MARRIED.

LANGFORD—HAW—At the home of Mr. H. Taylor, Acton, on Monday, 26th December, by Rev. H. A. Macpherson, Thomas Edward Langford to Miss Mary Ann Haw.

MAUD—JESTIN—At the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday, 21st December, by Rev. Dixon Shaw, John Maud to Miss S. L. Jestin, daughter of John Jestin, all of Eramosa.

ARMSTRONG—SHORT—At the residence of the bride's father, on Tuesday, the 20th December, by Rev. D. Strachan, Mr. James Armstrong, Nichol, to Miss May Dr. second daughter of Mr. James Short, of Eramosa.

SMITH—NIXON—At the residence of the bride's parents, Maple Hill Farm Ashgrove, by the Rev. G. A. Mitchell, B. A., assisted by Rev. F. W. Thompson, B. A., of Arthur, on Tuesday 22nd, Mr. David Smith, L L. B., of Gladstone, Manitoba, to Minnie, daughter of J. H. Nixon, Esq.

DIED.

CREWSON—At the home of her husband, Moberly, Mo., on Sunday, 4th December, the beloved wife of Jos. Crewson, aged 30 years.

CREE—At his father's residence, lot 2, con. 6, Erin, on Monday, 26th December, Alexander, son of Andrew Cree, aged 27 years, 5 months.

MACPHERSON—At the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Janet Macpherson, Bower Ave. Acton, on Christmas morning, Peter Macpherson, Sr., aged 84 years.

The Acton Free Press

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The conference based upon the disarmament proposals of Emperor Nicholas has been fixed for St. Petersburg about the beginning of May next, prior to which the Russian Government will submit to the powers a definite plan of disarmament.

The series of articles on English statesmen is represented in the January *Chautauquan* by Mr. T. Raleigh's characterization of Lord Melbourne, an article as scholarly and well-written as those which have preceded it. To the same number William Elroy Curtis contributes a bright sketch of Dr. Joseph Parker and his work, which is accompanied by portraits of Dr. and Mrs. Parker.

The negotiations for an Anglo-German treaty are proceeding along the lines of the "most-favored-nation" system. There is no doubt that work will progress rapidly enough so that the draft of the convention may be submitted to the Reichstag during the present session. It is understood that while the two nations are making liberal reciprocal concessions Canada will be excluded from adhesion to the treaty.

It is probable that the new penny postage rate between the British colonies will bring a considerable increase of revenue to the Windsor post-office. The new rate makes it possible for Detroit business men to save three cents on any letter posted to any place in the British domain, other than Canada. Many Detroit business houses have enormous foreign correspondence and the saving to them in postage by bringing their letters across the river to be mailed will amount to a considerable sum in a year. If they mailed their letters in Detroit the postage on each would be five cents.

There will be general regret that Mr. H. P. Lawson has decided to drop out of the County Council. There has been no man in connection with either township or county affairs in Halton during the past ten years, who has discharged his responsibilities thereto more conscientiously and faithfully, or more free from anxiety as to how his acts might affect his own popularity, than Mr. Lawson. His judgement has always been reliable, and his advice frequently sought. Some day later on, perhaps Mr. Lawson may go to a higher sphere of usefulness than is afforded by any county office in the gift of the electors. —Georgetown *Herald*.

As noted elsewhere the County Council has been elected by acclamation. There is every probability that Acton will be honored with the Wardenship next year, and this conclusion is arrived at upon very tenable grounds. Of the members this year four are new men, Messrs. Wrigglesworth, Cook, Smith and Wilson; of the four old members, Messrs. Andrews, Webster and Hutcheon have already been honored with the occupancy of the Warden's chair. In all fairness then the position naturally goes to Councillor Havill this year. He is well qualified by long experience in municipal matters, as well as by his skill as an executive officer, to gracefully and with proper dignity fulfil the duties of the office. It is withal about a decade since the Wardenship was bestowed upon a County Councillor from Acton, and there can consequently be nothing anomalous nor unfair in the appointment of Councillor Havill to the office.

BY ACCLAMATION.

Halton County Council Elected for the Coming Two Years.

The surplus candidates having dropped out of the contest Halton County Council for 1899-1900 is elected by acclamation as follows:

Division No. 1—Nelson and Burlington—J. C. Smith and J. C. Wilson.

Division No. 2—Oakville and Trafalgar—George Andrew and Henry Cook.

Division No. 3—Georgetown and Esquesing—Dr. Webster and John Wrigglesworth.

Division No. 4—Acton, Milton and Nassagweya—D. Hutcheon and George Havill.

Messrs. Smith, Wilson, Cook and Wrigglesworth are all new men at the County Council.

LITERARY NOTES.

The January number of the *Delineator* is called the holiday number and heralds the Magazine's twenty-seventh year of existance as the most accurate and complete index of the requirements of fashion and medium of household social information. The high literary character of the publication is typified in this issue by a number of features of marked excellence. The Dressmaker, Millinery, Lace-Making, Crocheting, Tatting, Knitting, Literature, etc., are of the usual high order of merit. Order from the local agent for the Butterick Patterns, or address the *Delineator* Publishing Co. of Toronto, Limited, 33 Richmond St. West, Toronto, Ont. Subscription price of the *Delineator* $1.00 a year, single copies 15c.

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BY ACCLAMATION!

The Municipal Council and School Board in Without an Election.

LAST YEAR'S COUNCIL INTACT.

The men who will rule this corporation next year in municipal and educational matters are as follows:

J. H. PEARSON, REEVE.
JAMES CLARK, COUNCILLOR.
ISAAC FRANCIS, do
JOHN CLARKE, do
J. A. MURRAY, do

GEORGE HYNDS, TRUSTEE.
ROBERT HOLMES, do
ROBERT WALLACE, do
H. SWACKHAMER, do
A. A. SECORD, do
WM. R. KENNEY, do

The article in last issue suggesting the desirability of returning the Council of the present year by acclamation, evidently touched a popular chord. The citizens of this good town acted upon the suggestion and, as a result, we have the men returned to office who inaugurated the present year's improvements and who have gleaned experience and information which will be of incalculable value next year. Another consideration of moment is the securing of a Council for the year without turmoil or expense.

The municipal nomination of the present day is a very quiet affair compared with that of years in the past. A long list of candidates may now be put into the field and never a word be spoken during the hour of the nomination proceedings. Instead of the old plan of verbal proposing and seconding of candidates the whole matter must now be systematically done in writing.

At twelve o'clock Clerk Moore opened the meeting and at the expiration of an hour read the following nominations:

FOR REEVE.

J. B. Pearson, merchant, proposed by H. P. Moore, seconded by John Cameron.

FOR COUNCILLORS.

James Clark, miller, proposed by J. A. McGrall, seconded by H. P. Moore.

James Brown, lumberman, proposed by William Williams, seconded by James Wilson.

Isaac Francis, leather dresser, proposed by J. A. McGrall, seconded by H. P. Moore.

John Clarke, accountant, proposed by John Lawson, V.S., seconded by Robt. Wallace.

J. A. Murray, manufacturer, proposed by Alex. Secord, seconded by Dr. J. M. Macdonald.

Hiram Swackhammer, tanner, proposed by R. B. Cook, seconded by George Storey.

Messrs. Brown and Swackhamer put in declinations, both preferring, under the circumstances, that the old Council should be returned by acclamation than to enter a contest.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.

There were four vacancies in the Public School Board; three whose terms had expired and the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. Uren. To supply these vacancies the following nominations were recorded:

James McLam, blacksmith, proposed by H. P. Moore and seconded by J. A. McGrall.

Robert Wallace, milkman, proposed by Alex. A. Secord, seconded by H. Ramshaw.

Alex. A. Secord, manufacturer, proposed by H. P. Moore, seconded by John M. Macdonald, M. D.

S. A. McKeague, M. D., proposed by R. B. Johnson, seconded by George Agnew.

Hiram Swackhamer, tanner, proposed by John A. Henderson, seconded by Wm. Smyth.

William R. Kenney, merchant, proposed by George Agnew, seconded by R. B. Johnson.

Of the above, James McLam at once withdrew. Mr. McLam has been a very faithful trustee for the past eight years and retires after serving the Board as its chairman for a year. Upon the principle that trustees should be the parents of pupils in attendance at the school he felt that the time had come when he should step out.

Rather than be the means of requiring an election Dr. McKeague and Mr. J. H. Matthews also retired. They would both make excellent trustees, and Dr. McKeague's attainments are specially adapted to the requirements of the office.

At the conclusion of the nomination proceedings ex-Councillor John Cameron was requested to preside. Reeve Pearson and Councillor Clark were out of town, but Councillors Clarke, Francis and Murray, each gave an interesting account of their stewardship, presenting in detail lists of the various works accomplished during the year. Their speeches were exceptionally good, Councillor Francis especially excelling himself by keeping strictly to his text and giving interesting particulars respecting electric lighting matters and other questions.

The Christmas dinners awaiting the audience and speakers cut the proceedings shorter than usual on such occasions.

NOMINATIONS ELSEWHERE.

Esquesing—Reeve—Robert Stewart, by acclamation. Councillors—Richard Graham, F. S. Near, James Coulson, John Stalker, David Wiggins, William Philp, Appelbe.

Messrs. Wiggins and Appelbe have since retired and Esquesing Council is consequently in by acclamation with the following members-elect: Reeve, Robert Stewart. Councillors, Richard Graham, John Stalker, Fred S. Near and James Coulson.

Trafalgar—Reeve—Dr. Buck, Henry Savage. Councillors—Henry Robinson, David Featherstone, Alex. Porter, John F. Ford, Hy. Carrique, James Walbrook, W. H. Speers, T. E. Wrinch.

Burlington—Reeve—R. G. Baxter, elected by acclamation. Councillors—James Allen, L. Lowe, John Kenner, Ed. Webber, Jos. Ackland, T. Glover, Jos. Gardiner, J. N. Ogg.

Oakville—Mayor—John Urquhart, Hedley Shaw, Chas. P. Chisholm, W. H. Young, A. S. Forster, Cecil G. Marlatt, Peter Kelley, John Kelly. Councillors—Edward Hillmer, George Hillmer, Allan S. Chisholm, James E. Ford, William H. Morden, Robert Freestone, John Urquhart, Charles P. Chisolm, Hedley Shaw, Michael L. Bigger, S. M. Cooper, E. B. Anderson, John Macdonald, Peter Kelley, John Wales, Chas. E. Anderson, John Kelley, Cecil Marlatt, Wm. H. Cronkrite, Thos. Patterson, James Hunter, A. S. Forster.

Milton—Mayor—J. S. Deacon, by acclamation.

Guelph—Mayor—Ald. R. E. Nelson, Ald. John Newstead, Ald. W. F. Clark.

Georgetown—Reeve—H. W. Kennedy, B. A., and W. H. Kehrs. Councillors—Jno. Gaus, Frank Barber, John Allan and Wm. Barclay.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

News Items Supplied by Correspondents and Exchanges.

ROCKWOOD.

Mr. Fred Smith, Eramosa, has recently purchased two fine carriage horses, one from Mr. J. Grummett, Nassagaweya, and one from Mr. J. P. Thompson, Belwood.

GEORGETOWN.

At the annual meeting of the Bible Society Rev. W. S. McAlpine was elected President. The collections for the present year amounted to $87.00.

A meeting of the Halton Farmers' Institute will be held at Georgetown on Monday, January 9th. The speakers will be H. Glendenning, Esq., of Manilla; J. S. Woodward, Esq., of Lockport, N. Y., and Miss Laura Rose, of the O. A. C., Guelph.

General sorrow is expressed at the death of Mr. John F. Young, hardware merchant of Gravenhurst, son of the late Thos. Young, of Georgetown. The cause was typhoid fever.

EVERTON.

On Wednesday, 21st, Miss S. L. Jestin was married to Mr. John Maud, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John Jestin. Miss Pearen, of Guelph, was bridesmaid; H. Maud, groomsman. Rev. D. Sharpe officiated. The guests numbered about one hundred and fifty. Among those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. J. McMillan, from Harriston, Mr. John Kean, of Brantford, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Elliott, Maxwell and Angus of Hespeler the Pearens, of Guelph, Martinoni family, of Coningsby. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. The gift of the groom was a pair of fur mittens. They moved on Monday to their new home, the house by the school near his old home.

The Disciples Sunday School tea-meeting last Thursday evening was good. The scholars sang well and all the programme was well rendered. Special mention might be made of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Black. Rev. Mr. Cranston, Rockwood, gave a very helpful address on "Frankness." Owing to the bad roads and wet night, the crowd was comparatively small. Mr. H. Black ably filled the chair and everything was well arranged.

Mrs. Oakes, sr., and Mr. and Mrs. S. McCutcheon, of Guelph, and Mr. and Mrs. Oakes and Henry, dined with Mrs. J. Evert, jr., on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Grindell and James, also Nelson Moore, of St. Mary's, were with Mrs. Wm. Evert for the holiday.

The Simons family gathered with Mrs. G. Rossell, Erin; Mrs. and Mrs. Geo. Robinson went to Orangeville; Mrs. T. Black and Earnest, of Guelph, were with Mrs. Jas. Black and Mr. and Mrs. Wells with Mr. H. Black's family.

Your correspondent wishes the FREE PRESS staff a happy New Year.

CREWSONS CORNERS.

We have had some real old time Christmas weather the past few weeks.

Christmas passed off very quietly, most of our residents spending the day at their own homes.

A large Christmas party, composed of the children and grandchildren of Mr. Wm. Anderson, spent Monday very enjoyably at Mr. Anderson's home here.

Mr. M. Crewson states that the largest exchange he has received in 40 years, of flour for wheat, was received by him from Mr. Jas. Gray, of Lorne Mills, last week, when he received 49½ lbs. of best roller flour and also bran and shorts for every bushel of wheat he exchanged.

Mr. Robert Cripps has purchased from Mr. Wm. Bennett his five acre lot near this place for a fair figure. It is Mr. Cripps' intention, we believe, to build on it in the spring.

From the Moberly, Mo., *Daily Monitor* of Dec. 5th, we copy the following:—"Mrs. S. E. Crewson, wife of Mr. Jos. Crewson, the well-known house mover, died at her residence on north William Street, Sunday morning, the 4th inst., at 8 o'clock, of fever, aged 50 years. She leaves beside her husband, two sons and one daughter. She was a woman of many fine traits of character and her death will be a keen loss to her family. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the central Christian Church, the service being conducted by Dr. Briney." The many friends and relatives of Mr. Crewson and his family at the Corners extend to him their sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

Messrs. John and Joseph Coleman, who have been working on the steamboats *Maccassa* and *Arabia* for the past summer, returned to their home last week.

We are sorry to state that master Bert Crewson, the 14 year old son of Mr. M. Crewson, who underwent an operation in the Guelph General Hospital in the forepart of last summer for an inward growth, is again very seriously ill with the same ailment.

Mr. and Mrs. Northcote, a newly married couple of Markham, are spending their honeymoon at Mrs. Northcote's brother's, Mr. J. Walker of this place.

Mrs. R. Dron, of Hunteville, is visiting friends in this vicinity. Mrs. Dron and quite a number of her relatives, spent last Wednesday night very pleasantly at Mrs. M. Crewson's.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, sr. spent Christmas at Mr. Jas. Lillies, Eramosa.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Swackhammer, of Lexington, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Murray, of Nassagaweya, and Councillor and Mrs. Murray and daughter Flossie, of Acton, spent Christmas at Mr. John Murray's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramshaw, of this place, and Mr. Chas. Ramshaw, of Lowville, spent Monday at Mrs. Jas. McDermott's, Erin.

AN ATTRACTIVE FAMILY PAPER.

The *Dominion Presbyterian* has made its appearance. The new paper is published by Mr. C. Blackett Robinson, the founder and conductor for over twenty years of the *Canadian Presbyterian*. It is the announced intention of the publisher to make the *Dominion Presbyterian* second to none as the representative religious newspaper of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The next issue gives prominence to wholesome and interesting reading for old and young; presents the missionary activities of the church in an attractive manner; gives a proper place to the important work being done by the Young People's Societies and furnishes an up-to-date paper in all departments. During 1899 the *Dominion Presbyterian* will publish a number of especially valuable papers, written by prominent ministers and laymen. In order that the widest possible circulation may be had at once, the publisher has decided to offer the *Dominion Presbyterian* from now until 1st January, 1900, for one dollar. Address, 223 St. James St., Montreal, or 5 Jordan St., Toronto.

THEY PASSED ACCOUNTS.

A Session Devoted Largely to Another Batch of Electric Light Plant Bills.

Council met on Tuesday evening at the call of the Reeve. The members were all present. The Committee on Finance presented their twenty-third report recommending payment of the following accounts:

John Williams, team on power house		$	1 25
Robt. Barr,	labor	do	10 50
W. Graham	do	do	12 00
N. Forbes	do	do	24 50
H. Swackhamer	do	do	12 00
W. Perryman	do	do	9 50
John Cook	do	do	3 87
K. Bingham	do	do	6 87
Thos. Hord	do	do	3 12
Thos. Brunt	do	do	2 50
Geo. Adams	do	do	3 90
H. Ryder	do	do	10 62
Isaiah Coon	do	do	5 15
W. Hematroot	do	do	3 25
Thos. Dunn	do	do	12 75
John Sharp	do	do	2 50
D. Mills	do	do	17 25
R. Garvin	do	poles	3 30
P. Kirkness	do	do	15 12
W. Smith	do	do	15 63
Geo. Dills	do	do	15 63
W. Nicklin	do	do	9.00
N. P. Moore	do	do	1 68
Ontario Lime Ass. brick, etc., for power house			83 10
James Brown, lumber, power house			40 25
do	do	sidewalks	34 50
James F. Brown, road grading, etc.			8 00
John Williams, drawing fire engine			10 00
J. Cameron, lumber, etc., power house			74 98
R. Moore, shovelling snow			1 00
J. Harvey, freight, express, teaming			72 22
P. Sayers, lumber, power house			98 62
W. A. Johnson Electric Co. supplies			104 77
J. E. Bates, stone			29 08
F. Schaefer, brick for power house			80 00
J. M. Bond & Co., nails			1 00
J. B. Pearson, sundries			17 12
			$867 40

Moved by J. A. Murray, seconded by I. Francis, that the report of the Committee on Finance be adopted.—Carried.

A letter from Thomas Ebbage requested, in view of the fire which destroyed his planing mill in June, that one half of his taxes on the property for the current year, be remitted.

Moved by James Clark, seconded by I. Francis, that the application from Mr. Ebbage for reduction of taxes, be granted and that the sum of $5.85 be remitted.—Carried.

Mr. John Williams, who for several years has had the contract of hauling the fire engine, tendered his resignation from that position. Mr. Williams stated, however, that whenever he could be of service at time of fire his team would be at the disposal of the Council.

Council adjourned at 8.30.

LITERARY NOTES.

The *Canadian Epworth Era*, a new monthly paper published in the interests of the young peoples' societies of the Methodist Church, has made its appearance. It contains thirty-two pages crowded with matter of peculiar interest to the young people; is beautifully printed and attractively illustrated and will no doubt be hailed with delight by the young Methodists. Rev. A. C. Crews, the popular General Secretary, is the editor.

TAKING THE CITADEL.

In war when a town is taken by storm there is no use in merely capturing the outworks or lower fortifications. As long as the enemy holds the highest stronghold the town is not conquered.

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W. H. DENNY,
Young St., Acton.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

THE dates for the payment of the two instalments of taxes having passed, notice is hereby given that all taxes for the year 1898 must be paid forthwith. All taxes remaining unpaid on the 31st December, are liable to an increase by an additional charge for the extra costs of collection.
H. D. GRAHAM,
Collector,
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WE, David Henderson, of the Village of Acton, in the County of Halton, member of Parliament; David D. Christie, of the City of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, Merchant; William Albert Storey, of the said Village of Acton, Manufacturer, and Charles C. Henderson and John A. Henderson, of the said Village of Acton, Merchants, hereby certify:—

1. That we have carried on and intend to carry on trade and business as private bankers and money lenders at the said Village of Acton in partnership, under the name and firm of Storey, Christie & Co.

2. That the said partnership has subsisted since the first day of August, 1898.

3. And that we are and have been since the said day the only members of the said partnership.

Witness our hands at the Village of Acton this 7th day of December, 1898.

D. HENDERSON,
W. A. STOREY,
C. C. HENDERSON,
JOHN A. HENDERSON,
D. D. CHRISTIE.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of the Estate of John Robert Cook, late of the Township of Esquesing, in the County of Halton, farmer, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the late John Robert Cook above mentioned, deceased, who died on or about the 1st day of November, 1898, are requested to send by registered letter or to deliver to George H. Cook, dentist, corner College St. and Spadina Ave. Toronto, or Robert S. Henderson, of the township of Esquesing, Bailiffard P. O., Farmer, the Executors of the last Will and Testament of the said deceased, on or before the 1st day of January, A. D. 1899, a statement in writing of their names, addresses and descriptions, with full particulars of their claims duly verified and the nature of the security (if any) held by them. After said last mentioned date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which notice has then been given as above required, and the said Executors will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person or persons of whose claim notice has not been received as aforesaid at the time such distribution is so made.

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