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...f the barrooms are again opened they ...ll likely remain open for a generation. ...hose who vote to open them should consider the responsibility resting upon them. They had better vote to stop their own drink, and to save their children from acquiring the habit. In this age men should try to have sense, and no person considers it a sensible trick to drink liquor.

Some talk about perjury! Will anybody point us out a case when a licensed hotel keeper was convicted on evidence? The perjury comes from using liquor—not from either license or local option. Others say there is illegal selling under local option. So there is under license. Such arguments are only for those who are seeking an excuse to violate their consciences and manhood by voting for whiskey.

To say that temperance men are mean is another device. What do they say of the man who makes money by selling liquor? What do they say of the man who makes a beast of himself by drinking liquor? What do they say of the brute who sets his brain mad and maltreats the wife and children who are dear to his heart?

The man who argues to renew these licenses does it in spite of his honest better judgment. Be he alleged temperance man or toper it is all the same. It is whiskey he wants. No person votes for whiskey unless he wants it, though some pretend otherwise.

The question is simply Drink or no Drink. The answer is Yes or No. Be honest about it, and vote with a clear conscience on one side or the other.

School Matters.

It was a bad throw-down Trustee Fox gave the Gazette at the south ward meeting. Our cotem has been expanding itself about Mr Fox's ideas and suggestions for a couple of years, but on Friday night Mr. Fox took occasion to publicly announce that he had never furnished the Gazette with any suggestions, and that he repudiated all its views attributed to him.

There are five sources of revenue to a high school or collegiate institute: Gov. grants, county grants, county special grants, fees, and taxes. Four of these are grants and fees, and only one taxes. From the four we drew last year $3600; from the taxes $2450. This means that we draw more than $3 out of every $5 the institute costs. Oshawa paid $670 less salaries and had to collect $2300 in taxes this year and Whitby only $2250.

The retiring trustees this year are: North ward, John Ferguson; centre ward, Fred Hatch; south ward, James McClellan. Messrs Ferguson and McLellan are old and experienced members of the board, whose knowledge of the business and interests of the schools is complete. Mr Hatch has served two years, and has given very earnest attention to the position. We have not heard whether or not these men are willing to serve longer at the board, but we presume they will each stand for another term, and if they do better men cannot be found.

The Gazette reports Mr Castle Fox as stating at the south ward meeting on Friday night last that Mr. John Smith's tax to the collegiate institute last year was $60 and Mr. E Sleeps $51. Mr Fox said nothing of the sort. What he said was that Mr Smith's school taxes and fees for pupils amounted to $56, and Mr Sleep's to a little more than that. Of this Mr Smith paid $15.40 of collegiate institute tax, and the balance to public schools, excepting the fees. Neither Mr Smith nor Mr Sleep should kick much about their taxes these days, for at present the poor householders of this town are paying a large portion of their taxes since the scheme, which the Patrons of the legislative assembly helped the wealthy farmers to saddle on the rest of the town.

It being the opinion of some people that Mr. L. T. Barclay was backing the Gazette in its attempt to degrade our collegiate institute, that gentleman took occasion at the meeting of the school board last Wednesday to repudiate Mr. Newton and his ideas. Mr. Castle Fox followed suit on Friday night. Mr. W B Pringle is also talked of in this same connection. When he repudiates our cotem, will have narv a coadjutor in town. The status of the collegiate was never in much danger, and it is gratifying to know that people will listen to no false economists who through ignorance of the facts would destroy it, and would then find a high school far more expensive. Tuesday's Gazette had never a word about turning the collegiate into a $3000 high school. Finding people unanimously opposed to its ideas it quietly drops the subject, and we may tabulate this matter with the many we gave a list of two weeks ago that are never spoken of again after our cotem found itself in the hole through their advocacy.

MR EDITOR: SIR—Having noticed your article in last week's paper raferring to the financial condition of our collegiate institute, would say that your remarks and figures were not far astray. The annual statement will be out in a few days when the ratepayers will see for themselves that there has been a reduction of $210 on our teachers' salaries, that the supplementary C. grant is $233 more than last year, which is a proof of good attendance and good work done, and that the municipal assessment last year was $2528, and this year $2200, less cash in hand unexpended about $80, leaving a difference in favor of town of about $400, and it is to be remembered the insurance this year is $81, and the board also had to expend $64.85 on the library. JOHN BLOW, Chairman Finance Committee.

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Reeve King will drop out at the end of the year, and will seek a place in that useless, made-over body, the county council. This body is neither as ornamental nor yet as useful as the Dominion Senate. It has no powers or legislative functions to speak of, its almost every act being directed by mandatory laws. True it could establish a house of refuge, or could make its mark by establishing good leading roads, and by organizing public libraries in central localities But these things that might be done it is loath to do, and the law only permits it to do such other things as are by statute directed. Yet it has cost us nearly $2,000 per annum in members' fees and mileage. Under Mr. Hardy's new law it will be less cumbersome and expensive, but not more useful. The most interesting part of its functions will still be the election of a warden. The members will go into secret caucus as though a king were being selected, there will be cast iron pledges taken to support a man of their own political stripe, who will afterwards be thrown down by treachery as usual. There is nothing very special calling upon Mr. King to remain in the town council, and he prefers after twenty-two years' of most useful service to seek the ease and pleasure of the new-fangled body which inherits a name and a place of abode, but is empty of everything else. We hope Mr King may be selected for warden, because if it be not to seek even this empty honor we do not see why such a practical, energetic man would take a place there.

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Town Matters

Our review of the councilors would not be complete without a word about the new clerk and treasurer, Mr. Joseph White. He has entirely removed from people's minds the belief they had that no clerk could be found equal to the task of filling the late Thos. Huston's shoes. Mr. White has a thorough knowledge of town matters, and handles its business with perfect accuracy. He is courteous, obliging and pains-taking in giving the fullest information to everybody about everything.

For nearly a quarter of a century the fondest hope of Coun. Scott's heart has been a desire to be deputy reeve. He has given long and faithful service to the town as a councilor, and is fairly well posted in town affairs. Added to this he possesses a fair amount of ability and legislative talent. He always attends to the business council entrusts to him, and is ever present at its meetings. He can make as good a speech as any member of the town council, and perhaps a better one. It looks as if his time had come, and at any rate he will give the other fellow who may aim to be deputy a horse race for it.

As to the other members of council, Commodore Jackson has been somewhat prominent, and is a public spirited man. As chairman of the fire and water committee this year he had an experience which is common with public men. He had to make a water reservoir near the college, and because he would not double its cost by letting people grab in all directions, as is always the case with public works, he has found that there is a good deal of difference between the methods of doing public and private business. In trying to hew to the line he has found himself alone in every committee.

Our taxes are high, but town affairs are assuming good shape. The debenture debt of the town is as follows: music hall $10,000, Atlas Woolen Mill $6400, Martin Works $15,200, Foundry $10,000, collegiate institute $1,000, consolidate debentures, mostly railway debt $53,373. Total $95,973.33. The town owes in all about $100,000, but has assets to about the same value, consisting of the town hall and surroundings, the collegiate institute, public schools, $17,000 of a sinking fund the town has in the bank, the fire engine, town parks, the Martin loan of $10,000, non-resident taxes, etc. The tax rate is high this year and will be about the same next, after which it will fall to about 20 or 21 mills.

Deputy Pringle is a clever and experienced man, though somewhat addicted to the habits of the much talked-of flea—his whereabouts being somewhat doubtful even when you are sure you have your finger on him. Of his ability to fill the higher municipal positions few people have any doubt, and he has certainly done the town good service in many instances during the three years he has been in council His main fault is his hocus-pocus little plans to attain popularity or to put through council some useful legislation and some doubtful creations of his own busy mind. We opposed his election twice, but he won, and we have since given over opposing him and have spent two years trying to study out what made other people take him up in spite of our learned and powerful opinion to the contrary. He has turned out much better than we expected, and now we shall support him whilst his erstwhile ardent admirers are bending futile efforts to remove him from office. The succession as reeve falls to him for 1897, and if he will do as well as he knows no better qualified man could be selected.

We do not know that any other councilor aims at higher honors this year, although probably Coun. Burns has cherished hopes of rounding off his ancient and modern municipal career by going through "the chair". He has a knack of getting elected, and nobody would be ashamed to vote for him for town councilor, yet it is said of him that no supporter of his could ever be found in the ward he has represented so long. Still he always headed the poll. It used to be the custom for the venerables to be elected mayor as soon as all their hair had turned white and fallen out, and when one of them got into the chair forty demons could not chase him out of it for two years. It is unnecessary to picture how much this system of promotion cost the town, nor do we mean to say that Mr. Burns would do harm as mayor; but the day is gone by when a mayor of this town is elected in order to do honor to the man. The idea now prevailing is to make the man do honor to the office. Mr. Burns should wait a couple of years till Mr. King grows weary of the monotony of the county council, and then he may have a place in the county senate.

Coun. Robson has pursued a very moderate course during the year. He is a good councilor, who probably aspires to no higher honors than his ward can give him. Coun. Smith looks calm and unperturbed, and sits idly at the council board throughout the year, his only duties being to put through annual by-laws appointing J. B. Powell assessor and James Pringle collector. He might save us a couple of hundred dollars by reorganizing the town service, but he is content to talk economy without going the length of practising it. Mr. Bewell is a firstrate councilor, and is well pleased to serve the centre ward if they want him. Mr. Deverell could not be beat as chairman of streets, and if he will retain that position a few years longer this town will have first class streets and walks. He does not bother his head about the other affairs of council, being satisfied to make his own work a great success. Mr. Noble is an honest councilor, and is acquiring an experience which may make him run higher in a year or two. Mr. E. R. Blow looks after the town property as a hen would her brood, only Mr. Blow does not seek to hide any of it under his wings.

Mayor Rutledge passed the remark five or six years ago that it was high time for this town to stop making splurges and make an attempt to square off its debts. Since that time the place as well as the mayor, the very equal officer that we have has his present intentions are not, but we presume that after ...ing years to bring about a reduction in the town's debt he will stay with his job another year at least to see that it is carried past the critical stage. Whitby and Oshawa have learned that the head of the corporation is like the head of a department. It pays to keep a good man as long as possible.

Whtby Town Locals.

Take a look at Gilpin's Xmas silverware and jewelry as you pass by.

If you want a cheap, serviceable overcoat Ferguson's is the place to get it.

Tod's will be headquarters for all foreign fruits this Xmas. Oranges, grapes, bananas, lemons and all kinds of nuts.

Nothing nicer than our special gold embossed photos for Xmas presents. O'Brien & Stedham's photo gallery, open every day.

Life Size Photos.

Henry & Putney, of Oshawa, made the first and only life sized photographs ever made in this vicinity.

Photographs.

Henry & Putney, Oshawa's leading photographers, will pay railroad or stage fare from Whitby on all orders amounting to three dollars.

Annual Meeting of Checker Club.

A meeting will be held at Bandel's hotel, on Tuesday evening next 22nd, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of re-organizing the checker club. All checker players are invited to attend.

Closing Concert at the College

The Ontario Ladies' College closed for the Christmas holidays with a concert on Tuesday evening. The programme was an exceptionally fine one. Musically the finest and most applauded number was a violin solo by Miss Nellie Smith, daughter of Mr. Lyman Smith, principal of the Oshawa high school. Miss Smith's clever playing was accompanied by an obligato on the organ by Miss Gertie Ross, and on the piano by Miss Dallas, B.M., Toronto. Artistically though, in so far as the eye was concerned, as an aid to the elocutionary effect, the dramatic burlesque,—The Ladies of Athens,—rendered in Greek costume by the senior elocution class, young ladies of exceptional personal charms, was the piece de resistance. Never before in its history has the college had so enthusiastic a class of students as now. The prospect for the reopening after the vacation is very bright.

Death of Alex. Ogston.

One of our oldest and most respected citizens, Mr. Alexander Ogston, passed away on Wednesday, the 9th instant last at Toronto General Hospital, where he had gone some few weeks before on the advice of his physician for special treatment. Mr. Ogston was born at South Basa, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in the year 1821. His ancestors had resided there for hundreds of years. In 1895 whilst visiting Scotland Mr. Theo A. McGillivray visited Netherhill farm in the same parish, and near the farm residence noticed a keystone bearing the inscription "A. D. 1743,"—Alexander Ogston, 1743—it being a stone used in the erection of a residence by deceased's great grandfather two years before the Jacobite rebellion. Deceased with his mother and sisters followed shortly after his father, Alex Ogston, to Canada in 1836. They came up from Montreal on one of the first steamboats that landed emigrants at Whitby harbor and, having been transferred from the steamer to scows, were received on shore amid great rejoicing by the father, accompainied by the late George McGillivray. The family settled upon the Ogston homestead, lot 33 in the 4th concession of Whitby, now owned and occupied by the Messrs. Robb, nephews of deceased, where the subject of our sketch continued to reside until the death of his brother George in 1879. After this he spent part of the time at Mrs. D. Mathison's and the balance at the old homestead. Mr. Ogston was a gentleman of quiet and retiring disposition, a great reader, especially of history and science. He was fond of quizzing those who were either learned or pedantic on points of mathematics or history, and many of the latter class who snickered when deceased opened his quizzings would find himself hopelessly tanged up and floundering before the talk had proceeded many minutes. Of ancient history Mr. Ogton had a very extensive knowledge, and on botany and many other branches of science he was able to discourse very learnedly. Of a family of four sons and five daughters, Mrs. Begg, a sister of deceased, is now the only survivor. Mr. Alexande Ogsdon was never married. The funeral took place on Sunday from the residence of his nephew Mr George Robb, to the Union Cemetery, and was largely attended by the leading citizens of the town and township, the Messrs Robb, Begg, of Detroit, and Messrs Mathison being chief mourners. In the person of Mr. Ogston, another old and familiar figure has been removed from our midst.

BROUGHAM

Mr. Shonberry of Toronto, is visiting at Mr. Thos. Poucher's

Mr. H. Stevenson and his mother and Mr. J. Stevenson were in the city on Saturday.

Mr. Edward Wilson's wood sale came off very well on Saturday. Everything went to please him.

Counsel met here on Monday for the last time in the year. All business was settled.

Mr. F. Cooper and Miss Lydia Littlejohn, of Ashburn, visited the latter's parents on Sunday.

Christmas 1896.

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Our Tailoring Department

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Wm. Beall.

Whitby, Dec. 16th, 1896.