ald. Henry, Carscallen, Alex. May and Glasgow. Esquimaux—Old council elected by acclamation. Nassagaweya—Reeve, James Mezzies, acclamation; Deputy, David Wheelahan, acclamation. Councillors, Alex. Bell, P. Gould, David Hutchison, Joseph Little, John Marshall, Joshua Norris. Erin Township—Reeve, J. Burt; First Deputy, J. Kirkwood; second Deputy, Geo. Robinson; Councillors—P. McGill and Thos. Totton. Georgetown—Reeve, Wm. McLeod. Erin—Reeve, T. Carberry. Oakville—Mayor, George Andrews. Burlington—Reeve, R. G. Baxter. Milton—Reeve, J. H. McCollin.

"Pro Bono Publico."

To the Editor of the FREE PRESS. DEAR SIR,—As your correspondent, "Pro Bono Publico," has only as yet a misty idea of whom W. Allan is, after some years' residence in Acton, I will defer answering the verbose part of his letter until the more convenient opportunity offers. I would like him to answer the following questions, which will interest the inhabitants of this "gem of a village" more than petty personalities.—First, what has "P. B. P." to say, and why, and what has he to show as to what he and his colleagues have done with the \$1750 received from the municipal loan fund? What have they done with a like sum from the cemetery reserve fund? and what have they done with all the taxes levied during the past 12 years of incorporation? Never mind who W. Allan is. But what has been done with the amount voted for the cemetery? How judiciously has it been expended? How about the \$12,000 less assessed for 1885 than for 1884? Whose property has had the benefit, and whose property has not been assessed at all? Does not "P. B. P." know that certain properties in the village have been assessed at far below their proper value? And who was the clever commissioner who stunk over \$1200 in plank sidewalks, and made that delightful mud puddle from the bridge to the railway track on Main street? Do tell! Do kindly "dispel the mistiness hanging over your non de plume and appear over your own name, if you have sufficient nerve to do so. With all your mistiness, your identity is perfectly known to me, you being one of the triplets. Again thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your valuable space. I remain yours truly, W. ALLAN.

Acton, December 20th, 1885.

Mr. Allan knew from our statement last week that "Pro Bono Publico" would not be allowed to answer his questions in these columns, because the limit of time for the controversy expires with this issue. It was useless, then, for him to propound them. The most of the questions were referred to and answered on nomination day, and those which were not will easily be answered to the satisfaction of any one taking sufficient interest in them to refer to the treasurer's books.

As a matter of justice to the members of the Council we would state positively that throughout the controversy in these columns during the past two months, not a single member of the Council has written any one of the letters which have appeared in the FREE PRESS or anonymous signatures. —ED. FREE PRESS.

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ELABORATE PRESENTS.

To Rev. D. B. Cameron, late pastor of Knox Church, Acton.

BY HIS FRIENDS.

Last evening Rev. D. B. Cameron, late pastor of Knox Church, Acton, was made the recipient at the hands of his friends of a most handsome and beautiful present. It was an elaborate silver service of very pretty and attractive design, and included thirty afternoon and evening teapots, coffee pot, water urn, cream pitcher, sugar and slop bowls, and spoon rest. On the tray was the inscription:—

PRESENTED TO REV. D. B. CAMERON, AS A SLIGHT TOKEN OF ESTEEM, FROM HIS FRIENDS, OF KNOX CHURCH, ACTON, DECEMBER, 1885.

At the same time Miss Cameron was presented with a beautiful silver cake basket and an epergne of silver and crystal of delicate design. Rev. Mr. Cameron replied in appropriate terms on behalf of himself and Miss Cameron.

Presentation. At the conclusion of the examination exercises at Hallowell school last Wednesday the following address was presented to Mr. J. A. Shannon, late teacher there, accompanied by a beautiful inkstand and gold pen:—

To Mr. John A. Shannon:—ESTEEMED TEACHER,—For nearly two years past pleasant and profitable relations have existed between us, as teacher and pupil, and we take an opportunity of expressing to you the fact, that we have highly appreciated the punctual, obedient, and altogether faithful manner in which you have discharged the important duty of conducting our school. While we regret exceedingly that you could not remain with us longer, we all join in wishing you ultimate success in your new profession. In order that you may not in your voyage through life forget us, we ask you to accept as a remembrance, this gold pen and inkstand, which express to a very limited extent the respect in which we have held you as our teacher. Signed in behalf of your scholars, J. WAREN JR. Wm. W. KANSWATER. Hallowell, Dec. 23rd, 1885.

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