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The Acton Free Press

THE PEOPLE'S PRESS.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3rd, 1907

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Electric Power By-law was carried in Toronto on New Year's Day by a majority of about 8,000. Acton should give the Power By-law similar support next Monday.

The local option by-law of Owen Sound stands, the appeal of Mr. Sinclair having been dismissed with costs. This was the third or fourth effort to quash the by-law. Prohibition evidently prohibits in Owen Sound.

Among the candidates for Reeving Council Mr. William Mullin should prove a strong man. He will receive liberal support in this part of the township. Mr. George Wrigglesworth has been brought out again. He has proved himself a useful man in past years. Councillor Thomas Cook is another popular candidate from this vicinity.

Judging from the Christmas Day sermons the leading ministers of London, Eng., are fully alive to the inroads being made by the drink habit. The Bishop of London said: "Mercy told us to give our last coin to a beggar, but Truth, seeing the beggar's furtive glance towards the nearest public-house, knew where the coin would be spent. Mercy in her beautiful work had to go silently in one direction and Truth in another." Canon Henson said: "There seemed to be obvious fitness in keeping Christmas as a feast rather than a festival. There is more matter for humiliation than rejoicing. When I see the treating and drunkenness that will disgrace the season, I cannot blame the Puritan for his severity. A secular holiday, crowded with noisy pleasures, is not a fitting celebration of a Christian festival."

CREWSON'S CORNERS.

The sleighing is badly in need of repair at present.

One of the most successful auction sales ever held in this neighborhood was conducted by Mr. Thos. Ingram on the farm of Mr. Arch. McTavish last week.

The anniversary services and teameeting in the Methodist Church passed off very successfully last week.

Mr. Chas. Leavins has been in very poor health lately.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Denny, Churchill, gave an enjoyable party to a large number of young friends on the 19th Dec. Everyone had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Anderson, of Eramosa, were at home to about sixty young people on Friday night last.

Mr. A. B. Murray is in the field for Deputy Reeveship of Erin and Mr. R. Nickell as Councillor of Nassagaweya. Both of these gentlemen have proven worthy in the past and should again be elected.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wansborough and family spent Christmas at the reunion at Mr. Swackhamer's Churchill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Taylor and family spent Christmas at Arkell.

Mr. Robt. Duff, of Owen Sound Business College, and Miss Annie Duff, of Toronto, are home for the holiday.

Mr. Roy Wansborough left on Tuesday to take a course in the Central Business College, Toronto.

THE NEW ST. ALBAN'S.

To the Editor of The Free Press

Dear Sir: I presume from your unfailing courtesy and kindness and also from the title of your paper—"The Free Press", "The People's Press"—you will allow me to say a few words to the town about a matter of much importance not only to the Church of England in Acton, but to the town as a whole.

We propose to make a bold attempt to build a new Church next summer. It is an extensive undertaking and could not be attempted without the sympathy and help of those who think kindly of the Church of England's cause in Acton and the neighborhood, and it certainly could not be thought of unless the Church of England community in Acton are themselves prepared for some hard work and some self-denial.

To further the good object we have in view we are working for a three days' Bazaar to be held in the town hall some time in April. We are appealing to our friends and well-wishers for contributions of needlework and useful articles in general, with which to furnish the stalls. We warmly invite all who are interested to help in any way they can. We expect the Bazaar will be widely patronised by the people of the neighboring towns. We trust that if we succeed in building a Church it will be a source of much moral and spiritual strength to all concerned; that it will be a means of blessing to the whole population, and that it will be one more ornament to this pretty and progressive town.

I offer my compliments of the season to yourself and all your readers I remain,

Ever Sincerely yours,
MATTHEW WILSON.

The Rectory, Dec. 29th, 1906.

NOMINATIONS ELSEWHERE.

Esquesing—Reeve—John McGibbon by acclamation, Deputy Reeve—F. S. Near, Thompson. Councillors—Cook, Bingham, G. Wrigglesworth, W. Mullin, May.

Erin—Reeve—McKinnon, Deering. Deputy Reeve—Murray, McKechnie, Councillors—Kerr, Tarzwell, Marshall, McMurchy.

Georgetown—Reeve—J. R. Willoughby, ac. Councillors—J. Harley, J. Buck, Joe M. Moore, J. Bell.

Nassagaweya—Reeve—Little and Erwin. Councillors—Campbell, Fraser, W. J. Grummet, J. Mahon, J. H. Nickell, Richardson.

Milton—Mayor—Peacock, McConnell, Dr. Anderson. Reeve—Higginbottom, Earl, Somerville. Councillors—J. S. Deacon, D. Hartley, M. Bowe, Laxton, Hughson, A. Winn, J. Dent, J. Blair, S. Dieg, J. S. McCannell.

COUNCIL HONORS GO A-BEGGING

Acton Has Only A Reeve and Two Councillors Left.

COST OF THE BRIDGE UNKNOWN.

The nomination day has come and gone, and, as the Free Press predicted several weeks ago, seats at the Council board have gone a begging. Four candidates were put up for the Reeveship and eleven for Councillors. At nine o'clock on New Year's night it was found that Reeve Swackhamer had been elected by acclamation, and that only three of the candidates for Council had put in their declarations of qualification. Dr. Gray, Alex Bell and N. W. Hirst. The latter is disqualified owing to the fact that he is assistant engineer of the Fire Company, and therefore a paid servant of the Corporation and ineligible for the position.

The Council-elect to-day is therefore:

Reeve—H. Swackhamer, Councillors—Dr. Gray, A. Bell. Dr. Gray was in the Council last year and Mr. Bell has had long experience as a member of Nassagaweya Council. If the electors will now quit their fooling and elect by acclamation two able, experienced men of affairs to unite with those already elected Acton may yet have a Council of ability and which will command the respect of the community.

Nominations for Reeve, Councillors and School Trustees were made during the hour in the following order:

For Reeve

1. Hynds—George Hynds, nominated by John Williams, seconded by J. R. Kennedy.—Retired.

2. Moore—H. P. Moore, nominated by John Harvey, seconded by John Clarke.—Retired.

3. Warren—John M. Warren, nominated by R. M. McDonald, seconded by Rev. G. W. Barker.—Retired.

4. Swackhamer—Hiram Swackhamer, nominated by E. W. Lee, seconded by Jas. R. Anderson.

For Councillors.

1. Bell—Alexander Bell, proposed by Peter Masales, seconded by John Stephenson.

2. Gray—Dr. Thomas Gray, proposed by William Henstreet, seconded by James H. Reed.

3. Hynds—George Hynds, nominated by John Clarke, seconded by H. P. Moore.—Retired.

4. Kennedy—John R. Kennedy, nominated by W. H. Dentty, seconded by C. R. McIntosh.—Retired.

5. McIntosh—C. R. McIntosh, nominated by A. T. Brown, seconded by W. H. Denny.—Retired.

6. Lackey—James E. Lackey, nominated by William Johnstone, seconded N. Forbes.—Retired.

7. Anderson — William Anderson, nominated by W. D. Smith, seconded by W. R. Roche.—Retired.

8. Statham—George Statham, nominated by Fred Bonathan, seconded by Robt. Scott.—Retired.

9. Hirst—Newton Hirst, nominated by E. W. Lee, seconded by J. R. Moshier.—Disqualified.

10. Scott—Robert Scott, nominated by W. D. Anderson, seconded by N. W. Hirst.—Retired.

11. Kenney—William R. Kenny, nominated by Robt. Scott, seconded by W. D. Anderson.—Retired.

For School Trustees.

1. Francis—Isaac Francis, nominated by T. T. Moore, seconded by C. R. McIntosh.

2. Ault—Dr. E. D. Ault, nominated by W. R. Kenney, seconded by W. J. Humphries.

3. Grindell—Henry Grindell, nominated by George Soper, seconded by Wm. Cooper.

There being three vacancies for the office of Public School Trustee, and but three nominees, the Clerk declared Messrs. Francis, Grindell and Dr. Ault, elected by acclamation.

At one o'clock Municipal Clerk Moore read the nominations. Ex-Reeve A. E. Nicklin was then moved to the chair, when it was decided to adjourn until 7.30 o'clock in the evening.

At 7.30 the hall was well filled with citizens and it was very manifest that an evening of more than ordinary interest was thought to be in store. The chairman in a few fitting remarks welcomed the ratepayers and bespoke for all the speakers a respectful hearing.

Reeve Swackhamer was first called upon. He read the figures of the printed financial statement and was proud to be able to report that notwithstanding the heavy expenditures of the year the Council was able to show a balance of $10.15 on the right side. He was sure the electors would give credit for doing this without increasing last year's rate of 19 mills. The appropriation for streets and walks had been largely exceeded, but this had been required because of the numerous drains found necessary to construct and the big bridge which the Free Press had so frequently referred to. The building of the bridge, he said, fell upon his shoulders, but he would leave it to the Chairman of the Streets and Walks to tell what the bridge cost. With reference to the electric lighting plant he was able, he said, to make as good a statement as had ever been shown. Referring to the power question he was in favor of it and claimed it would be a great benefit to Acton to get the power proposed to be supplied by the Hydro-Power Commission. The Reeve referred to the cemetery and claimed that in future more money must be spent in keeping it in good condition. In the course of his remarks he paid his compliments quite freely to the Free Press for its frequent criticism of his actions, especially in the bridge matter.

Dr. Gray, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, said that as the Reeve had presented the financial report he would not discuss it but would confine himself to looking into the merits of the Hydro-Power proposition. "The by-law before the electors should have careful and I think favorable consideration," he said. The Dr. then proceeded to give clauses from the statute and various answers to questions relative to the power proposal. He thought the Commission was in the hands of capable men and that the Whitney Government was to be congratulated for taking up this question. The bringing in of this power to Acton would be of great benefit. It would relieve the power house problem, reduce the municipal expenditure, and cheapen electric light and power for our people. Another question is looming up rapidly—that of waterworks. Acton is a prosperous, growing place. We must meet its needs. In three or four years it will be incorporated as a town, and in a very short time the population will reach 3,000 or 4,000. The Niagara Power will enable us to pump water cheaply and help us to operate a waterworks system satisfactorily.

During Dr. Gray's remarks Mr. D. Henderson, M.P., called attention to various clauses of the power by-law and provisions of the Provincial Act. He was in favor of the by-law but advised caution in carrying out the proposed contract.

Councillor J. M. Warren, Chairman of the Committee on Streets & Walks, said this was the third time he had spoken at the nomination meeting in his present capacity. We spent a lot of your money on streets and walks, he said, about $1,000 in pavements and $1,800 on drains and the big bridge which no one can tell the cost of. We built the pavements this year for 9c per foot, the cheapest Acton ever laid, and there is no better pavement anywhere in the province. Mr. Warren accepted the most of his time to the Main Street bridge, and what he termed the unwarranted action of Reeve Swackhamer in changing the stakes in his absence so as to build the bridge wider than had been decided upon by the Council, thus bringing it in line with his own property, and improving it at the cost of the municipality. He remonstrated with the Reeve, but he pleaded that the extra width be allowed and he would pay all extra cost himself. He did not inform the Council as to the cost nor had he offered to pay his proportioned share of the cost. He has not told you to-night what the bridge cost. He never will. He never can. Neither can I. The work was so mixed up with other town work that no man can ever tell the cost. As to my nomination for the Reeveship, if my plans were to remain in Acton I would gladly enter the contest. But I expect my business will take me away from here, therefore I am compelled to retire.

Councillor McIntosh, Chairman of the Park Committee, said very little money had been at his disposal. But little had been spent in the park and the revenue was only a few dollars. He felt that well-directed efforts should be made by the Council of 1907 to beautify the park. It could be made a place of beauty. Mr. McIntosh spoke of the metre system, and, because of the overload at the power house, the necessity for its inauguration. The system is proving very satisfactory and he was quite confident it would continue to be a success. As he expects to be out of town part of 1907 Mr. McIntosh declined his nomination.

Councillor Lackey, Chairman of the Town Hall Committee, referred to the receipts and expenditures in connection with the town hall. He suggested several improvements. The fire hall should have a driveway on the south side as well as on Bower Ave., so that the fire engine could be driven through. The firemen should have a room for themselves and be made as comfortable as possible.

Reeve Swackhamer here asked permission to tell what the bridge cost. He did not like Mr. Warren's criticisms. They had been school boys together in the country and he was sorry he had gone back on him. I am led to believe, however, he said, that the interested people of Acton still have confidence in me. If I can't tell every cent the bridge cost I will never ask for another vote in Acton. I've kept account of every item and the extra cost of the wider bridge is not worth wasting your breath over. It is not worth the cost of the paper the Free Press has wasted in calling attention to the matter. Now, gentlemen, I'll tell you the cost of the bridge. It cost completed $681.20. There, I'm clear now. I'm guilty of nothing.

A voice—What about the cost of labor which is not included in your figures of $681.20? No answer.

The Reeve—Mr. Moore said in the Free Press several weeks ago he did not want the Reeveship. I believe he wants it as much as I do. We all aim at something higher. I hope to see Mr. Moore Warden of the County yet.

Ex-Reeve Hynds—Mr. Chairman, this is one of the most astonishing meetings I have ever attended. The two leading speakers have told you absolutely nothing concerning the financial position of this town. I'm going to let you into a little secret of their municipal financing. These gentlemen had the largest assessment Acton ever had, $370,000. They have two lines of finances to provide for—uncontrollable and controllable. It was their duty to strike a rate to cover these. The uncontrollable amounts in round figures to $9,000, requiring 10 mills; the controllable to $1,378. To meet this they have net revenue of $1,297, leaving a balance of of $3,081, to raise by taxation. This would require eight mills, a total of 21 mills, which should have been the rate struck this year instead of 19 mills. But they struck only three mills to cover this, and raised only $1,137, leaving the town in the hole to the extent of $1,944. There has been a careless, wilful waste of money all through the year. The Reeve now says the bridge cost $681, but he does not include the labor, which would largely increase the total cost. The Finance Committee should have put on the brakes when this wasteful extravagance was going on. Look at the street expenditures. $1,800 spent. Four bosses at work in watching this expenditure. There was the Reeve, with his wonderful supervision, there was H. S. McDonald, Inspector, sitting on a heap of sand and watching the cement being poured in, and the spectacle of hiring laborers at $2.50 a day. There was Chairman Warren, and lastly there was Municipal Officer Price. Four bosses, and the men put up to work didn't give a rap for any of them. Such an exhibition of extravagance and waste of the people's money was never known in the annals of Acton's history. The Reeve may be an engineer or a bridge builder, he certainly is not a success as a financier. As to the coming contest I am undecided. Neither Mr. Swackhamer nor myself can beat much in the matter of contests. I defeated him and he defeated me. Whoever is put in the contest Acton should elect men of character and ability.

Dr. Gray announced that he would be a candidate for 1907, and was quite willing to put his financing against that of ex-Reeve Hynds.

H. P. Moore was proud of his native town, of its many beautiful homes, most of which are owned by the citizens who occupy them, of its extensive manufactories, fine public buildings, good streets, and numerous natural advantages. He was gratified with Acton's progress and good prospects. He thanked the electors for the splendid vote they had given him for a seat at the County Council—the largest ever given any man in the history of the municipality. He spoke of his career in the County Council and felt that he had been of value to his own municipality as well as to the County at large. He had been for thirty years in public life in Acton and would esteem it an honor if elected chief magistrate of the town where all his life had been spent. He had not decided how, over, to enter the contest. If he did he would do his utmost to win and would, if elected, give his most strenuous efforts to advance Acton's best interests.

Mr. Bell decided to accept nomination: Messrs. Anderson and McIntosh withdrew, and Messrs. Lackey and Statham were not decided as to their course, Messrs. Hirst, Scott and Kenney were called for but did not respond.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman and singing the National Anthem.

—Miss J. J. Allan optician, of Elora, will be at the Perryman residence, on Wednesday, Jan. 9th.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Provincial Legislature will meet on Thursday, 24th January.

The workmen of Canada lost 363,800 working days owing to strikes during 1906.

Toronto Board of Trade has passed resolutions condemning the power by-law.

Our New Year's Wishes

To Men, Women and Children.

AT the beginning of the New Year may all unpleasant chapters in the past year's book be closed. May all your difficulties be surmounted. May the buffets and the scars of the past, work out into profitable experience for the future that you may ride through the year and the years to come on the strong mount of manly character, ever receiving, and in return, ever doing good to those who surround you.

Our January Sale Advertisement

Will be in Next Week's Issue of this paper.

Get head cool about this great annual sale of ours. If you are like the rest of us, you like to make a dollar go as far as possible. Your opportunity will be on Saturday, Jan 12th. Come and buy goods for use which only a week ago would have cost you a dollar.

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BALLINAFAD.

Miss Mary J. Thompson, of Toronto, was home for New Years.

Mr. Simon Henderson, of Belwood, is spending several days with friends here.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Watts, Mr. W. Near took charge of the service in the Methodist Church on Sunday.

Miss Marshall, of Toronto, has charge of the Peacock School for the present year, and Miss Barber, of Limehouse, of the Blue Mountain School.

Mr. A. B. Vannatter has purchased the lot owned by Mr. E. Honeywell, adjoining his own.

Mr. Frank Betts, who has been in the west for the past two years, is taking over the business of his brother Edward, as general merchant in Ballinafad.

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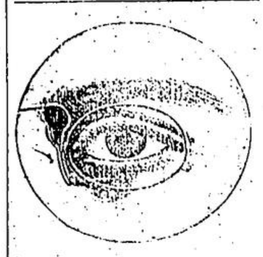

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