## BORN.

MACKENZIE—In Acton, on Saturday, 21st December, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mackenzie, a daughter.

SWACKHAMER—In Acton, on Saturday, 14th Dec., to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swackhamer, a son.

## MARRIED.

WATSON-McINTYRE—In the township of Dumfries, on Wednesday, Dec. 25th, by Rev. Walter Nichol, Robert Watson, Jr., Norval, to Clara V., daughter of Duncan McIntyre, Downie.

CORRICK-NICKELL—At the residence of the bride's parents, Pembroke St., Sarnia, on Monday, 23rd December, by Rev. Canon Davis, Jno. A. Corrick, to Maymie, eldest daughter of William Nickell, formerly of Limehouse.

STOREY-BROWN—At the residence of the bride's parents, Main Street, Acton, on Thursday, 26th December, by Rev. J. C. Wilson, B.A., Thomas A. Storey, Nassagaweya, son of Robt. Storey, Acton, to Nellie, youngest daughter of James Brown, Acton.

PRESTON-COULSON—At the parsonage, Omagh, on Thursday, Dec. 19th, by the Rev. W. H. Douglas, Mr. James M. Preston, to Miss Maggie Coulson, both of Esquesing.

CAMPBELL-BENNETT—At St. Andrew's Church, Orangeville, on Christmas Day, by Rev. A. L. Burch, Dr. George Harold Campbell, to Mabel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bennett, formerly of Acton.

## DIED.

KENNEDY—At Edmonton, Alta., on Christmas night, Dec. 25th, Alexander Kennedy, formerly of Acton, in his eighty-first year.

STEPHENSON—At his residence in Acton, on Tuesday, 24th December, John Stephenson, aged 81 years.

GRAHAM—At the family residence, Bower Ave., Acton, on Friday, Dec. 27th, Ann Henderson, widow of the late Samuel Graham, in her 79th year.

FOSTER—At Cheltenham, Dec. 23rd, Sarah Buckingham, wife of Thomas Foster, aged 71 years.

DOUGLAS—At his home in Nassagaweya, on Sunday, 29th Dec., Donald Douglas, in his 81st year.


# The Acton Free Press.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 1908


## THE ROYAL SCOTS' CONCERT.

### A Magnificent Musical Function Provided by the Orchestra Christmas Night.

Seldom indeed, if ever before, has a company of entertainers been secured for a local function where the audience was so universally delighted, as with the Royal Scots' Concert, given under the auspicies of the Methodist Sunday School Orchestra on Christmas night. Highest encomiums of praise are heard on all sides for the splendid programme presented, and especial credit is given the orchestra for bringing such a high-class company to town.

The repertoire presented was generous and varied and the talented rendering of the numbers selected by Mr. George Neil and Miss Flora Donaldson was in all respects high-class.

Mr. Neil possesses a powerful tenor voice of beautiful tone and calibre, and it was a delight to listen to his rendering of Scottish songs. His enunciation is distinct and his harmony pure, and he renders his songs with a depth of feeling which carries with it a true conception of the meaning of the songs. Every number was encored and nearly every stanza applauded.

Miss Flora Donaldson as an exponent of Scottish songs holds a place in the first rank. Her singing Christmas evening of some of the gems from the peerless song writers, and other more modern writers, was greatly appreciated by those attended. She is unquestionably one of the finest vocalists that has ever visited Acton.

Fred Howard, the entertainer, was a delightful surprise to all, and his mirth-provoking ventriloquial sketch aroused the audience to the utmost enthusiasm. Likewise in his musical eccentricities, he gained fresh laurels, and each of his performances was received with loud applause.

Mr. Leslie Colborne's piano solos and accompaniments were skilful and artistic.

Our own orchestra acquitted themselves most creditably in their several numbers.

It will be pleasing news to many that Mr. Mason is endeavoring to secure a return date and hopes to give another opportunity of hearing The Royal Scots about the end of February.

## LOCAL NEWS.

**Woman's Institute Meeting.**

The regular meeting of the Woman's Institute will be held in the council chamber, Friday, Jan. 3rd, at three o'clock. After the regular business the topics for the next three months will be solicited and the report of the convention at Guelph will be given by the deligate. All the ladies are welcome.

**County Road Superintendent.**

At the last meeting of the County Council Jas. G. Wilson, of Freeman, ex-Warden, was appointed Superintendent of County Roads, at a salary of $600, out of which he will have to pay his own expenses. Mr. Wilson has ever been an enthusiast on the subject of good roads and has made a study of the latest and most approved methods of road making. The work in Halton could not be in better hands. The salary on which he begins is low for efficient service, but is likely to be increased. Mr. Wilson's appointment will take effect on Jan. 1st, 1908.

**A Pretty Christmas Wedding.**

A very pretty wedding took place on Christmas day at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Duncan McIntyre, Centre Road, Downie, when his daughter, Clara M. and Mr. Robert Watson, Norval, were united in holy wedlock. The ceremony was performed under an arch of evergreens and roses, at 4 o'clock, by the Rev. Walter Nichol, pastor of Knox Church, St. Marys, in the presence of about seventy-five guests. The bride was handsome indeed in her bridal robes of cream crepe de chene trimmed with lace and ribbon. She was attended by her sister, Miss Pearl, and two little flower girls, who were dressed in white muslin trimmed with val lace. The bridesmaid carried a bouquet of red roses, and the flower girls bouquets of pink carnations. The groomsman was Mr. William Stewart, of St. Mary's. The bride, who was given away by her father, entered the parlor to the strains of the wedding march. After the ceremony the company sat down to a sumptuous dejeuner. The bride's going away gown was of dark green broadcloth with silk waist of McIntyre plaid. Mr. and Mrs. Watson left St. Mary's by the evening train for London, Stratford and other points. The groom's present to the bride was a gold watch and chain, and to the bridesmaid a pearl crescent. The presents to the bride were very numerous and costly. Guests were present from St. Marys, Chatham, Stratford, Guelph and Acton.

## SWACKHAMER AGAIN REEVE.

### Seven Candidates for Council—School Board By Acclamation.

### NOMINATIONS AT OTHER POINTS.

The annual nomination meeting for the municipality, held at noon on Monday, was attended as usual by a mere handful of ratepayers. To be exact there were just twenty-two persons entitled to vote present when the bell rang for one o'clock.

As was predicted in these columns there appeared to be little disposition to change the Council of last year. Reeve Swackhamer was the only nominee for the Reeveship and is therefore re-elected by acclamation. All the members of the Council of 1907 were nominated, and in addition thereto Messrs. Harry Jeans, W. R. Kenney and T. E. Price were nominated. It is generally felt that an election is unnecessary. However, whether the three extra nominees feel that way or not has not been declared up to the hour of going to press—Tuesday afternoon.

For School Trustees Mr. J. S. Coleman, the present Chairman, and Messrs. Geo. R. Agnew and John A. Mowat, were all re-elected by acclamation. This action may be taken as a very clear indication that their course as members of the Board in the past has been quite satisfactory.

The nominations were as follows:

FOR REEVE

H. Swackhamer, proposed by N. Patterson, seconded by Geo. Soper.

FOR COUNCILLORS

Alex. Bell, proposed by James H. Reed, seconded by Wm. Johnstone.

Thomas Gray, proposed by H. P. Moore, seconded by William Williams.

Harry Jeans, proposed by W. D. Anderson, seconded by W. E. Swackhamer.

William R. Kenney, proposed by T. Statham, seconded by J. P. Worden.

Thomas E. Price, proposed by George Hynds, seconded by Dr. Hore.

Chas. C. Speight, proposed by A. T. Brown, seconded by W. R. Kenney.

William Williams, proposed by Hugh Wallace, seconded by William Cooper.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES

George R. Agnew, proposed by William Cooper, seconded by John Kenney, Jr.

John S. Coleman, proposed by H. P. Moore, seconded by H. Swackhamer.

John A. Mowat, proposed by Thos. T. Moore, seconded by H. Grindell.

The meeting at which Councillors and Trustees—past and future—were given an opportunity to defend their past records and also to prophesy their future intentions and actions, was held in the auditorium of the town hall on Monday evening.

Mr. John Cameron, chairman, opened the meeting by declaring that this meeting was public—not to be confined to the nominees alone—and that questions might be freely and courteously asked as anyone present had desire. He then called upon Reeve Swackhamer.

Mr. Swackhamer thanked the electors for the confidence reposed in him, both in past years and in regard to the future. He had tried to do his best and will continue to do so. Business the past year had been difficult enough, owing to efforts to economize. He dwelt considerably on the small amount of money controlled by the Council, after paying sinking fund and other fixed amounts. As a member of the County Council, which position was held by virtue of the reeveship of Acton, he had supported the construction of good permanent roads in the county. He hoped for a good town Council to assist him in 1908 in the important work he believed to be before them. As an instance he mentioned improvements necessary to the town hall.

Dr. Gray, Chairman of the Finance Committee, spoke next. In reference to the power by-law and Niagara power he stated that nothing was yet settled, the whole question depending upon the action taken by the city of Toronto toward the project. In assisting in the financial business of the year he had endeavored to conduct all matters in a strictly business manner. He also gave a resume of the financial condition of the town. He considered the expenditure of $500 on new hose for fire equipment money well spent, and remarked upon the efficiency of the apparatus and brigade. He referred to the electric light department, saying that a nice surplus was evident, and congratulated the Treasurer on the excellent condition of the books of the municipality.

Councillor Williams spoke briefly. An appropriation of $150 for repairs to town hall he deemed insufficient, and had left the matter over till the job could be completed thoroughly.

Mr. Swackhamer: "Didn't the FREE PRESS say you were as slow to spend money as I was?"

And Mr. Williams answered "Yes."

Councillor Bell, Chairman Streets and Walks, stated that litte was done because of shortness of funds, owing to other necessary expenditure. Hoped that government may take some steps in regard to a Main Street roadway next year, as thought it useless to undertake anything in that matter this year.

Councillor Speight was not present when called.

Mr. Harry Jeans asked to be taken seriously, in spite of the fact that his appearance on the platform was often in humorous vein. He alleged that the FREE PRESS made unjust statements concerning the legality of his nomination last year. He regretted that the editor FREE PRESS was not present. He believed in fair play—wanted only a fair show. He stated that business had been done in Council this year in some instances illegally—yet no mention was made of this. The Clerk of the town had assessed property illegally, and he laid the blame on the Reeve and Council for accepting the assessment roll. He said that the assessment of the town is in error—should be $50,000 higher. He must take a stand against the Reeve and Council for accepting the assessment roll.

Mr. Thomas Price was surprised at his nomination. If he stands he will do his best for the municipality, and—owing to his personal experience as municipal officer—felt that he had a good understanding of the work.

Mr. Will R. Kenney was absent.

Mr. Coleman, elected by acclamation to the School Board, was not fishing for votes. The Inspector's opinion was that our school was the best in the county and this reputation could not be upheld on nothing. He believes that our school should be strongly supported, and made various remarks on expenses—new chimney, higher salaries for teachers, etc.

Mr. Mowat, in his six months' term, did his best in the interests of the school. He has attended all meetings of the Board, and helped along its business to the best of his ability.

Mr. Geo. Agnew thought that former members of the Board had covered the ground thoroughly. The expenditures had been ample, but not unreasonable, and everything was in good shape. The requisition for finances from the municipality have at least shown no great indication of extravagance, and the Board has a nice balance on hand.

Mr. Swackhamer, in replying to Mr. Jean's condemnation of the Council, said that the Council aimed to do things quite legally, but no great objection was made to a Councillor supplying goods to the corporation. So long as no one "kicked" it was considered to be all right. He also disclaimed any responsibility on the part of the Council for the actions of the School Board, as the Board controls its own expenditure.

Dr. Gray saw no harm in timber being supplied the Council by one of its members, in view of the great convenience this afforded. He believed that the assessment should be equalized, every property put on a certain basis of say 75 per cent.

Mr. Bell, re Mr. Jeans' accusations against the Council, said that he had no contract to supply the corporation with lumber. If tenders had been asked for, he could not have applied. He merely sold to the corporation as he would to any private person, and as a matter of convenience for the corporation.

Mr. Jeans remarked that he had no intention of striking intentionally at Mr. Bell. He had merely mentioned this apparently unnoticed irregularity in connection with others that had been more openly shown by the FREE PRESS.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks for the chairman.

OTHER NOMINATIONS

Georgetown—Reeve—J. M. Moore, Jno. Harley. Councillors—McCannah, Mason, Buck, McWhiter, Van Allan.

Esquesing—Reeve—Jno. McGibbon. Deputy Reeve—Thompson. Councillors—Brugham, Cook and Mullin. By acclamation.

Nassagaweya—Reeve—D. Hutcheon, J. Erwin. Councillors—J. Mahon, P. Campbell, Frazer, J. McGregor, M. J. Carton.

**Will Sell Out Stock, Etc.**

Mr. G. A. Black has arranged for a clearing auction sale of stock and implements, on his farm, lot 28, con. 7, Nassagaweya, on Thursday, 2nd January. The stock includes twenty horses. Terms: nine months at six per cent. interest. Sale at one o'clock. James McDonald, auctioneer. 2


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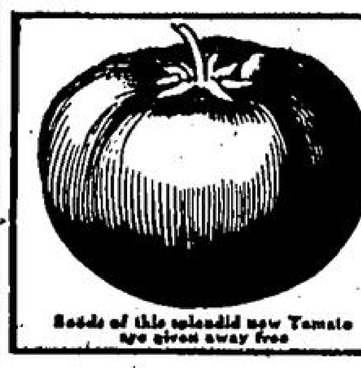
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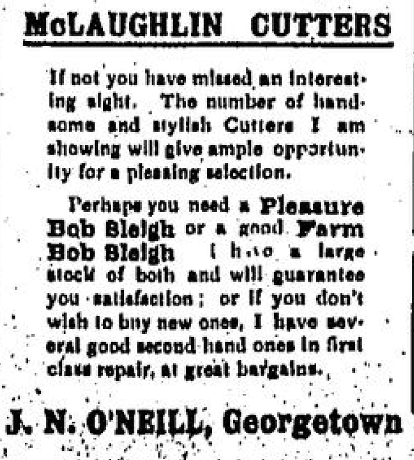


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