

To the Electors of Esquesing:

In view of the discussion going on in some sections of Esquesing regarding the Statute Labor System, I believe the following facts should be brought to the attention of the ratepayers.

- 1. Esquesing's Government Grant in 1928 will amount to \$8000 or equal to 3 1/2 mills on the Township Assessment. If the present system is abolished the Township will get no grant whatever on its road expenditures, but will continue to contribute its portion of the grant for other townships by means of the License Tax and the Gasoline Tax.

T. L. LESLIE, Reeve

Vote "Carton" for Deputy Reeve

To the Electors of Esquesing:— I respectfully solicit your support for the following reasons:—

- 1. Esquesing is desperately in need of experienced representatives at the County Council.
- 2. Esquesing must refuse to assume any portion of Trafalgar's Debenture Debt.
- 3. I can give you the benefit of 13 years in Council.
- 4. I am thoroughly familiar with the important matters to be dealt with by the County Council in 1928.
- 5. I urged Esquesing's appeal against the County Assessment in 1926 and helped fight our case to a successful finish. Our reduction in County Taxes is \$28000 in two years.
- 6. I believe the taxes for 1928 can be lowered and will work with that object in view.
- 7. I am for efficient superintendence of Township Road work whether under the present system or under Statute Labor.

M. J. CARTON

Your Vote and Influence are respectfully solicited for George Cleave as Councillor

of the Township of Esquesing for the year 1928

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Your Vote and Influence are respectfully solicited for Jas. L. Standish as Councillor

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Births, marriages and deaths are now charged for at the following rates: Births, \$5.00; marriages, \$5.00; deaths, \$5.00; funeral cards, \$5.00; 10c per line extra for poetry.

In Memoriam

ARMSTRONG—In ever loving memory of our dear father Thomas Armstrong who departed this life Dec. 28th, 1927. They will be done seem hard to say, When those we loved have passed away, Some day perhaps we'll all understand, When we meet again in a better land, The silent grief that is in the heart, No human life can trace, For many a smiling heart is hid, Behind a smiling face. —Sadly missed by the Family.

CHAWFORD—In loving memory of our dear mother and daughter, Joan Elizabeth Crawford who passed away, Dec. 27th, 1927. "Like a little flower she faded"—From Grandson, Granddaughters and Aunties.

CHAWFORD—In loving memory of our dear father and son, who died Dec. 27th, 1927. God has taken home our darling, And placed our bud among His flowers, Taken back the babe He lent us, To better homes than ours, No one knows the silent heartaches, Only those who have lost can tell, Of the grief that is borne in silence, For the one we loved so well. —Sadly missed by Marjorie, Daddy and Family.

CHAWFORD—In loving memory of our dear mother and daughter, Joan Elizabeth Crawford, who died Dec. 27th, 1927. The month of December is here To us the saddest of the year, A bitter thought about my mother Two years have passed, our hearts still sore As those who love her more. —Ever remembered by Auntie Nellie and Uncle Ted.

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Township Nominations

Reeve Leslie Returned by Acclamation—Gowdy and Carton out for the Deputy Reeve

A Run for Council with Five in the Field

There was one of the largest gatherings in the history of Esquesing township at the nomination meeting in the Township Hall at Stewartstown on Friday afternoon last. That the ratepayers are getting more interested in municipal affairs, and rightly so, was evidenced by the presence of numerous representatives from all parts of the township.

During the hour for receiving nominations the following names were submitted to clerk T. O. Brown who announced them to the gathering:—

FOR REEVE—Thomas L. Leslie, nominated by A. G. Clavidge and W. W. Brownridge; W. G. Appelle, by W. B. Chisholm and P. J. Currie; Alex. Joe, by Robt. Joyce and W. B. Chisholm.

FOR DEPUTY REEVE—W. J. L. Hampshire by T. H. Price and J. L. Moore.

FOR COUNCILLOR—Wm. Gowdy by Alex. Joe and W. B. Shortill; M. J. Carton by G. H. Thompson and E. Harrop.

FOR COUNCILLOR—George Cleave by P. G. McGibbon and Thomas McBride; W. A. Wilson by W. H. Anthony and W. W. Brownridge; J. V. G. Appelle by R. H. McGibbon and Alex. Joe; George Currie by T. H. Price and J. A. Elliott.

Jas. L. Standish by J. M. Ruddell and W. B. Shortill; Wm. Cole by Robt. Joyce and J. W. Hessay.

Alex. Joe by John Crawshaw and Peter McIsaac.

At the close of the nominations Col. G. O. Brown, Township Clerk was elected to the chair and called on the following who addressed the electors.

Reeve Leslie reviewed the work of the County Council regarding the expenditure on roads and other matters generally. The law suit with Trafalgar over debentures was not yet settled, and he had voted against Trafalgar's request for the County to assume payment of certain debentures for work done in that Township as it meant an annual levy on the Township of Esquesing of \$2000 per year for 17 years. Two boundary bridges had been built, the new roadway and fill at Spring Creek Hill and Stewartstown Hill were almost completed, the land damages amounting to about \$5000. He also explained the details of the County rate monies.

Regarding the Township the members of Council worked harmoniously and endeavored to promote the best interests of the ratepayers. There had been a big demand during the past year for better roads and considerable time and money had been expended on them; 30 lots had been gravelled at a cost of about \$300 a lot. It did not pay to put fine gravel on the roads, but crushed stone should be used although it cost more. He reviewed the finances of the township, explaining expenditures, etc. and said although the equalization had cost considerable money the township had gained materially in the saving to ratepayers.

Deputy Reeve Gowdy said that the large gathering of ratepayers indicated that considerable interest was being taken in the affairs of the township and it was right that there should be. Regarding work at County Council it took some time to get acquainted with the business there and it was necessary to be ever watchful in order that the township should get its share. He believed Esquesing's representatives had worked in the best interests of the township. He had been a member of the County Building Committee and during the past year a new heating system had been installed in the County buildings and the old stove discarded. He also spoke regarding hospital accounts, roads, etc. Township affairs were in good shape as the financial statement showed that the Council had done wonderfully well and had a good credit balance. If next year Council whoever they may be, finish up with as good a statement they will have done well. Mr. Gowdy took occasion to commend Col. Brown for his splendid work as Clerk and said he was most capable and valued official of the Township. If there should be an election he was in the field and solicited the votes of the ratepayers; he had done his best for the ratepayers in the past and if returned would continue to do so in the future.

Councillor Cleave said he had heard some criticism regarding Council matters during the year and perhaps some of it was reasonable. Some sections had not received their full share of roadwork as yet but all could not be done in one season. The taxes were high and the cause of increase was partly due to the township, as more money had been spent than for some years. The bad roads were due to the heavy traffic and the maintenance was greater now than formerly. He could see no relief unless permanent roads were built. The demand for road grading required considerable expenditure of money.

W. A. Wilson said as others had declined he would not be a candidate. Those now in the field are:—

For Deputy Reeve—Wm. Gowdy and M. J. Carton.

For Councillors—George Cleave, Jas. L. Standish, George Currie, W. G. Appelle and Alex. Joe.

Election Monday Jan. 2nd.

Over 8000 yards of gravel had been put on this year and more roads were in shape for gravel next year. He was not in favor of going back to the old statute labor system and thought it best to follow the advice of government engineers. The roads were graded wide for safety and the Council should provide safe roads for the safety of the public. More dragging of roads would keep them in much better shape. If elected for another term he would do his best for the ratepayers of the township.

Councillor Standish said he was getting older but came to Council last year to find out about the new great economical system of spending township funds. Referring to the work of the Road Commissioner he didn't know where he was or what he was doing and Council cannot dispend the township without the consent of the ratepayers. He believed that the nearer you keep the business of the township to the people the better and cheaper you get the work done. Referring to the County rate he said that the County rate was a good thing this year as it made a surplus. He was not in favor of 50-50 travelling and thought taxes should be raised where roads are gravelled. He referred to the maintenance of roads; the increase in taxes had only started and would continue to grow. There is all appearance of an election and possibly some one here who can make a success of the present system. The Road Inspector is the only official who has no right to be in the township without any complaint. The township lost \$130 because the road Commissioner wouldn't pass a job. If there is an election and you believe in the present system don't vote for me. I believe the nearer to the people you get the work the better you will get it done. If you vote for me and I am elected I shall continue to do work in my way the best I can.

Councillor Currie said he believed the ratepayers were interested in township affairs by the number present. The taxes were up because a lot of money had been expended during the past year. New road machines cost over \$1300; over \$5000 was spent on gravel and \$4000 on the paper mill hill cost \$900. If a number of ratepayers agree to pay half cost of graveling a certain portion of road he believed it good business to take them up, but the road should be gravelled in the winter when the manure property who does not pay. He had been in Council one year and done his best. If there was an election and his work had been satisfactory he would appreciate the vote of the ratepayers and if returned would continue to serve them to the best of his ability.

Ex-Reeve Appelle when called said he had nothing to say at present. Ex-Reeve Joe said he had nothing to say against any member of Council but thought the items in connection with the roads should be published.

Ex-Reeve W. J. L. Hampshire said he was not present with the intention of being a candidate but to hear explanations regarding the work of Council of 1927. After hearing statements of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors he believed they had done their best. Future Councils must be careful as a higher tax rate to make up the deficit. Councillors must have the courage to say no. If they granted all the requests of ratepayers the township would be bankrupt in a few years. Ratepayers should remember that a very large percentage of the expenditure by the township is uncontrollable and when Councils exceed their revenue it becomes a burden on the people. He was not a candidate and thought there was probably not much call for an election.

M. J. Carton in addressing the electors said that such a large and intelligent audience indicated that the ratepayers were interested in municipal affairs. He did not intend to dwell on the different work done by the Council but content his remarks principally on the finances. He had taken his figures from the Treasurer's books and after going over them found that notwithstanding the tax levy was 2.9 higher than last year there was a deficit of over \$2200, which would have been larger had it not been for an error in the assessment. He had served 13 years in Council work. Having been ill at time of election last year he was unable to call on the ratepayers but response to pressure brought to bear upon him he had decided to give the electors another chance and would be a candidate this year for Deputy Reeve. In 1926 he had spent much time on the equalization which had saved the township about 30 per cent on its assessment. It had got a slight raise this year but was still in good shape. Taxes are too high and are getting a burden. I have pledged myself to stand and promise if elected and it is at all possible township rates will come back, as I believe we can get along with a seven mill rate, but there is not much chance of the County rate coming down. If elected I will fight your battles to the best of my ability and it is for you to consider who will do your business best in township and county.

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year is our earnest wish to all our friends Wilson's O'Neill Block Georgetown

The Spirit of the Season prompts us again to express the pleasure we derive from our business relations with you and we wish for you and yours A Happy and Prosperous New Year D. BRILL & CO. Mill & Main Sts. Georgetown

Free Course in Farm Mechanics to be held in the Town Hall, Acton January 3, 4, 5, 6th Forenoon and afternoon sessions Subjects taken Gas engines—principles and operating troubles. Belts, pulleys and shaftings. Tools—selection and care of. Implements—care and repairing of. Rope—splitting and soldering. Farm Concrete. Electricity on the farm. Pumps and Painting. Water supply and sewage disposal. The latter subject will be dealt with Wednesday afternoon Jan. 4th by Prof. R. R. Graham of the Physics Dept. O.A.C. and women are especially invited to this meeting. No fees. No registration. Just come. For more information write D. A. ANDREW, B.S.A. Agriculture representative. Milton

Wood \$24.00 lead handwood better than a single cord. \$20.00 a load mixed wood. Kindling, Quebec Heater and furnace chords \$15.00 a load. Maple piled \$15.00 per cord any length. Murray's, Phone 9973 Georgetown.

Thanks! To the Electors of Esquesing for Electing me Reeve by Acclamation for the Year 1928. T. L. Leslie

Card of Thanks To friends and neighbors we hereby convey our sincere thanks for their many kindnesses and sympathy, also flowers, on the occasion of the death of our beloved husband and father.—Mrs. Coyner and Family. Card of Thanks I hereby convey my sincere thanks to the Chief and members of Georgetown Fire Brigade, neighbors and all others who assisted in extinguishing the fire at my home on Thursday evening last.—Ed. Hill.