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HAPPY NEW YEAR.

year of 1908 is fast drawing to a close and with new resolutions, new and new aspirations many of us enter the new year. Many changes taken place since we entered 1908, many more will occur before another elapses. We do not know what changes will be, and it's well to be kept in ignorance of the time for making good resolutions. Many will resolve to cut out bad habits and lead better lives. Resolutions of this kind are all properly made and properly kept, however entered, the new year is a continuation of the old. The drinking man may give up his pipe. They may pledge for a few days, but soon slip into their old habits and their old ways. Well to discourage the making of resolutions. Some will adhere to resolutions made at this season and become better men and because of their adherence. Good resolutions will be a good influence they exist in the future to will take courage and good example of one, perhaps they considered as weak. After all it is doubtful done by making fun of make good resolutions to be broken before the day days. are hoping for better future than they enjoyed. The ideals of some will be, but to others it may be of mishaps will fall to blast their brightest. Success may fall in the same, but most of us must be of our own fortune. Prosperous and Happy all our Readers.

NOMINATIONS.

Local nominations on Monday were well attended, and were manifested in the town. The nominations to the came in by degrees, and time was up there were for the mayoralty, two ship, about a dozen for enough trustees to fill the east and west wards, and two for the north. nominations were declared being Officer Vollet was the chair. He wasted no minutes, but immediately retiring Mayor, Mr. W. ve an account of his 1908. can always make a good press at the nominations, was no exception to the rule. After a few preliminary which he pointed out that of 1908 was six or dollars greater than previous year, he followed his usual custom of ions of the standing at of previous years. on, however, he went 1908, and showed the town on the 15th of be considerably better the same date on either years. He also pointed ate for 1908 was 2 1/2 mills 1907 and one mill lower The assessment of the y was lower than former of hotel and other The hotel licenses this available to the extent g, owing to reductions at of local option being The disposal of the or and all subsequent tion with it, including rmed an item of Mr. s, which was gone into e referred also to nego- Woodstock Company to locate here for the ufacturing casters and expressed it as his h an industry would the town. The Local d subsequent efforts to be defended as a town e costs incurred, 250 or more, had to be own funds. Owing to a did not carry costs. tion resulted in the g defeated when the town were sufficient l costs in connection rers in connection with street crossing were an account given of a e and Mr. Brown as the Council to appear lway Commission, by decided that an electric n installed and main- Company, which they be a sufficient guaran here so few trains were e pointed out also that his were not found to be ection, the Commission s approached for a better s. The sum of \$400 given by the Company street and lower the e street crossing. e when the Garafraza By-law was being sub- pressed it as his opinion d not be sufficient to e bridge with its necessary e retaining walls. Plans sions were received, and e cost on the whole work 000. The Council subse- e for tenders. One e Crowley and McDonald about \$1700 for the bridge s was found to be in y subsequently tendered s was accepted, but the s to go on with the

work, which was given to them after further negotiations at \$2150. Reference was made to the letting and construction of the retaining walls, the making of fills by local labor, the appointment of himself as superintendent or inspector of the work and other matters in connection therewith. The total outlay amounted to something in the neighborhood of \$5000, and the additional thousand dollars would have to be provided for. As ten thousand dollars of Furniture Factory debentures were falling due in June next, and the town was not in a position to redeem them, it was decided to submit a By-law for an extension of time, and to add to these the thousand dollars shortage on the provision for the bridge. This makes \$11000 of debentures to be voted on, extending the time over a period of twenty years. He thought the ratepayers would consider this as a good business move and accordingly vote in favor of the By-law. Another By-law to be voted on at the coming election was for the granting of a fixed rate of assessment on mill property recently purchased by Mr. McGowan, on which he was to erect an oatmeal mill in the spring. The present assessment of the property is about \$800, the fixed assessment for a period of ten years is \$1000. This alone will be a financial gain to the general funds, and the school tax must be fixed according to the assessed valuation of the improved property. In his final appeal to the electors he referred to his two years of office as Mayor, and thought the time long enough for one man to hold the position. He had decided to run for the reeveship, but it was not because of any spirit of opposition to the present Reeve, Mr. Saunders. The people, he said, knew the abilities of the two opposing candidates, and should choose the best, which was none too good. Mr. S. P. Saunders, a candidate for re-election to the Reeveship, thanked his mover and seconder, and launched into a municipal address, of very marked improvement on his first efforts of three or four years ago. He seemed to be quite cool and collected in his review of the year's work. He at once started in to score Mr. Calder for his "smooth statements" in regard to the town's financial condition, which, according to his view, was in very poor shape. The town, he claimed, didn't have enough money to carry on its business in 1908. By the first of July the school moneys were used, the town account was overdrawn and a thousand dollars had been borrowed from the bank, so that the town was \$5400 worse than nothing. It takes, he says, between \$10,000 and \$11,000 to run the town, and this together with a debt of \$5000 to be made up left the Council in such a position that it would be necessary to raise about \$16,000. But Mr. Calder opposed the raising of this sum, and \$12,000 was decided on. Instead of a rate of 22 mills being sufficient, it would be actually necessary to levy at a rate of 25 to 30 mills for sufficient money. He referred also to the action of Mr. Calder in the appointment of Mr. Kingston to act in defense of the Local Option By-law, instead of giving the work to one of our own local men. He also reviewed the Cream Separator dealings and how an attempt was made to transfer some of the town moneys from the Standard to the Traders Bank. The meeting of delegates from the Council was not productive of much good, and after taking from the interview the amount done by Mr. Miller there could not have been much done by the representatives from the Council. He also took a crack at Mr. Calder in his attitude in relation to the Garafraza street bridge and the way in which he was appointed to the position of inspector of the work. After referring briefly to the two By-laws to be voted on, and facetiously remarking that Mr. Calder had always some factory scheme to bring before the electors at this season of the year, he gave an account of his attitude in the County Council in reducing the county rate and the extension of the Registry office. He concluded by wishing the electors the compliments of the season and asking their support. Mr. Wm. Laidlaw, a candidate for the Mayoralty, said, on rising, that he had appeared before the electors on several previous occasions, and that he had been defeated about as often as he was successful. He gave credit to such men as Mr. Calder and Mr. Saunders, who were willing to sacrifice so much of their time for the well-being of the town, and regretted that other able men were not willing to act in a similar capacity. After expressing his friendship for Mr. Calder and Mr. Saunders, his former opponents for municipal honors, he entered into a brief criticism of the way in which town affairs are administered. He thought the town should have money enough to run the affairs of the town for a year ahead. Thought this was the right principle. He expressed regret at the way in which the Mayor and Reeve of last Council differ over the town's financial standing, and he congratulated treasurer Jackson on the plain and intelligible character of the financial statement in the hands of the electors. He objected to the transfer of \$350 from the granolithic account to the general account of the town, and to the borrowing of \$5000 by the town in 1908. He objected to the giving of grants by councils out of a depleted treasury, and gave as examples the grants of \$100 each to the Library, the Band and the Cemetery Co. Objected to councils borrowing money or otherwise contracting debts that would have to be paid by some future Council. Thought all debts contracted should be paid by the Council contracting same, and in that Council's year of office. He objected to the Council spending more for the bridge, approaches and retaining walls than had been voted them in the By-law. The proper way, he thought, would be to go as far as their funds allowed and then go back to the people for a vote of more money. Personally he expressed no opinion about the bridge, but hoped it was a good one, which would be a great help to him in selling cement, as only 2 1/2 barrels were used in its construction. Did not think the Council justified in getting expensive plans and specifications and then ignoring them and practically setting them aside.

He objected to the combining of the By-law to extend payment of Furniture Factory debentures and the \$1000 of a shortage on the Bridge By-law. Thought both By-laws should be separate and voted on separately. He favored the McGowan By-law and hoped to see it carry. In closing, he said he was on friendly terms with his opponent for the Mayoralty, Mr. Black, and expressed his willingness to lend him a horse to carry voters to the polls on election day. Mr. Wm. Black, on rising, told the audience that he did not seek nor want the office of Mayor. Had no thought of entering the municipal field till pressed into the service by some of the good business men of the town. Now that he decided to allow his name on the ballot he was going to fight to the last ditch and had full confidence of being returned to the head of the council table for 1909. He was now a resident of Durham for about eleven years, and regarded it as the best town he ever lived in, though he had lived in such places as St. Thomas, Toronto and Montreal. He referred at some length to some of the racing events of a few years ago, and the sort he took in them. He was loyal to the town of Durham. Had some influence in the starting of the Furniture Factory and other industries. He bought and sold the Guthrie property when no one else would touch it. He owned considerable property here and had made some improvements. He bought and sold and rebuilt the Durham brick yard, and he had a fair degree of success in everything he undertook. True, he had no municipal experience in Durham, but had previously a successful municipal career in a much larger place, where there were several industries, some of which he helped to establish. Mr. T. R. Whelan being nominated as a candidate, both for the Mayoralty and the Council, was called on as the next speaker, and entertained the audience for some time in a general review of some of the council matters for the past year, taking special delight in scoring Mr. Calder for acting as Inspector of the new bridge. The following are the candidates: Mayor—Black, Laidlaw. Reeve—Calder, Saunders. Council—T. Whelan, T. Morton, B. Sharp, E. Kress, A. Robertson, A. McLachlan, G. Furneaux, R. Cochrane. Trustees—North Ward, C. L. Grant and J. P. Hunter; East Ward, H. Allen (acc); West Ward, J. S. McIlraith, re-elected. NORMANBY. Reeve—A. Schenk, re-elected by acclamation. Deputy—W. Umbach, re-elected by acclamation. Councillors—W. Kenna, R. Shiels, Baetz, R. Barber. EGREMONT. Reeve—W. Hastie, re-elected by acclamation. Deputy—Jno. McArthur, J. R. Philp, C. W. Robb. Councillors—D. Hunter, Geo. Lothian, Chas. McRobb, Thos. H. Wright, W. Watson and J. W. Walls. BENTICK. Reeve—J. S. Wilson, Mark Willis. Deputy—Dodsworth, Brigham. Councillors—R. Grierson, George Noble, Alex. Wilson, R. Leslie, G. Harvey, W. Lunney, J. Murdoch. GLENELG. Reeve—E. Hunt, A. McCuaig. Councillors—Malcolm Black, Joseph Firth, John A. McMillan, John McNally, Thos. Nichol, Wm. Weir. VOTE FOR THE BY-LAWS. In addition to the election of municipal officers, the electors on Monday next will be required to vote on two by-laws. As these may not be fully understood and as their defeat would be disastrous to the town at the present we shall endeavor to explain them so that all ratepayers may be prepared to vote intelligently. One By Law is for \$11,000 It will be remembered that ten years ago a by-law was passed, granting a loan of ten thousand dollars to the Furniture Factory, and debentures were issued to raise the money. These debentures were spread over a period of ten years, and the interest only paid each year by the town. The ten years term will expire next June, and the principal of \$10,000 will have to be paid. To meet this obligation the Council wishes to issue new debentures in order to pay off the debt maturing June. If the By-Law should fail to carry the town will be obliged to pay off the whole debt, and it cannot do this for want of funds. Most of the citizens know that the new Garafraza Street Bridge cost the town about \$1000 more than the \$4000 By Law that was passed last year authorizing the Council to issue debentures for the payment of it. This extra \$1000 has been borrowed from the bank, and will also have to be repaid. To cover the whole indebtedness, that is to redeem the Furniture Factory Debentures and to pay the debt in the Bank, the ratepayers are asked to vote on a By-Law, authorizing the Council to issue new debentures for the amount of \$11,000 and extending over a period of twenty years. This will enable the town to pay off the debt now nearly all due and give them twenty years to pay off the debt incurred by the issue of the new debentures. The By-Law must be carried to save the payment of a debt of \$11,000 during the coming year by a direct tax on the people. Vote for the \$11,000 By-Lay. With regard to the other By-Law, which gives Mr. McGowan a fixed assessment of \$1,000 a year on the mill property on which he is to erect an oat meal mill there need be but very little said. The property as it now stands has been assessed at something in the neighborhood of \$700. The fixed assessment for

general purposes is to be \$1000 if the By-Law carries on Monday next. The mill to be erected will cost from fifteen to twenty thousand dollars. For school purposes this property will be assessed the same as other property in town. Suppose it be assessed annually at ten thousand dollars and suppose again the rate required for school purposes be six mills on the dollar, the new improvement will yield a revenue to the town for school purposes of sixty dollars a year. This will make the total tax increase of somewhere between sixty and seventy dollars more than we derive from the property as it now stands. The mill will be a large building with a capacity of two or three hundred barrels per day. The oats required to supply this mill will be produced largely in the country round Durham, and a permanent market where good prices will be given will be established here. The oats must be drawn here by the farmers and the money paid here. It is only natural to suppose that part of this money at least will be spent in this town to the benefit of every business and business man in the community. As the matter appeals to us, the farmer who grows and sells oats will be benefited, and the town will be benefited by having the farmers come here where they will receive and spend part of their money. In short it will be a mutual benefit to the farmer and the business man. The large amount of oats that could be manufactured in a mill such as we expect to have will make it imperative on the owners to control the local supply for which they will be able to pay a better price than the ordinary grain dealer, who would have to pay freight to ship his oats to some outside point. Moreover, should the By-law carry and the mill be built, a large amount of work will be provided next year for both laborers and artisans. A very extensive dam will have to be made, and a railway siding will have to be constructed. Vote for the By-law and let us add the new industry to our town. It will swell the general taxes slightly. It will increase the school moneys very materially. It will create a home market for the farmers' oats. It will bring trade to the town. It will furnish a large amount of employment during the construction period. It will furnish permanent employment for those required to keep it in operation. It will increase, to some extent, the population of the town. It will be a benefit in many ways. Let us Vote for the By-law. We take no chances by doing so. To the Electors of the Township of Glenelg. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,— I beg leave to again announce myself a candidate for the Reeveship for the year 1909, and as I believe that my work as your representative, both in the Township and the County Council, was generally approved by you, and as I have been an interested observer of passing events since then, I hope to be able to render you better and more intelligent service in the future should you favor me by electing me to the responsible office of Reeve of Glenelg. Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I remain, Yours respectfully, A. MCCUAIG. Topcliff, Dec. 21st, 1908. To the Electors of the Township of Egremont. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,— Your votes and influence are respectfully solicited towards my election to the office of Councillor for the year 1909. If elected I shall endeavor to discharge the duties of the position so as to merit your approval. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am, Yours respectfully, JOHN W. WALLS, Candidate. 28/12/08 To the Electors of the Town of Durham. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—At the request of many ratepayers, I have consented to stand for the position of Reeve of the Town of Durham for the year 1909. If elected, I shall try to advance the interests of the town in every way possible, both here and at the County Council. Thanking you for past support, I therefore ask your vote and influence for the position. Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am, Yours truly, W. CALDER. BORN. LANG—On Thursday, Dec. 24, to Mr. and Mrs. John Lang, a daughter. VOLLETT—In Durham, on Thursday, Dec. 24, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Vollett, a son. MARRIED. RITCHIE—WEBBER—At the Baptist Parsonage, Durham, on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, 1908, Miss Charlotte Webber to Mr. Charles Ritchie, both of Bentick. COOK—COLVILLE—At the church of the Messiah parsonage, Toronto, on Thursday, Dec. 24th, 1908, Annie, daughter of Mrs. James Colville, to Mr. Chas. A. Cook, both of Durham. COWAN—BURNETT—At the residence of the bride's parents, on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1908, by Rev. W. L. Newton, Dora M., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Burnett, to Mr. Thomas Cowan, both of Durham. HARDING—BROWN—At the residence of the bride's parents, Durham, on Monday, Dec. 22, 1908, by Rev. W. L. Newton, Ada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brown, to Mr. William H. Harding, of Hamilton. DIED. WHITTAKER—In Durham, on Sunday, Dec. 27th, 1908, Mary Marjory Kathleen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Whittaker, aged 1 year, 9 months and 15 days. WHITTAKER—In Durham, on Saturday, Dec. 26th, 1908, Leona Margaret, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Whittaker, aged 7 mos., 1 dy. ROBERTSON—In Durham, on Sunday, Dec. 27, 1908, Elizabeth Wasilow, relict of the late John Robertson, of Guelph, aged 82 years.

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