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## No Elections in Acton Acclamation in All Offices

**Reeve F. McCutcheon Returned for Third Term — W. J. Bentley a New Councillor, and J. H. Boyd New Member of School Board — R. J. Kerr Returned to Public Utilities Commission.**

There will be no municipal elections in Acton this year. On Saturday evening when the time for qualifying had elapsed just sufficient had taken the declaration and all the offices were filled by acclamation. Reeve P. J. McCutcheon commences his third term of office. The Council for next year will be A. Mason, E. Jones, J. B. Chalmers and W. J. Bentley, who replaces Councillor Chapman, who found it impossible to continue in office.

On the School Board Mr. J. H. Boyd replaces Mr. W. K. Graham, who has been a member of the Board for some years. Trustees V. B. Rumley, and F. S. Blow, who have served on the Board last year, were returned to office again.

Mr. R. J. Kerr, who has served eight years on the Public Utilities Commission, was again returned to that post for a two-year term. Municipal affairs will therefore continue next year in Acton with little change.

Mr. W. J. Bentley, who replaces Councillor Chapman will bring to the Council the benefit of his extensive business experience. He is Secretary-Treasurer of Boardmore & Co., and will no doubt be a valued member of the Council. Mr. Chapman, who found it impossible to continue in Council work, has given a year of good service and as citizen will no doubt continue to assist in improving Acton, and especially the Park, in which he has taken such a keen interest.

Mr. J. H. Boyd, while a new-comer in Acton public life, is a citizen who has a keen interest in his home community. He will bring also the benefit of a very successful business life to work in school interests. Mr. W. K. Graham, the retiring member, has given a number of years of splendid service, but has never had a desire for public office.

The Nomination Meeting on Friday evening had the smallest attendance in years at 8:30 when Clerk G. F. Leatherland officially declared nominations closed, the following had been submitted for the various offices.

### FOR REEVE

P. McCUTCHEON Nominated by J. B. Chalmers and E. Jones

E. JONES Nominated by D. G. McMechan and Geo. H. Ridley

### FOR COUNCIL

E. HAJROP, SIR Nominated by Alex Kaukunian and Mrs. Geo. Hayll

W. J. BEATTY Nominated by A. Mason and R. H. Elliott

FRED DAVISON Nominated by Allen Leishman and W. R. Norton

JOHN CHAPMAN Nominated by W. J. Gould and J. B. Chalmers

J. B. CHALMERS Nominated by J. H. Boyd and Thos. Watson

EVAN JONES Nominated by Henry Avery and W. Worden

A. MASON Nominated by B. Mowat and J. B. Chalmers

E. THOMPSON Nominated by D. G. McMechan and Geo. H. Ridley

S. LASBY Nominated by M. McDonald and Geo. H. Ridley

PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD

J. R. LEISHMAN Nominated by H. V. Drury and J. F. Davison

JOS. BOYD Nominated by Mrs. George Hayll and John Kenney

V. B. RUMLEY Nominated by J. W. Jones and W. J. Gould

F. S. BLOW Nominated by A. T. Brown and C. M. Hansen

W. K. GRAHAM Nominated by Wm. Cooper and Thos. Watson

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

JOHN R. LEISHMAN Nominated by H. V. Drury and J. F. Davison

R. J. KERR Nominated by Evan Jones and L. C. McMillan

Following the close of nominations the (Continued on Page Five)



Dr. Joseph Brooks, of Quebec, has been appointed Chairman of the Royal Commission of Dominion-Provincial Relations to succeed Hon. N. W. Bowell, who was forced to resign the post due to ill-health.

### NOVEMBER WEDDING IN KNOX CHURCH ON SATURDAY

On Saturday afternoon Knox Presbyterian Church was the setting of a very pretty wedding, when Verma Babul, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Joe, of Esquinton townline, became the bride of Norman Urwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilson, of Normal. Rev. H. L. Beattie officiated. The wedding music was played by Mr. P. J. Salt. The bride was given in marriage by her eldest brother, Mr. David Joe and was attired in midnight blue velvet, trimmed with sequins, and with matching accessories. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and mums. Her only attendant, Miss Olive Perry, of Toronto, wore fuschia velvet, with matching accessories, carrying a bouquet of rose mums. The groom was attended by Mr. Stanley Joe, brother of the bride.

A reception was later held at the home of the bride's parents. The bride's mother received, wearing a wine dress with a corsage of bronze mums. The groom's mother received also, wearing black sheer with a corsage of yellow mums.

Later Mr. and Mrs. Wilson left on a trip through the States, the bride travelling in a wine costume, with black accessories. On their return they will reside in Georgetown.

### TAX COLLECTION COMPARES WITH LAST YEAR

Yesterday was the last day on which taxes could be paid in Acton to avoid the penalty and a report from Miss Speight at the Public Utilities office shows the collection not as large as last year at the same period. A large part of the decrease can however be accounted for by the fact that the tax rate is a mill lower than last year.

Taxes paid on 1938 to yesterday amounted to \$34,468.00. This leaves \$4,954.19 due on current taxes on which the penalty of four per cent is now effective. One arrears \$2,800 has been paid this year leaving an approximate balance of \$3,000 still owing on this account.

### Local Breeders Prize Winners at Winter Fair

Local breeders of Hackney horses captured most of the awards in the Hackney class at the Provincial Winter Fair. Following are the results announced in this class:

Half-breds 1 to 3 years—D. Campbell, Georgetown, J. W. Pleuray, Brampton, Stitham—Yearlings W. J. R. Fowler, Guelph, W. B. Reid, Brampton, C. W. Kent, Etobicoke.

Stitham foals 1 to 3 years—John McLeary, Robert Kerr, Acton, C. W. Kent.

Stitham foals in 1936 or 1937—C. W. Kent, M. Given and Son, Lamehouse, Champion Stitham—R. Kerr, Reserve Champion—C. W. Kent.

Mare, foaled in 1936 or 1937—R. M. Barden, Hillsboro, Chandler Staples, Hamilton, R. Kerr.

Mare, foaled in 1936 or 1937—C. W. Kent, R. Kerr, J. W. McCracken, Lethbridge.

Champion Mare—R. M. Barden, Reserve Champion—C. W. Kent.

### Three Buildings Destroyed in Alton Blaze

Four stores, two apartments, a blacksmith shop and a house were destroyed early Tuesday morning when a fire of unknown origin started in the business section of the village of Alton.

Loss, partly covered by insurance, was estimated at \$10,000.

Buildings burned included the Wilson store, W. A. Dorrington and Son's hardware store, and the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McLaughlin. Mr. Dorrington is a brother-in-law of Councillor A. Mason, of Acton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson were absent at the time of the fire, on a visit to Hamilton, leaving the store in charge of their sons. They had been absent on the night of November 17th, in Shelburne, when Douglas Wilson was struck by a man who, the boy told police, had entered the kitchen and hit him while he was bending over a stove.

Monday night the two boys were forced to dress hurriedly and leave their home to sound an alarm. The flames raced through the frame structure of the store in spite of the efforts of the villagers to stem the blaze with a small hand-operated hose reel.

The Orangefield fire department was called, but did not reach Alton over the slippery back roads of Northern Caledon until more than half an hour had elapsed. Before the Orangefield firemen under Capt. Ed Whalen reached the village, the hardware store of W. A. Dorrington and Son, the upper floor of which housed the lodges rooms of Alton Hotel No. 770, was afire, and as the firemen got a hose line from the Credit River through the powerful pump truck trained on the flames, a nervous barrage of explosions began in the burning hardware shop, as stock of bullets were reached by the heat.

Powerless to check the spread of the flames, the villagers moved the furniture from the home of Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, who with their daughter, Laura had fled from their house next to Dorrington's, cloth coats hastily thrown over their night attire, and galoshes jammed on their feet.

Pittings and stock were moved from the burner shop, operated by Alex McCauley at the front of the Metcalfeville home, and from W. G. Coulter's grocery shop. No attempt was made to save the stock of the Dorrington shop, which was located within six feet of the flaming Wilson store, but asbestos sheeting was wrapped around the pumps in front of the building.

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