

The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 30, 1886.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Mr. J. Fife Elected Reeve for 1887 By Acclamation.

AN INCOMPLETE COUNCIL.

The Municipal nomination on Monday was largely attended. From the way nominations were made it seemed as though there would be a scarcity of candidates. But when the two days allowed for declination had expired, it was found that although five candidates for the Reeship and twenty-one for Councillors had been nominated, they had all withdrawn but Mr. J. Fife for the Reeship, and Messrs. Cameron, Dr. Lowry and W. E. Smith for Councillors. The Council for next year will therefore be composed of the above named gentlemen, and these will appoint another person to make the required number of councillors. The members so far as elected will make a very good Council indeed.

Mr. Fife is a young man of enterprise and ability. He has freely expended his means in improving property in the municipality. Mr. Fife has already occupied a seat in the Council and his conduct has shown him capable of adequately occupying the chair of chief magistrate, and there is no doubt, he will exert himself in the interests of Acton.

Mr. Cameron has also occupied a seat at the Council Board and performed his duty well. He is a man of honest principles, and his convictions upon public matters are freely expressed.

Dr. Lowry has served a considerable term as a public man, having filled the responsible position of Public School Trustee for four or five years, one of which he acted as chairman of the Board. The Dr. is well-known; a friend of all; and commands the confidence and respect of rate-payers generally.

Mr. W. E. Smith is a new man in municipal politics. He has, however, shown an interest in the prosperity of his adopted town ever since he settled here, and our citizens need have no fears that he will not do his utmost to serve them well. He will make a good Councillor.

Who the fourth Councillor will be is hard to tell, but it will no doubt shortly be made known.

The following are the nominations:

FOR REEVE.

- Wm. Allan—Nominated by Alex. F. Smith and Joseph Anderson. Declined.
- Josiah Fife—By Wm. Hemstreet and Alex. F. Smith.
- John Kennedy—By Arthur Lambert and J. Halsted. Declined.
- Patrick Kelly—By A. F. Smith. No second.
- David Henderson—By Wm. T. Smyth and Thos. Perryman, Jr. Declined.

FOR COUNCILLORS.

- Wm. Lyon—By Peter McCann and Arthur Lambert.
- Wm. E. Smith—By Alex. F. Smith and Wm. Hemstreet.
- John Cameron—By Alex. F. Smith and Thomas Easton.
- Dr. Lowry—By Wm. Hemstreet and Wm. Ramsey.
- A. J. Anderson—By Joe. Anderson and Wm. Ismond. Declined.
- G. Robert Warren—By Luther Lyman and Peter McCann. Declined.
- J. James Brown, Farmer—By T. H. Harding and Joe. Anderson.
- S. Paul Jarvis—By Alex. Smith and John Cameron. Declined.
- P. P. Bratt—By Thos. Easton and H. P. Moore. Declined.
- H. P. Moore—By A. F. Smith and William Ramsey. Declined.
- Anthony Stephenson—By Dr. McGarvin and Wm. E. Smith.
- A. E. Niclés—By H. P. Moore and Thos. Perryman, Jr. Declined.
- J. A. Sleight—By Jos. Anderson and Arthur Lambert.
- W. T. Smyth—By W. T. Smyth and Wm. Ismond. Declined.
- Alex. F. Smith—By Wm. Ismond and Arthur Lambert. Declined.
- Thos. C. Moore—By Robt. Warren and Thos. Perryman, sr. Declined.
- Robert Wallace—By Wm. Worden and Peter McCann. Declined.
- Alex. Secord—By H. P. Moore and Wm. Ismond. Declined.
- Dr. McGarvin—By Alex. Secord and Wm. E. Smith. Declined.
- D. Henderson—By Dr. McGarvin and H. P. Moore. Declined.
- John Harvey—By Jos. Fife and Wm. Hemstreet. Declined.

At the expiration of the hour the returning officer retired and Dr. McGarvin was moved to the chair.

In the absence of Reeve Storey, the chairman called upon Mr. Henderson, chairman of the Finance Committee during the past year. Mr. Henderson explained that the expenditure of the year, outside of uncontrollable expenses, was so very small that he had not deemed it worth while preparing a detailed statement. The auditors will shortly perform their duties and their report will be published, when every item will be clearly shown. He thanked the people for his nomination to-day and for their kind support, in the past, but felt that the cemetery trouble had come to be a personal matter, and that his retirement from the Council would tend to assist in bringing about peace and harmony again. He had served Acton to the best of his ability the past ten years, and considered he had honestly earned a rest. Though in future occupying the position of a private citizen he will always take an interest in municipal affairs and hold himself ready to give any information or assistance he could in the carrying out of the business of the municipality. He declined the nomination with the best of feeling.

Mr. Fife considered the business of the Council had during the past year been amicably carried on. Owing to the cemetery lawsuit the members of the Council had not felt themselves free to spend as much in local improvements as they would otherwise have done. He felt pleasure in receiving the nomination for the Reeship, not because of any special qualifications for the office, but because of the earnest solicitation of many friends to offer himself as a candidate. Hoping if there was a contest it would be peacefully conducted, he did not go before the people this year pledged to any particular platform. He would, of course, adhere to the policy advocated during the past year, but would leave himself free to deviate from last year's pledge if such were found necessary to

make the cemetery a self-sustaining institution.

Mr. Pearson, being next called upon, said he had intended to make some explanations as to his conduct as a Councillor during the past year, but as no charges were made against him nothing was required from him. He had much pleasure in declining his nomination. Later on Mr. Pearson charged the Cemetery Committee with having spent \$112 for cemetery purposes, when their estimate preconceived in October only showed an expenditure of \$65.

Councillors Fife and Cameron—We are prepared to explain this to the satisfaction of all.

Mr. John Cameron, had decided some time ago not to stand for re-election and had said as much to a number of the rate-payers. He had no desire for the office of Councillor, but having been strongly pressed by many warm friends had allowed himself to be nominated. As chairman of the committee on streets and sidewalks he gave a report of the work performed by that committee during the year. Most work would have been done had it not been for the trouble and expense caused by those opposed to the cemetery. He could not thank the people for his nomination, for he did not desire it, but he thanked them heartily for the good feeling which was evidenced toward him. Although he was not anxious for office he would always uphold the interests of the corporation, even if he had to deny himself to do so, and he considered any man a traitor who would in any manner injure his municipality. If elected he would occupy the same position as last year, not withdrawing a single plank.

The other nominees having quietly retired no further speeches were made, and the meeting adjourned.

NOMINATIONS ELSEWHERE.

ESKERSO—Reeve—N. Lindsay. 1st Deputy—John Warren and Dr. Webster. second Deputy-Reeve, H. P. Lawson and R. Graham. Councillors, F. Ruddell, John Evans, Richard Dick and John Campbell.

NASSAGAWA—Reeve, James Menzies, D. Reeve, D. Wheeland, Councillors, last year's members and Peter Sayers and Peter Gould.

Mitros—Mayor, S. Hannant, Reeve, J. H. McCollom.

GEORGETOWN—Reeve, Wm. McLeod and G. McKenzie.

GUELPH—Mayor, Col. McDonald, Geo. Bruce, G. Sleeman, J. Keough.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION.

The election of school trustees to fill the vacancies caused by the lapse of the terms of office of Messrs. W. P. Brown and Thos. C. Moore took place at noon yesterday.

The elections of the previous day apparently caused the electors to forget so unimportant (?) a matter as the proper superintendence of the education of their children, for the attendance was very small indeed.

The following nominations were made:

THOMAS ERBIE—Nominated by Thomas Easton and John Matthews.

DAVID HENDERSON—Nominated by Thos. T. Moore and Thos. Easton.

There being no further nominations the returning officer declared Messrs. Ebbage and Henderson, elected by acclamation to serve the term of three years as members of the Board of Trustees of Acton public school.

The personnel of the Board is now Messrs. J. E. McGarvin, Chairman, W. H. Storey, Dr. Lowry, George Hynd, Thomas Ebbage and David Henderson.

LAUREL.

We have just learned that Mr. D. Henderson declines to accept his election to the office of trustee, and has placed his resignation in the hands of the Secretary of the Board. Mr. Henderson explains that when he declined to accept nomination for municipal Council he had come to the conclusion not to accept any public office, and consequently has just as strong objections to acting as school trustee as in any other official capacity.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Mount Forest Representative refers to Mr. W. H. Storey as "Acton's veteran Reeve," and the Brampton *Hamer* says Mr. Storey announces his retirement from municipal politics in a George Washington farewell to his subjects.

The chief English city in the Dominion—Toronto—is only about one-fifth the size of Chicago, and yet in many respects Chicago cannot compare with Toronto. Especially as an intellectual and educational centre does the Queen City of Ontario outshine Chicago. The Canadian city has able lawyers, platform orators, teachers, writers, and editors. It has better schools, colleges and universities; better hospitals and public institutions of all descriptions; handsome churches, and more real culture to the square inch than Chicago has to the square yard.—Canadian American, Chicago.

THE SUCCESSFUL TEACHERS.

The Third Class professional examination of candidates for teachers' certificates began in the Model School, Milton, on Monday, 13th inst. The written examination embraced the subjects of drawing, education (theory and methods), school law, physiology and hygiene. The papers were examined by the County-Board of Examiners—Dr. Lusk, H. Gray, and J. S. Deacon. The oral examination, consisting of practical teaching, drill and calisthenics, was conducted by the P. S. I.

Owing to the thorough training received during the Model School term, all the students succeeded in passing the examination. Certificates were awarded to the following:—

William M. McGuire, Annie M. Chapman, Thomas J. Morris, Walter Campbell, Herbert W. Bell, Alice J. Breckin, John H. Stingle, Emma Tillotson LeBarre, Hannah McLean, David Williams, Grace C. Williams, Mary C. Gant, Maggie Forrest, Franklin Clazie, Daniel Stingle, Maggie McIsaac, William McLean, Flora B. B. Lyon.

—Persian lamb caps, the best quality, at low prices; also black Astrachan, good and cheap at J. Fife's.

MOWAT SUSTAINED.

He Returns to Parliament With An Increased Majority.

MAJOR KERNS THE FAVORITE.

The Conservative Party Continue to Hold the Fort in Halton for the Local House.

The election is over and by this time the excitement incident to a general election has about subsided and politicians will again have assumed their normal everyday tone. The returns show that the Mowat Ministry has been sustained by a considerably increased majority, reaching nearly thirty members. The result certainly shows that while the people of the province cannot feel entirely satisfied in every respect with the administration of affairs by the Mowat Ministry, they are not prepared to hand the business of the Province over to Mr. Meredith and his followers until he comes out with a platform of a more progressive, practical and logically provincial character than has yet been presented by him. The Mowat Government have more strength than ever and it is ardently hoped they will now deem it prudent to adopt more of the progressive measures which the province requires, and which have hitherto been left over for "more careful consideration." We have no doubt the result of the elections is very generally satisfactory to the citizens of Ontario.

The ELECTION IN HALTON.

The election in our own county is only slightly changed from that of 1883. Major Kerns, the first successful standard bearer in the county since it was organized, in provincial elections, has again been sustained.

He had a strong opponent and his majority in some thirty per cent. less than in his former contest. It is now about 100.

The campaign was a vigorous one, and every polling sub-division was thoroughly canvassed by both parties.

In Acton hard work was done and the representatives of each candidate did their utmost to ensure success. Here Major Kerns' majority was reduced from 33 to 24.

The following table will show the majorities in each polling place in the County:

Kerns' Majority Buck's Majority.

Acton 24 21

Burlington 60 24

Georgetown 24 13

Milton 95 37

Oakville 35 37

Esquinton No. 1 25 37

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