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REEVE ROBERT W. SCOTT AND ALL MEMBERS OF VAUGHAN TWP. COUNCIL ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

ONLY MEMBERS OF OLD COUNCIL NOMINATED AS RATE-
PAYERS EXPRESS SATISFACTION WITH
WORK OF THE PAST YEAR

Reeve Robert W. Scott and all members of Vaughan Township council were returned by acclamation for the fifth consecutive year at the annual nomination meeting held at Vellore last Friday. It was the quietest nomination in many years and no names were placed in nomination except the members of the past year's council. Less than sixty ratepayers attended which was the smallest crowd in the memory of those present. However the small attendance was taken as indicative not of slackening interest in municipal affairs but as evidence of the general satisfaction of the ratepayers with the work of the 1939 council and their wish for an acclamation.

George Brownlee was named as chairman for the meeting following the official nomination and ably filled the office as was evidenced by three hearty cheers for the chairman at the conclusion of the meeting. The chairman first called on clerk and treasurer J. M. McDonald who gave a clear, concise and thorough statement of township finances. The treasurer complimented the ratepayers on the record of tax payment this year which by December 15th attained 83 per cent of the total

levy, the highest record of payment in recent years. He pointed out that the total levy this year was the lowest in many years and the financial standing at the end of the year was very satisfactory and showed considerable improvement in comparison to past years. There had been a reduction in outstanding taxes which on December 15th totalled \$18,229.00. He told of looking through old township records and coming across one of the old collectors' rolls which showed all taxes collected except \$1.47. This was in comparison to more recent years when unpaid taxes attained sizeable proportions. However he was pleased to say this year showed improvement. Interesting facts gleaned from the financial statement were that sheep claims this year amounted to only \$85.00, the lowest in many years. Interest on loans totalled \$780.39, the lowest in some years. The highest borrowings this year amounted to only \$17,000 while in some years not so far back the borrowings from the bank amounted as high as \$54,000.00.

Reeve R. W. Scott thanked the electors for their continued confidence. He said earlier he had thought of retiring but public sentiment seemed to favor an acclamation for the entire council and he reconsidered and decided to stand if it was the wish of the people of Vaughan township. He said he was pleased with the progress of things this year both as they related to township and county affairs. In the county the budget was balanced on the pay as you go system which he thought as the only safe and sound municipal policy. In the coming year the county levy might be increased to meet cost of anticipated donation to the Red Cross of \$5000 per month. However, he said, I am sure the people of Vaughan in common with the people throughout the county we must make sacrifice in our efforts here to help the Empire and her Allies win the war in which we are now engaged. In the township we have had the best year since I have been Reeve. The material put on the roads this year cost \$1.16 per yard laid down. In concluding Reeve Scott thanked the ratepayers for their continued confidence and extended compliments of the season to all.

Deputy-Reeve Boynton Weldrick said at one time he thought of running for Reeve for 1940 but the feeling seemed to favor an acclamation so he was quite content to stand for re-election as Deputy-Reeve. The past year was a most successful one in every particular, in fact he thought it was the most pleasant and most successful he spent in council. During the year the council had sponsored the formation of a Game Preserve and he was confident the new plan met with the approval of the great majority of ratepayers. This being the first year the plan was in operation there was no doubt some improvement could be made next year, but he thought in the main the game wardens and officials had carried out their duties in a satisfactory manner. Speaking of roads he said during the year there had been a lot of gravel put on and maintenance of the highways was not neglected.

Councillor John Hostrawser, re-elected by acclamation as councillor said he thought the financial statement spoke for itself on the record of the past year. Culvert and bridge expenditure in the year amounted to \$2265, a little more than the last few years but all were needed and he thought the improvement on the Teston sideroad was well worthwhile in eliminating a particularly dangerous spot. He said the past year had been very pleasant and it was a matter of satisfaction to have had such a successful year.

Councillor James Robson said that never in his experience had he faced so many empty seats on nomination day, however he thought the change in day of nomination and the general satisfied feelings of the ratepayers had more to do with the small attendance than lack of inter-



ROBERT W. SCOTT

Returned by acclamation for his fifth year as Reeve of Vaughan Township.

est. As a constructive suggestion for future consideration he pointed out that the marking of all concession roads and sideroads, and the placing of name plates on farm gates would be a great convenience in these days of motor travel. He said it had been suggested to him that the township put up road signs and that farmers be urged to erect name plates at their gates.

J. A. Dick said he was completing 5 years as a councillor and this was the best year yet. When he entered council he said he had three aims, machine gravel, systematic maintenance all over the township, and gravel for the roads by tender. All have been accomplished and he was hopeful they would be always a part of Vaughan township road policy. He interspersed his remarks with a couple of humorous stories and extended to all the ratepayers best wishes for the festive season.

The chairman called on ex-reeve John Whitmore who complimented the council on their re-election by acclamation and on their fine financial statement. Chairman Brownlee said he was sure the acclamation accorded the council would meet the wishes of the ratepayers. "I think they're five as good men as we could get. They work harmoniously together and have accomplished splendid results for Vaughan," he said. The meeting concluded with the national anthem.

Nominations were as follows:
For Reeve: Robert W. Scott by George Brownlee and C. H. Rutherford; Boynton Weldrick by Alex Cameron and Edward Seager.

For Deputy-Reeve: Boynton Weldrick by J. D. Hadwen and George Thomas; John Hostrawser by James Stephenson and Lorne Weldrick.

For Councillors: John Hostrawser by Sam McClure and Wm. Thomas; James Robson by George Brownlee and A. L. McNeil; J. A. Dick by C. Nattress and Archie Cameron.



BOYNTON WELDRICK

Accorded his fifth consecutive acclamation as Deputy - Reeve of Vaughan Township.

"Why do you call your boy friend 'Pilgrim'?"
"Because every time he calls he makes a little progress."

GENERAL NEWS AND VIEWS

A Happy New Year.

It was a white Christmas after all.

There is a straight two man fight for the York township reeveship, Reeve MacRae being opposed by Deputy-Reeve Cashman.

Reeve Earl Toole and members of Whitechurch Township council have been elected by acclamation for the coming year.

Reeve C. C. Downey has been elected by acclamation for his third term as Reeve of Swansea. This is his tenth acclamation in twelve years in municipal life.

Toronto electors have an election on their hands for New Year's Day. Mayor Ralph Day is opposed by Lewis Duncan, an unsuccessful candidate of last year. Duncan is a successful lawyer, a brilliant and talented speaker and although having no daily newspaper support he faces a difficult task he will poll a large number of votes.

John G. McDonald, a native of Vaughan Township, was honored last week on completing thirty years service as public school principal in Aurora. On behalf of the citizens Mayor Walton presented Mr. McDonald with a beautiful writing desk and Frank Underhill on behalf of the Board of Education presented Mrs. McDonald with a beautiful bouquet of mums. In speaking at the presentation Dr. Devins said "this is not a sad occasion. Mr. McDonald is just in the middle of his career, we will hire him for another thirty years."

Not since pioneers began to take weather records in Ontario 99 years ago has there been such a snowless fall and winter as this year up until last Thursday when snow came just in time for Christmas.

Sam. Hunter, who passed away in Toronto last week was Canada's outstanding cartoonist, his caricatures of Sir John A. Macdonald, Cartwright and others being works of art. Sam's cartoons and Billy MacLeans thumb nail editorials provided features that made the little Toronto World famous throughout the country. It was Sam. Hunter who produced the figure that as Jack Canuck, is now symbolic of Canada as the drawing of Uncle Sam and John Bull.

There will be a general agreement with the statement of Hon. Mr. McLarty, Labor Minister, that at a time when Britain's enemy has sworn her destruction no one in Canada should be allowed to wax fat on his country's necessity, no one should be permitted to make greedy gain out of the common need. In other words Mr. McLarty was impressing on the public the fact that under the operations of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, there would be no profiteering, no hoarding and no undue enhancement in price of the necessities of life.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:—

We wish to express to the ratepayers of Vaughan our thanks and appreciation for the fine expression of continued confidence shown in our election by acclamation for the coming year.

As the financial statement presented to the ratepayers at the annual nomination meeting shows, our Township is in a splendid financial position, and during the past year that position has been considerably improved and strengthened. During the past year it has been our aim to give our best attention and best judgment to municipal business and carrying on the various township services. That our efforts have merited your approval is a matter of genuine satisfaction to us.

During the coming year we will endeavour to carry on in such a manner as to merit your continued confidence, and we assure you that all matters of township business and administration will have our very best attention.

To all the people of the Township of Vaughan we extend Greetings and Best Wishes that the year about to dawn will be one of happiness and prosperity for all.

R. W. SCOTT, Reeve
BOYNTON WELDRICK, Deputy-Reeve
JOHN HOSTRAWSER, Councillor
JAMES ROBSON, Councillor
J. A. DICK, Councillor