## The Acton Free Press

THE NEW YEAR The ending of a year should be as cheerful as its beginning. You have not done all you hoped to do, perhaps, but you have tried and that is the great thing. You have met with un expected difficulties, but don't los sight of the hands stretched out t help from the most unlooked-fo places. There are dark days to look back upon, and blotted pages, but there are long stratches of sunshine and victories that gladden your hear of the responsibilities of the office for now, as you remember them. There would be little ground for hope in

opening a new year, if the closing

the old year did not bring us gladness.

Closing up a year need not be mlama business, but surely a little serious thought should mingle with the festivities of the time. The stu dent who completes a college course means that commencement week shall be full of enjoyable things, but it is poor outlook for his future if he takes ble diploma without a realizing cons of the solemnity of the occasion. Lil has plenty of room for pleasure, but it must not be all pleasure. It is glad, them. splendid, inspiring, but it has its solemn faces. And the young people, who as the old year passes, take moment to realize the dignity an brevity of life, are the ones most likely to make good use of the new year.

prosperous New Year. ----

SDITORIAL NOTES

May every reader have a happy and

AT THE NOMINATION MEETING Monday Roeve Hynds explained wh the Hydro-Electric money by-law being re-submitted next Monday. - I Is owing to a technical error on the part of the Hydro-Electric Commission who supplied the details when the by law was drafted. The passing of the by-law again will remedy this and complete the sale of the debentures The Reave expressed the confident hope that under the circumstance there would be almost as unanimous vote now for the by-law as there was last February.

THE LOCAL OPTION BALLOT

It should be understood by all elec tory that the ballot to be used pex Monday is of the same form as that in use when Local Option was voted upon three years ago. Riectors vote for or against Local Option, and not for or against the by-law. The form of ballot is as follows:

## LOCAL OPTION AGAINST LOCAL OPTION

upper section by all who desire to vote thought all citizens shared this feel in favor of Local Option as this ballot ling.

CREWSONS CORNERS

The fine sleighing of the past week has been much appreciated by all. burg we noticed: Mr. Will Graham, of Knox College,

Toronto, at his home bere. Mr. H. Damper spent the week with

his sons in Chatham. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. S. Gamble. Buffalo, epent the bolidays at Mr. Jas. Gamble's, and with friends at Knatch-

Mr. H. H. Brown, of Guelph, spent Christmas with his parents here. Mesers. Stanley and Alger Orippe visited with friends in Walkerton.

Mr. B. Roy Wansbrough, of Guelph were with friends here. Master Campbell Currie, of Acton visited at the home of his grand percets, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Graham.

A very pleasant Christmas evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Moore, Sr., Mount Pleasant Farm, Bramosa, when all the menybers of the family, 2 sons and 6 daughters, were present with their husbands and wives. After the usual Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Moore were presented with a number of useful gifts and best wishes were bestowed upon them for continued bealth and happiness. The remainder of the evening was spent in music and games. They are a very thankful family indeed that the aged parents have been spared to each other and to the home life for so long.

GRENNOCK Thursday evening the Greenock Literary flociety hold its regular weakly meeting. Mr. J. L. Allan very ably filled the chair. It being upen night

there was a large attendance. The following programms was givan: Opening Charms, "The Maple Loat." Chalrman's address, . Several musical selections were given by the following: The Orchestre, Mr. C. Kennedy, Mr. H. U. Slmons, Mr. and Miss Allan, Misess Tros Thompson and Myrtin Mann, Mrs. J. R. Pearen and Miss Margaret A. K. Near. Recitations were given by Miss Jennie Atlan and Mr. Will West. Spreech by Mr. Kannedy. , Solos by Miss Mabel Allan and Miss Margaret Noar. The chief feature of the programmer was a "Mock Trial." The evidence brought ternsted until a late hours

opener.

A report comes from North Carolina service as I man solventer any The Reve replied that the policy of a her that laid five eggs a Cay of a fallow hereign. The beamsquel mine Mr. Henderen himself was a Past her must be a page mastered rest to be lighted to the later of the Countil.

See Mindle and Se logical need over Mr. A. R. Nickling Chairman of the stoler.

T. Brown and J. L. Warren are Candidates

SCHOOL TRUSTERS BY ACCLASE

For the fourth time in his municipal experience Reeve Hynds was, on Monday, re-elected by acclamation. This further mark of confidence and approciation of his services is in every respect deserving. During all pears of his occupancy of municipal office Mr. Hynds has unsperingly given time and attention to the details of his office. It is especially fitting that he should continue at the bead of municipal affaire during 1918. The completion of the Hydro-Electric installation and the fixing of rates for current for power and light are impor tant matters, which no other man vallable has so full and intelligent a grasp of. Acton is to be congratulated

another year. For the Council last year's memberwere nominated, and Mesers, J. L. Warren and A. T. Brown, in addition. Both are men of experience and will make good Tounelllors if elected.

upon his re-election. Mr. Hynds de-

serves sepecial thanks for acceptance

For the Board of Education Mr. A R. Nicklin, Chairman, and Dr. E. D. Ault, both dropped out. Mr. William Johnstone was re-elected and their being only three nominations Mesers. N. Forbes and R. Scott were elected as new members by acclamation. loth having children attending from their homes they are naturally intersated and will give close attention to the responsible duties placed upon

The nominations were as follows: FOR REEVE GEORGE HYNDS-Nominated by Dr

Gray, seconded by W. A. Storey. FOR COUNCILLORS WILLIAM COOPER -- Nominated 'hy W. R. Kenney, seconded by R. M. Mc

R. M. McDonald-Nominated by Gao, Havill, seconded by D. M. Hen-

A. T. BROWN-Nominated by Wm. obnatone, seconded by C. O. Spright. W. H. Surrit-Nominated by H. A. Coxe, seconded by R. McPherson. ALEX. BELL-Nominated by Fred Secord, wounded by W. H. Kniney. J. L. WARREN-Nominated by Jaz.

Matthews, seconded by John C. Hill. FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES WM. JOHNSTONE-Nominated by O. U. Speight, seconded by W. Williams. ROBERT SCOTT-Nominated by J. A. Mowat, seconded by Frank Kennedy. NICHOLAS FORES-Nominated by Geo. Hynds, seconded by H. P. Moore. At the expiration of the nomination

hour Mr. John Cameron was moved to

Reeve Hynds in a lucid and interesting address referred to the work of the year and spoke at length on the new conditions arising out of the installation of Hydro-Electric, the rates, terms and facilities now afforded. Council, he said, has its various de partments presided over by the respective members of the Connelly he would, therefore, not trespess upon their work, but would confine himself to the special work which had come

under his personal supervision. He referred to Cometery Improve ments and expected further improving work would be done the coming year. He was in favor of spending all the revenues derived there in improving and beantifying the premises, and be

Briefly be spoke of Acton's splendld financial position. Our municipal finances are in first-class condition They never were better. The Council had never borrowed as little money Among the visitors to and from our for current expenses during the year. Acton's size in Ontario could make a better showing.

> It was, however, the Hydro-Riestric installation which made the burden of ble remarks. We have made a large investment, he said-about the same as for our original plant-and we con-Edently hope for a fair return for the With the old plant we had only

few hours' service per day; now we have a continuous twenty-four hour service. While the current was turned on on the 14th inst. It will be a month or two before the installation s complete. When the work is fully carried out we will have one of the best lighted towns in Canada, with 60 85 c. p. lamps on the main streets, and 95 125 c. p. lamps on the side and cross streets. The service will be unimpaired by the burning out of a light; while under the old system the loss of one light often meant the loss of an entire strouit. We can now add a needed

light at any part of the town. The fixing of the schedule of rates in an Important matter. The Hydrowith us, and they advise as to our rates and the rates must be subject to their approval. They have the engin- a candidate or not. eers, electricians and accountants in their offices who determine as to what

conditions carefully. Our power rates will compare favor-Hydro system. Negotiations are in His department had no revenue. He progress and we fully expect Mosers, had expended \$5.00. If re-elected Councillons-L Fleck, F. S. Near. Beardmore & Co. will in the near would do all be gould. future be ming a large quantity of our | J. L. Warten said he had no per-

the 30, will be lower than before, These rates will, we expect, usest charges and provide for debestures and interest.

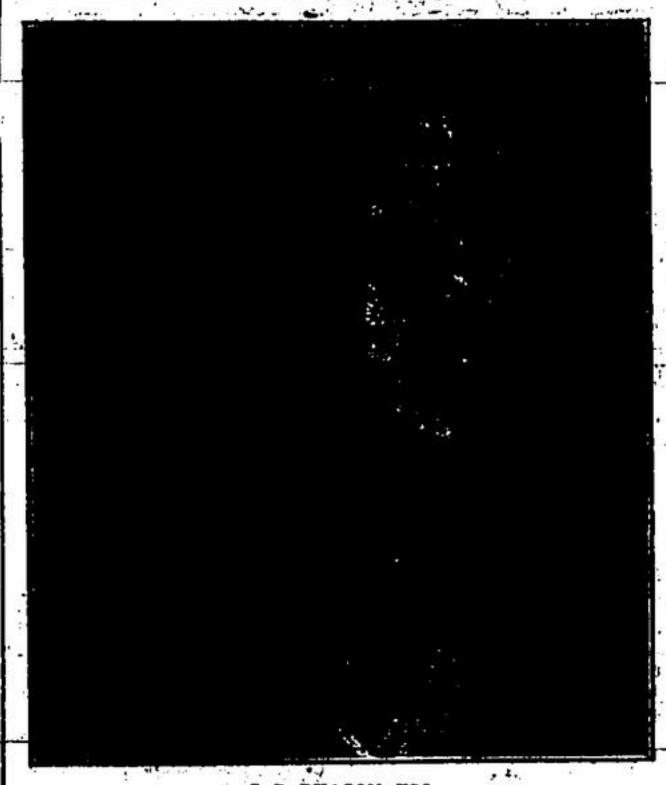
In Galt last year after the reduced rates, the net surplus was \$8,000. There is a continuous demand for increased installation and this experience has been that of almost every Hydro-Electric town, to a greater or

office. The interests of the town, and throughout the county.

After Twenty-Boven Years of Faithfal and Satisfestory Service

HAR EFFECTED GREAT IMPROVE MBNT IN HALTON BCHOOLS (ieneral surprise was felt and universal regret expressed when it was an.

nounced that J. S. Descon, Req., Inspector of Public Behools of this county, had tendered his resignation I want to say, in conclusion, that I to the County Council at its meeting and made up my mind to step out of last Priday. - For over twenty-seven office at the end of this year, but | years Mr. Descon has had supervision conver of the fact that the new system of the schools of the county. His not completed, and that owing to well-known ability and characteristic ny position. I have given the details courtery and kindness in the performore intensive study then any other | mance of duty have won for him the erson. I will, considering your much l'esteem not only of the members of the ppreciated continued confidence by Boards of Trustees and the teachers. secting me by acclamation, accept the but also of the people generally



J. S. DBACON, ESQ. For twenty-seven years Inspector of Public Schools

of the county, the cause of Education and that of good roads, will all have my best attention, and I assure you. gentleman, the burden of the work of the municipality naturally falls upon the shoulders of the Reeve.

In concluding his interesting address Reeve Hynds spoke very kindly of his colleagues and thanked his nover and seconder for the bonor of ferred upon him through them. Councillor McDonald, Chairman

Finance, bad kind words for the Heeve for his valued help in carrying out the work of his Committee. Finances Acton are in a very healthy condition as the statement just issued shows: RECRIPTS Balance from 1911

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3			4.,00.

He explained the various accounts in Europe and America, and with Mrs that a comparitively small amount of months, and probably later live in the taxes raised come under the head Toronto, where his son, F. H. Doscon, controllable expenditure. would do all he could if elected to do what he thought was for Acton's interests. He had taken his stand on all | Board of Education, said that for the upestions in the past fearlessly and conscientionaly and he would do the same in the future.

Councillar Ball, Chairman of Street and Walks, said his Committee had expended some \$2900 on streets and drains. About one-balf of this was for good reads under County supervision, and the most of the balance was put Electric Commission is in partnership under ground for needed drains. This work had given good satisfaction .... He had not decided whether he would be

Conneillor Couper, Chairman Town Hall, said he had not had much to d rates are required to meet all charges | During the year not much had been for current, maintenance, sinking fund. expended. Winever is Chairman next and Interest, and they study all local | year must see about more weating for the town link.

Omneitter Smith-Was Obalrman of ably with those of other towns on the the Park. It should be looked after.

sound dealer for municipal office, but We have dealt unfairly in the past for a number of yours responsible pitiwith consomers. All profits have some had been preceding this duty upon come back to us. As a matter of fact blus. If he decided to enter the conthe consumers in the past have been tout he would do all in his power to naving for our street lighting. Under advance the best interests of Acton. Hydro-Blectile the net eurplus will He had lived here all his life, had first be devoted to extensions and re- always been interested in Acton's dish. pairs and the balance must be used in prosperity and is more interested now the reduction of rates from time to then ever before. He spoke in high terms of Reeve Hynds and his able Our new rates for houses will be re- | handling of the Hydro-Bleetrig matter. duced when our schedule is finally Considered the Hydro a great boon to adopted. There will be a fixed rate, Auton for we can now offer power to ente, John Irving, J. F. Little, Jasper out kept the large audience highly to- based upon the Boor space of each all who may besire to use it. He clos Martin, M. B. Nixon, E. Wilkinson, bonce, and then a rate of So. for our and by while all a Happy New Year. T. H. Welr. rent, thatead of the 10c. now charged. Mr. D. Henderson, M. P., asked if An old paper says that none are so and there will be adjecting for prompt the Council had adopted any settled The detective may be an expent

During the quarter-century he has been in office Mr. Deacon has had the entisfaction of essing vast improvement in the echoole under his control. His suggestions for new buildings and improvements have been almost invariably acted upon and the result has always been to the advantage of the communities concerned. The standard of education has also been vastly advanced under his direction. The high average for many years of successful candidates at Entrance examinations showed faithful training by teachers n his jurisdiction. He is a past president of the Inspectore' Section of the Ontario Educational Association. Mr Descon's appointment dates from

September lat, 1985. Inspector Descon has always taken an active interest in the general welfare of the county, and Milton has particularly benefited by his generoe ity and ble attention to municipal and phlianthropic work. He was a member of the Town Council for eleven years and Mayor for four years. In 1904 be was Liberal candidate for the House of Commons, and was defeated by 140, the smallest majority a Convervative candidate has had in the past eighteen years. He declined later nominations owing to pressure of educational duties. local secretary of the Bible Society and for eighteen years was either Bible class teacher or Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School. For the past twenty years he had been a representative of the Hamilton Conference at the General Conferences of the Methodist Church at London, Toronto, Winnipeg, Montreal, and Victoria, B.

Mr. Detoon has travelled extensively Deacon will now enjoy a trip for a few and Miss Florence Deacon ("Rose Ramblee" uf the Globe) reside.

past twenty years the Board had from time to time been subjected to more or less criticism on the street, but little. If any, at the annual meetings. The proposed addition to the school was necessary, and if not carried out the Government grants would be withheld. Twenty years ago the Council, when suked to provide \$5,500 for a new addition, passed the by-law without sub-Wilting to the ratepayers. This year when asked for \$5,000 for a very much needed addition it had been submitted and through spathy was defrated by a few votes . He belleved, however, the people as a whole are in favor of the proposed addition.

NOMINATIONS BLAKWICKER

H. Hartwell, William Barber, Gen.

REEVE - Jan. Bingham, George DEPUTY-Thus. Coxe, acclamation COUNCILLORS-W. Cleave, James Newton, James Brown, Alex, Joe. W. J. L. Hampehire and J. L. Stap-

MAYOR-Dr. McColl, accl. REEVE-B. F. Early soci. COUNCILLORS - Gen, Allan, J. W Blair, A. L. Hemetroet, IL M. Clom-

# A Happy New Year To All!

E begin the year 1913 with the determination to give if possible, more carefully selected goods and better values than in 1912.

We wish to express our thanks for the very generous appreciation of our efforts during the past year which has been one of the largest in the history of our business.

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Acton, Ont.

A Store-Wide Clearing out of All Winter Goods at Greatly Reduced Prices

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE!

Sale Starts Friday Morning, January 3rd

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1-3 off regular prices of all this season's Women's Suits and Women's and Children's Coats.

All Trimmed Millinery Half Price-Big Reductions on Men's Suits and Overcoats-Men's Furnishings Reduced-Bouse-Furnishings at Greatly Reduced Prices and several other big bargains which a visit to this store will reveal unto you. Don't forget Sale starts Friday Morning, January 8rd, 1918. Come the first day if possible.

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VILLAGE OF ACTOM

BY-LAW NO ....

Returning Officer,

6.—On Tounday the thirty-first day of December,

1912, the Reeve of the Village of Acton shall attend
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afternoon to appoint in writing signed by him, two
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YMAR PRINCIPAL INTERRET TOTAL Whereas the Corporation of the Village of Acton applied to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Oscario for a supply of power and on the 19th day of Peterstry, 19th, pursuantin by-law No. 400 passed on the 1th day of January 19th, a question was subscripted to the unity of the cinciparation was subscripted to the unity of the cinciparation of the manicipality persons to parrograph I (a) of section 533 of the Catastidates & Sancting Act 19th and amendments theretaes as to be supply of electric power from the Catastidates and Dorelectors valed in favor of a supply from the Commission. 082 00 And whereas the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Actor have entered into a contract with the Eydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, for a supply of electric power. And whereas the estim And whereas it will be personary to becower the maid most of \$1,000.00 and to issue debentares of the maid Village of Acton therefor bunring interest at the rate of five per cent. per annum, which is the amount of the date tutended to be trunted by this by-how. 68 41 33 48

\$8,000.00 , \$4,141.30 \$18,641.20 Take peticp that the above is a true copy of a proposed by lay which had been taken into conditionable and which will be finally massed by the Commelt of the Commenter of the Village of actor (in the system of the passet at the electors being chickens thereto after one mouth from the first publication in the Actor Frame Prime propagate, the date of each first publication being Theretolty (by Truetific day of December, see, and that it is been, day and pieces therein first publication therein and for labing the voice of the electors, the polls will be been. And whereas the amount of the whole rates property of the Village of Acton, according he last Egyleed Amount Roll; thereof And whereas the amount of the existing deben-ture sight of the said VI large of Acton to the sum of 656,236.53 and no part of the principal or in-tempt thereof is in arrows.

Therefore the Municipal Council of the Village of Athen unects as follows: A. J. MACKINNON, -BACK AGAIN

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JAMES NEWTON, Limehouse

Your Vote and Influence are respectfully solicited for

Local Option It curtails the drink evil

and prevents crime.

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