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Biggest Slate of Years Placed in Nomination on Friday Evening

Four Nominated for Reeveship, Seventeen for Council and Eight for School Trustees—L. G. King Returned to Commission by Acclammation—Old Officials and New Nominees Address the Meeting of Ratepayers Which Followed.

The Nomination Meeting last Friday evening in the Town Hall did not attract the crowd one would anticipate from advance notices. There were possibly a hundred there but the biggest list of nominees were put forth that have been advanced for years. It was apparently taken for granted that the Old Council would retire and a list of nominees of new material was therefore advanced to choose from.

When Clerk H. N. Parmer closed the nominations at 8.00 p. m., the following had been nominated for the various offices of the municipality. The names are given in the order of nomination, rather than alphabetically.

For Reeve

CHARLES M. HANSEN—Nominated by A. Mason, seconded by R. J. Ramshaw.

A. MASON—Nominated by G. A. Dills, seconded by George Cowle.

E. T. THETFORD—Nominated by W. R. Mullin, seconded by N. P. Moore.

GEORGE BARBER—Nominated by S. Husband, seconded by W. R. E. Blair.

For Councillors

JOHN NICOL—Nominated by J. R. Leishman, seconded by T. A. Morton.

JAMES K. GARDINER—Nominated by E. T. Thetford, seconded by J. Nicol.

JAMES CHALMERS—Nominated by W. Pryer, seconded by W. J. Akins.

J. P. DAVISON—Nominated by J. Locker, seconded by Wm. Arnold.

W. J. AKINS—Nominated by E. Jones, seconded by J. H. Denny.

EVAN JONES—Nominated by J. H. Denny, seconded by J. Bell.

W. D. McARTHUR—Nominated by J. W. Beaver, seconded by J. H. H. Price.

ALEX McDONALD (Main Street)—Nominated by A. Anderson, seconded by N. Lambert.

ALBERT RITCHIE—Nominated by George Hodgins, seconded by J. W. Beavers.

V. B. RUMLEY—Nominated by Geo. Lantz, seconded by N. Lambert.

W. R. E. BLAIR—Nominated by C. Allen, seconded by J. R. Leishman.

DR. E. J. NELSON—Nominated by W. J. Akins, seconded by J. Hudson.

C. H. HARRISON—Nominated by J. Bell, seconded by N. P. Moore.

C. HANSEN — Nominated by G. H. Lantz, seconded by R. J. Kerr.

E. T. THETFORD—Nominated by J. H. Denny, seconded by R. J. Ramshaw.

C. A. CONWAY—Nominated by G. A. Dills, seconded by George Cowle.

GEORGE COWIE—Nominated by R. J. Kerr, seconded by L. G. King.

School Trustees

J. M. McDONALD—Nominated by W. R. E. Blair, seconded by J. McArthur.

MRS. A. P. HAVILL—Nominated by J. Hudson, seconded by C. Hansen.

E. J. HASSARD—Nominated by W. R. E. Blair, seconded by George Cowle.

W. R. NORTON—Nominated by C. L. Poole, seconded by Evan Jones.

W. K. GRAHAM—Nominated by W. J. Akins, seconded by N. P. Moore.

DR. A. J. BUCHANAN—Nominated by L. G. King, seconded by J. Mackie.

C. D. THOMPSON—Nominated by J. Doble, seconded by R. J. Ramshaw.

J. P. SCARROW—Nominated by L. Atkinson, seconded by P. J. Roney.

Public Utilities Commission

L. G. KING—Nominated by J. Bell, seconded by J. H. Denny.

For the electors' meeting which followed, Mr. W. J. Akins was the unanimous choice of the meeting to preside, and called upon former officials and nominees for speeches.

Reeve Mason thanked those who had placed his name in nomination and the citizens who had for so many years given him their confidence. He was proud to represent Acton, but was willing to retire from office in favor of either Councillors Hansen or Thetford, who were both quite capable of fulfilling the Reeve's chair. He spoke most highly of their attainments during the terms of office. Reeve Mason also expressed his appreciation of the co-operation of other bodies who were functioning so efficiently in Acton's best interests. He expressed his appreciation of the honor of being Warden of the County, and outlined phases of County work. No new debenture indebtedness had been created this year and many savings had been instituted through more efficient methods of accounting in the County offices. He outlined the County's attitude on the provincial highways and gave a resume of the proceedings in connection with the Acton to Milton branch. He reviewed his term of office with a good deal of pleasure and ask the citizens to use their best judgment in selecting the Council for the coming year.

Mr. Hansen—Expressed his appreciation of being nominated for Reeve and assured the electors that he would aspire to the office. His Council work has been largely in connection with the streets and walks, which he considered in good condition. They had spent little money the past year in this department. He solicited the support of the electors in his candidature for the Reeveship for 1932.

The other members of this year's Council—Dr. E. J. Nelson, E. T. Thetford and C. H. Harrison—were unable to be present.

Mr. George Barber, as a nominee for Reeve, jocularly introduced himself as having "been here before." He had been nominated for the office of Reeve and guessed he was going to stand. He was opposed to taxes going higher, but if "the bridge" was taken over the taxes would be 50 mills. He would know definitely the following day if he was going to run for the office. It was not his intention to run for more than one year. He had nothing against the old Council, but thought they might have done better.

Mr. Evan Jones thanked those who had nominated him. He had been in town for twenty years and felt it was time that the electors had an opportunity of voting for him. He promised, if elected, to give his best and would do all in his power to raise the town out of the present hole. The old Council had been real men and had carried out their duty efficiently. He asked the support of the electors in his candidature.

Mr. George Cowie thanked his nominators. He had hoped that under present conditions the old Council would have been returned without the expense of an election. He would consider the matter of running for office and if he decided to aspire would insert a card in THE FREE PRESS. He urged that all municipal bodies practice the most rigid economy.

Mr. W. J. Akins had expected to see the Town Hall packed, as he had never heard so much municipal talk. He felt that the electors should be at the meeting where municipal affairs could be discussed intelligently. He best knew what was good for himself and the town and felt he was too old for the job, and that younger men should be nominated. He knew that Mr. Barber did not want to run and he would prefer to live at peace with the citizens.

Mr. John Nicol thanked those who had placed his name in nomination for Councillor. He had had three years of experience in the office and would be a candidate again this year. He would do his best to serve the town well and give a year of strict economy.

Mrs. A. P. Havill, Chairman of the School Board, thanked those who had placed her name in nomination. During her three years in office she had missed but one meeting. She thanked the members for their co-operation in the work and said the work of committees had been very thorough. She outlined many improvements that had been carried out with minimum cost to the citizens. There was a good staff at the schools and a high attendance. The ratepayers' funds had been carefully administered.

The other nominees for Council and School Board were not present at the meeting to voice their views.

Mr. L. G. King thanked his nominators and judged that his election by acclamation was a mandate that his services had been satisfactory. He believed the condition of Acton Utilities was the best.

Mr. R. J. Kerr, Chairman of the Commission gave details concerning the electric and waterworks systems of the municipality. They held $1,500 in Government bonds and a good bank balance. He paid tribute to the efficiency of the staff of the Commission. He would do his best to carefully administer the affairs of the Commission. He took occasion to congratulate the Council for their progressiveness and efficiency in administration.

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Akins.

Acton and District

Burlington Man Dies from Injuries

When his car collided with another near Cooksville on Friday afternoon, Jas. Gow, 70, of Burlington, was so severely injured that he died two hours after his admittance to Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton. Gow was driving south towards Cooksville when he collided with a car driven by David Wilson, bank manager, of Georgetown. Wilson cut out to pass a truck and lost control of the car, crashing head-on into Gow's car, police claim. Wilson and a passenger, Harold McClure, of Georgetown, suffered head cuts. The impact broke Gow's false teeth and the plate became stuck in his throat. Dr. Bromley and Dr. H. Sutton removed the obstruction before he was taken to the hospital. Traffic Officers Charles Hefferon and Kyle investigated.

Car Breaks Electric Pole

On Tuesday morning a car driven by Thos. Bell, of 43 Heintzman Street, Toronto, skidded at the corner of Queen and Young Streets here, and toppled over against a big Hydro pole, which was snapped in three pieces. The pavement was slippery that morning but the driver claims he was travelling slowly. The rear wheel, fender and top of the car were smashed, but Mr. Bell and his companion escaped without injury.

News of Acton and the District

Firemen's Ball To-morrow Night

The annual Ball and Supper of Acton Fire Brigade will be held in the Town Hall, Acton, to-morrow night. The music will be supplied by the Clover Leaf six-piece Orchestra, and R. L. Davidson will be the floor manager.

"Ace High"—a Local Play

The Junior I. O. D. E. will present a three-act play, entitled "Ace High," in the Town Hall, Acton, Thursday and Friday evenings, December 10 and 11. The characters in the cast are all local and undoubtedly this event will draw crowded houses at both performances. The proceeds are for relief work. The admission prices have been set low at 25c and 15c.

Junior I. O. D. E. Meeting

The December meeting of the Lakeside Chapter I. O. D. E. was held Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Russell Salmon. Final arrangements were made in regards to the play, "Ace High," which is being held under the auspices of the Chapter. The proceeds are for the relief fund. Following the business, a delightful lunch was served by the hostesses for the evening.

Ladies' Night at Legion

Tuesday evening was Ladies' Night at the Acton and District Branch of the Canadian Legion. There was a good attendance at the club rooms and a most enjoyable evening was spent in progressive euchre. The ladies' prizes were won by Mrs. W. Kelly and Mrs. R. McWatson, and the gent's prize by Mr. Milne. Refreshments were served and community singing and dancing followed, with Comrade G. H. Lantz as floor manager. The National Anthem was the closing item on this evening's programme.

Lorne Rifles Hold Church Parade

For the first time in many years the Lorne Rifles (Scottish), formerly known as the Halton Rifles, held a church parade in Oakville. "A" Company, Oakville; "B" Company, Burlington; "D" Company, Georgetown and Acton, including the signallers, assembled in Victoria Park and, led by the Oakville bugle band, paraded to St. Jude's Anglican Church. Returning, the Battalion paused at the cenotaph, where the salute was given. Proceeding to Victoria Park, they were addressed by Major Gordon Cousens, of Georgetown.

Knox Young People's Society

On Monday night a splendid programme was enjoyed by members of the above Guild, for which the Devotional Committee was responsible. The President, Mr. Jos. Hurst, was in the chair and conducted the meeting in his usual capable manner. The meeting was opened by singing a hymn, then Mrs. Fred Anderson led in prayer and Rev. Mr. Bennie gave a twelve minute outline of the life of John Knox, and the remainder of the programme was as follows: Solo, Mr. Burton; paper, "Promises of God," Mrs. Mainprize; duett, Misses W. McMillan and L. Orr; paper, "Promises of Jesus," Mrs. P. Wright.

Musical Night at Young People's

The meeting on Monday evening of the United Church Young People's Society was a musical treat. Miss Stephenson, the President, took charge of the devotional part of the programme. Mr. Albert Mills read the scripture lesson. Then Mr. D. Taylor presided for the musical programme, which had many encores. The choir of the church sang a chorus; Mr. Wm. Cowdy, of Limehouse, rendered two solos, accompanied by Mrs. Cowdy; Miss Lottie Mason, accompanied by Miss Hazel Mason, gave a French horn solo; and Mrs. Ray Agnew and the Misses Mason rendered a trio. The singing of the male quartette, Messrs. D. Taylor, F. Coles, Ted Clifford and Grenville Masales, proved quite an attraction, and Mr. D. Taylor rendered a solo. This excellent meeting came to a close by all joining in a hymn and repeating the Mizpah benediction.

Car Overturned in Ditch

A rather serious accident occurred last Saturday morning, a half mile west of Acton, on the highway. When the front tire of the car had a blow-out the car, which was driven by Walter Brand, Guelph, was put in the ditch and turned over a couple of times. The top of the car was smashed almost completely and the four occupants were more or less seriously injured. They were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Brand, Miss Ruth Brand and Mr. Walter Brand, all of Guelph. A delivery truck of the Toronto Star, following immediately after the accident, brought the victims to Acton, where they were given medical attention and then removed by ambulance and car to Guelph Hospital. The car was brought into a local garage, and would seem to be almost a complete wreck. It was thought at first that Miss Brand was the most seriously injured, but Mr. Brand, Sr., is now suffering from serious internal injuries. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brand suffered broken ribs and Miss Brand sustained a broken shoulder.

Acton Loses First Hockey Game, 7-3

Exhibition Event at Galt on Monday Night—Local Boys Had First Time on Skates This Year

In order to get into shape before the ice on the local Arena was ready, the local Intermediate Team arranged a game for Monday night with the Galt Intermediates, in Galt's arena, equipped with artificial ice. A number of the local fans accompanied the Acton boys and were treated to a fair game. Everybody on the Acton list of sixteen players was given a try-out and all sorts of formations were worked out. The Galt management were apparently doing the same with their team and as a result of the game undoubtedly both managements have some points definitely settled.

While both teams were far from mid-season form, the game was an interesting one with an attendance of about 200. The Acton boys easily showed that they had not been on the ice before this year and weakened seriously in the second period, but came back again in the third.

The first counter of the game came from Walters' stick on a pass from Salmon, and Galt evened the tally when Holloway was pulled out of the net in a scramble in front. Galt drew one penalty in the first period.

In the first three minutes of the second period Johnson, the star defence of the Galt outfit, scored from a scramble and a minute later the score was raised to 3-1. When Holloway failed to clear the puck from the goal, the score mounted to 4 against the locals, and Lovegrove made it five for Galt when he went right through the defence. To save the annihilation for Acton in this period, Clarence Kentner notched a pretty one from the corner that made the count 5-2 on the period. Galt drew five penalties, mostly for tripping, and Acton had a clean sheet. Neil Gibbons donned hockey togs and tried out in this period, and Neil could come back at any time, if needed.

Acton seemed to have got second wind in the final period, and after ten minutes of play Greer brought Acton's total up to three and drew Dr. Nelson's famous Christy out on the ice. Fred Kentner was goalkeeper for Acton in this period and Galt registered two more, both by Douglas. The first one was one of those foolers that looked easy and the other came a few minutes after, making the final count 7-3.

The Acton boys gave a very creditable performance when it is taken into consideration that this was the first time on skates this year. They will improve in another workout or so. Greer has some weight to drop but Gibbons seems pretty solid. Salmon is just as fast and elusive as ever, and Joe Kentner and "Minute" Walters are teaming off nicely. Terry will give a good account of himself this year, and Arbic, Woods, Huffie, C. Kentner, Anderson, Dawkins, Fred Kentner and Cowie are ready to step in and turn in some hockey for Acton.

On the Acton team the following took part: Holloway Greer, Gibbons, J. Kentner, Walters, Salmon, Arbic, Terry, Woods, Huffman, C. Kentner, N. Gibbons, Anderson, F. Dawkins, F. Kentner and Cowie.

Galt—Goal, Orton; defense, Lovegrove, Johnston; centre, Gates; wings, Fowler, Rhodes; subs, Douglas, Patterson, Gurnett, B. Bennett, Bryan, and O'Neill.

Referee—Fred George.

The following note appeared in the sport columns of the Galt Reporter: "There was a real strong rooters' row at the game last night, with at least one of Galt's prominent downtown merchants shouting for Acton, which, investigation revealed, was his former home. Happily he is in the drug business so the aggravated tonsils should be easily healed." For the benefit of those who weren't at the game, we'll tell you that Angus was loyal to the home town.

Friendly Scuffle Results in Fatal Injuries

The investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Albert McHale, 17, Robinson Street, Oakville, in St. Joseph's Hospital Hamilton, is being continued. McHale was the mascot of the Intermediate Hockey Team. McHale and A. R. (Puck) Thomas, right winger of the Intermediate Hockey Team, are said to have engaged in a friendly tussle at the Imperial Oil station, Colborne and Dundas Streets, on Friday night. In some manner McHale's head came in contact with the corner of a steel desk, opening a cut above the right eye which required five stitches to close. Thomas rushed his friend to the office of a local doctor for treatment. According to Chief David Kerr, who investigated, Thomas had been sitting behind the desk in the office of the oil station when McHale stepped up close to him. Thomas made a playful grab to put his arm about McHale's neck when the boy ducked and struck his head on the sharp corner of the desk. No one else was in the office at the time, Chief Kerr stated.

—Vote John Nicol for Councillor for 1932. Your support will be appreciated.

Various Interesting Items of News

Local Hockey Groups

Announcement is made this morning of the O. H. A. Intermediate Hockey groupings for this year. Acton is in Group No. 7, with Elora, Fergus, Georgetown, Elmira, Hespeler and Guelph O. A. C. A. C. Roney, Georgetown, is convener, and the schedule meeting will be in Georgetown. Group No. 6 comprises Oakville, Burlington, Brampton, Milton and Halton, with H. A. B. McCleary, Oakville, as convener.

Boys' Parliament Representative

John Thomas Rush, of Milton, will represent Halton County at the annual Ontario Older Boys' Parliament, which will be held in session from December 27 to 31 at McMaster University Hamilton. He was elected Saturday. His opponents were Leslie Dickenson, Oakville, member of St. Jude's Church Bible Class, and Morley Alvin Weaver, Burlington, member of Trinity United Tuxis Square. In the voting locally last Saturday, John Rush was given a majority of 15 here.

Mrs. Wilson Injured in Motor Mishap

On Saturday morning, when Mrs. H. B. Wilson was returning from London to Acton with her son-in-law, Mr. W. D. Wallace, the car failed to make a turn properly and crashed into the side of a culvert on the highway, about a mile west of St. Mary's. The running board and fenders on one side were completely torn off and the car turned upside down in a four-foot ditch. The windows and door were jammed shut and it was with some difficulty that the occupants were rescued from the car. Beyond a severe shaking up and bad bruises, they were not injured and reached Acton that same day.

U. F. Y. P. O. Meeting

The regular meeting of the U. F. Y. P. O. was held in the Parish Hall on Friday evening last. The President, Arthur McKeown, conducted the meeting. After the business meeting, the following programme was given: Duett, by Robt. Parkinson and Reg. Penner; readings by Walter Linham and Laura Wiley; instrumental, by Margaret Brown; musical selection by the Corn Borers; selections by Hornets' quartette and Hornets' orchestra; mouth organ and guitar selection by Jack Tanton; solo by Wm. McDonald; musical selections by the McCulloughs. The National Anthem was then sung, after which lunch was served and an enjoyable time spent in dancing.

Vimy Ridge Farm Sold

Announcement was made last week that Vimy Ridge Farm, a few miles out of Guelph on the Guelph-Hespeler highway, has been sold. The fine tract of farm property, formerly the Sorby home, has been purchased, from the Ontario Department of Agriculture, by H. H. Walker, well-known Morrison merchant, who will take immediate possession. The actual price for the land was not divulged, but it is understood to be a large sum. The property consists of the fine 330 acre farm, one of the finest pieces of land in the district, and it has a fourteen room residence, besides the large dormitory building which has been used by the boys who were quartered there. A horse barn, a cow stable and an implement shed are also on the property, and the entire equipment of the place has been taken over by the new owner, with the exception of a herd of cattle, which was transferred to the Ontario Reformatory a short time ago. Six horses, a large number of chickens and numerous implements are included in the purchase.

Mayor Mackenzie and Georgetown Council Get Acclamation

Georgetown's position is the same as a year ago in that another nomination is necessary to complete the personnel of the Council. When only Joseph Gibbons qualified for Ward One on Saturday as Councillor, other nominees declining, it occasioned a situation similar to the previous nomination proceedings. W. C. Heisey was the other member to represent this ward, and he has retired from municipal politics. An acclamation for all offices was announced when the time for qualifications had expired Saturday evening. With the one exception noted there is no change in Georgetown Town Council, which comprises J. B. Mackenzie, Mayor; Harold Cleave, Reeve; Jos. Gibbons, Councillor, Ward One; C. J. Cummings, G. W. Davis, Councillors, Ward Two; and A. B. Parr and Hodge Barnes, Councillors, Ward Three; Hydro Commissioner, J. M. Moore; Public School Board, Mrs. Percy Cleave, Ward One; David Creighton, Ward Two; Dr. D. Gollop, Ward Three.

THE EVENING MEAL DIGESTER

The old lady was watching a football match.

"What is the object of this game, son?"

"Why, er, to put the little ball over the line."

"Well," said the old lady as she fished for a lozenge, "I should think it would be much simpler if they kept out of each other's way."

Election For Reeve and Councillors For Acton With Voting Monday

C. M. Hansen and George Barber Qualify for Reeveship and Five Out of the Seventeen Nominated are in Contest for Seats at Council Table—School Board Elected by Acclamation.

When nine o'clock had arrived on Saturday night, and the hours for filing qualifications had expired, it was found that there would be a contest for only the Reeve and Councillor positions.

As intimated at the nomination meeting, Reeve Mason retired in favor of Councillors Hansen and Thetford, who had been nominated, and Councillor Hansen and Mr. George Barber, who held the office some years previously, qualified. The contest for the Reeveship will therefore be between.

GEO. BARBER, Mail Carrier
C. M. HANSEN, Foreman

Out of the seventeen nominees for Council, there were but five to qualify for the office. None of the former members of the Council seemed to care to continue after serving for the last three or four years. The nominees for the office are therefore all new faces in municipal affairs, with the exception of Mr. John Nicol, who was a Councillor some three years ago. The vote on Monday will be a choice of four from the following:

GEO. COWIE, Blacksmith
J. P. DAVISON, Barber
EVAN JONES, Teamster
WM. D. McARTHUR, Teamster
JOHN NICOL, Monument Dealer

There will be no election for the School Board this year as but three qualified to fill the vacancies. Mrs. A. P. Havill, who is Chairman this year, and Mr. W. R. Norton are retiring. The following are the new appointees who are elected by acclamation:

DR. A. J. BUCHANAN, Dentist
J. M. McDONALD, Superintendent
J. P. SCARROW, Tanner

For the Public Utilities Commission there was only one nominee and Mr. L. G. King was returned to this post by acclamation.

The election will be held on Monday, December 7, and the hours for voting are from nine until five o'clock. The polling booth for Subdivision No. 1 is at the Town Hall; and for Subdivision No. 2 at the Post Office. The Deputy Returning Officers are W. J. Gould and C. A. Conway.

THE BRIDGE—NOBODY WANTS IT

In Order to Settle a Problem that Seems Bothering Ratepayers, a Frank Statement from Nominees

In order to settle a question that at the moment seems to be puzzling many of the electors of Acton, the Editor of THE FREE PRESS has interviewed every one of the nominees for municipal office in the present election. The question was put frankly to all nominees, "Are you in favor of the municipality assuming the liability of caring for the bridge over the Beardmore siding?"

From Messrs. C. M. Hansen, George Barber, John Nicol, George Cowie, J. P. Davison, W. D. McArthur and Evan Jones we have received the emphatic assurance that each and everyone is individually opposed to such an undertaking. We have made this survey in the interest of settling a bothersome question for the ratepayers.

A TRIBUTE

From the Commanding Officer of Late Sergeant J. Wilderspin—of the Fourth Battalion, C. E. F.

Dear Editor:

I have just received from the Canadian Legion an intimation of the death of Sergeant J. Wilderspin, late of the Fouth Battalion, C. E. F.

As his Company Commander for eight months, I wish to express my deep sense of loss, and also my sense of pride and satisfaction in having had such a man in my command.

Sergeant Wilderspin embodied the spirit of the Fourth Battalion, if ever a man did, and to his fearlessness and devotion to duty was added a self sacrificing loyalty to his Company and Battalion, and to his comrades in arms.

He was one of the few who were privileged to serve the Empire from Valcartier to the Rhine, and the measure of this unbroken service is the respect and admiration with which he was regarded by every officer he served under, and every comrade who shared his adventures and experiences.

He was always the big brother in "A" Company, encouraging, protecting and inspiring, earning for himself a place in the hearts of all who knew him, and from the Government the official recognition of the Military Medal, for valour.

He will be missed by his friends; by the Acton Branch of the Legion, and at the annual re-unions of the Fourth Battalion. In that invisible Legion of the Fourth Battalion, who have gone West, he will be welcomed as one who never swerved from the path of duty, who laughed in the face of death, and who raised comradeship to its highest level by being ready at all times to lay down his life for his friends.

Jas. Ballantine,
Lt. Col. James Ballantine,
Late Fourth Battalion, C. E. F.

Letters to the Editor

Editor of FREE PRESS:

"The Bridge," which has so often been wrongly used as a means for securing municipal votes, is again brought to life and as a ratepayer and in the interests of all concerned, I make the following statements:

1. The bridge on Maria Street was erected by the Beardmore Company, about nineteen years ago, for the purpose of constructing a siding to their plants. They have maintained it ever since, without any cost to the municipality.

2. I do not know of one citizen who is in favor of taking over this bridge.

3. We, as citizens, will not allow any elected Council to take over the bridge without a vote of the ratepayers.

4. Such a vote can be demanded by ratepayers petitioning the Council.

5. The Railway Board is the only official body to legally decide this issue, and it is entirely out of the hands of any Council.

These facts are substantiated after consultation with a solicitor and a careful study of municipal procedure.

Thanking you for the privilege of stating my views, I am

Yours very truly,
Citizen.

Dear Mr. Editor:

Who are the men in Acton that have, by fair or foul means, encouraged my old friend, George Barber, to again run for Reeve?

I have supported Mr. Barber on different occasions as Reeve and Warden, and cannot understand why they should impose on his good nature to make him again offer himself for the Reeveship.

George Barber is not a young man any more, and should not be imposed on at this time.

I feel sorry that I am unable to support him, but I sincerely believe that I am doing the right thing at this time.

No doubt that he feels that he must save the town, as he feels that this "political" bridge will elect him next Monday.

Supposing Mr. Barber had returned to his Vancouver last year, do you think for one moment that Mr. Evan Jones Mr. Jno. Nicol, Mr. Wm. McArthur, Mr. Fred Davison, and last, but not least, our friend Mr. Cowie would let anyone put anything over the ratepayers of Acton?

Four of the above-named aspirants for honors will decide what Acton will do about this famous bridge. The Reeve, who he may be, will have the pleasure of looking on.

Thanking you,
Ratepayer.

—Vote John Nicol for Councillor for 1932. Your support will be appreciated.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Routine Business Transacted at the Regular Meeting on Tuesday Evening

At the meeting of the Public Utilities Commission on Tuesday evening, Commissioners King and Reeve Mason were present and Chairman R. J. Kerr presided.

The Secretary was, upon motion, instructed to pay the following accounts:

Hydro Department

Hydro-Electric Commission of Ontario, power, etc.	$1,885.67
Canadian Line Materials, Ltd., supplies	114.64
W. H. Anthony, pole	11.00
Robert Dunbar, labor	36.10
Bank of Montreal, revenue stamps	2.00
J. C. Matthews, postage	10.00
Brown's Transport, express	1.00
	$2,050.41

Waterworks Department

Canadian Brass Co, supplies	$12.10
Robert Dunbar, labor	6.30
Hydro Department, November operations	75.11
Thos. Holland, labor	14.75
Robert Hilton, labor	9.50
	$117.76

The arrears of accounts were considered by the Commission.

The matter of repairing the dangerous shut-off keys of the water services was discussed and the Superintendent was instructed to have these dangerous projections removed.

In cases were more than one tenant occupies a house, either the landlord must be responsible for the rates or the residence must be provided with two services.

—Elect "Scotty" Nicol for Councillor on Monday. Your support is solicited.

—Dublin Christmas Concert will be held on December 22. 23-2