

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS
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Old Advertisements be inserted

Auction Sale of Lands—Pierre Marier.

The Ottawa Times
City and County Official Paper

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See first page for interesting reading.

As according to custom, the employees of the Times establishment will join in the celebration of Christmas Day, our readers must excuse the negligence of the paper tomorrow morning. If, however, any extra news should reach us from a distance, we shall take the earliest opportunity of making it public.

There was a commendable degree of interest manifested yesterday in the nominations for the approaching civic elections. One of the wards (Victoria) escaped without a contest; in the other wards there will be more or less of a shadow of life at the polls. The other three wards exhibited quite a keen interest in what was taking place, and a considerable crowd was congregated in each to watch the proceedings.

CITY ELECTIONS.
THE NOMINATIONS YESTERDAY.

Yesterday, according to law, the nominations for the representation of the several wards took place at the appointed localities. At Victoria Ward, the proceedings were exceedingly tame, no contest having been anticipated. At Wellington Ward nomination there was a better attendance and more interest manifested. The other three wards exhibited quite a keen interest in what was taking place, and a considerable crowd was congregated in each to watch the proceedings.

St. George's Ward.
The nomination was held on the south side of Rideau street, near the St. Lawrence Hotel, returning offices, Mead's T. G. Burns and James Joint.

The following gentlemen were nominated: R. H. McCreary, Esq.—by T. Patterson, seconded by D. Whalen.

Thomas Sturmer, Esq.—by J. Stearn, seconded by Patrick Ryan.

R. Evans, Esq.—by Dr. Garvie, seconded by J. J. Gemmill.

J. R. FRASHERSTON, Esq.—by C. R. Cunningham, seconded by W. Bentle.

J. G. ROBINSON, Esq.—by Wm. Pennoch, seconded by W. C. Wood.

Wm. Monrovia, Esq.—by John Foulke, seconded by W. C. Wood.

DONALD DOW, Esq.—by E. P. Loftus, seconded by Andrew Sonn.

A poll was then demanded by Thomas Patterson.

The several candidates then addressed the electors present in the order in which they were nominated:

Mrs. McCready and Sturmer had completed their addresses, and Mr. Lyons appeared to have been in the middle of his speech when we arrived. Without impeding the character or the motives of the old members of the council, he contended that the affairs of the city had been grossly mismanaged, and that it was the duty of the electors to send new men into the council. It elected him to promulgate what the mismanagement had been in times past, and to devote his attention to the general interests of the city, and especially to those of St. George's Ward. He read from returns published by government, to show that while the city management of Ottawa was represented as costing upwards of \$47,000, of that Toronto and Hamilton only cost \$27,000, and urged that the remedy for the existing evils rested with the electors themselves.

We heartily tender to our amanuensis readers "A Happy Merry Christmas" and many pleasant returns of the season.

The universal rejoicings with which this Christmas celebration is everywhere anticipated throughout the Christian world, though bearing with the progress of time and the change of manners, some of their ancient characteristics, are still, we are rejoiced to say, marked by a generous spirit of good will and charity towards all mankind, and especially towards the poor.

As a season of happy family reunions and pleasant social gatherings, the Christmas time marks an oasis in the dull routine of every day practical life, while the interchange of more than the customary attentions among friends gives a lighter tint to the familiar shades of human nature, which, but for such periodical revivals might be dimmed even to oblivion by the tristitia of a colder, more calculating and selfish policy. It is a season when everybody by common consent gives himself up to the good work of making everybody else happy, and we heartily join in wishing all the most complete success in the general undertaking.

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