

MUNICIPAL POLITICS.

DISTRICT NOMINATIONS.

A Lively Interest.

Nominating officer, Geo. Russell at 1 p. m. last Monday announced himself as ready to receive nominations for the positions of County Councillors in District No. 3, and in the hour that followed the following six gentlemen were nominated: Jacob Messenger, by D. McNichol and Wm. Irvine; Henry Brigham, by — Adlam and John Backus; Samuel Putherbough, by — McNally and G. Scheuerman; George Binnie, by Wm. Weir and Geo. Turnbull; Chas. McKinnon, by John Brown and Jas. McLarty; Chas. Moffat, by Jas. Firth and John A. McMillan.

The Town Hall was comfortably filled, though only three municipalities were concerned, and no doubt the new order of things, and the glorious uncertainty attending it lending interest to the proceedings. Mr. Russell got the meeting to appoint its Chairman, and Mayor Laidlaw was chosen and briefly outlined the new law.

In this contest no candidate has a record and therefore we may expect a "decent campaign." The Chairman however referred to a grave state of affairs which the late Co. Council had been dealing with: the extraordinary amount of liquor consumed in the jail, and reminded electors present that it was their duty to send two good men to straighten out this and other abuses.

It was agreed that each candidate should have twenty minutes time, and it proved ample for all except Mr. Binnie and perhaps Mr. Putherbough.

Mr. Messenger was warmly received, and comparing the old with the new, thought 16 men enough, and gave credit to the government for the measure. There was under the old system so many that the pushing ones did the work, while the bulk had just to look on, he thought it important where a member lived as he could easily make himself acquainted with the wants of the district. He referred to his experience as a reason for asking their support and retired.

Mr. Brigham thought 16 plenty and predicted they would have plenty to do. Being a new system it was difficult to get material to speak on, but would like to know the cost of the division taking place. He pointed out over \$2000 would be saved yearly. He endorsed the government for making the change. He denounced the excessive use of liquor in the jail, would have a by-law submitted to the people to vote for or against a poor house, and would support every economic measure. In reply to a question from Mr. Parker, he said he would support the County assuming control of the County roads. He had been pressed to come out, and if they all felt as he did, of course he would be elected.

Mr. Putherbough announced himself as a student of municipal politics, while the others were professors. Mr. Putherbough, it should be known was Bentinck's sole councillor last year, having to look after 12 reeves, who periodically went to Owen Sound leaving reference to his ambition, thinking every man should have a good opinion of himself, and his record he was not ashamed of. He had tried to do his duty as a citizen, and would use, if elected whatever of ability and experience he had. The district had the gift of two new pair of shoes, and he had a right to try for one of them.

Mr. P. thought that while farmers and township councils have been forced to economize by hard times, other corporate bodies had become more extravagant. Instanced the late Dominion Government holding two sessions in one year, our late County Council adopting messenger boys and other frills. He blamed the Co. for borrowing \$2000 to divide among the municipalities while his four conferees could not get some small bills passed, and the causes of the inflow of tramps every year.

Mr. Irvine questioned some statements made by the speaker, but being merely township matters, they dropped.

Mr. Binnie followed, in by far the best speech of the day, and his grasp of county questions and ability to present them should make his election a sure thing, as it likely will unless overconfidence should work harm, for nearly everybody is sure of his election.

He described the change as a revolution, the Legislature had done what was asked of it, and it was wrong to try to defeat it before it was put into operation as a movement of the late council tended. Whoever was sent should do their best to prove the worth of the change. He then very clearly described the machinery as to voting and marking ballots. The county ballots are to be on colored paper, townships, etc., on white.

The late jail surgeon, Mr. Manly, had told the committee appointed to investigate the whisky consumption that it was the cheapest medicine he could get for men arriving in a broken down condition. (There may be a reason here for the inflow of tramps.) However Mr. B. expects the new Dr. and the new system will end the scandal.

Mr. Binnie then explained some questions that had come up in the remarks of previous speakers. The pay of new councillors was to be \$3 00 per day and sets, a mile each way. Went fully into the \$20,000, showing how the operation of the law brought about a state of affairs compelling them to do something. The county lost a suit with Thornbury over a bridge which, with the talk cost over \$2,200. Owen Sound got nearly \$3000 for a sewer, Menard \$500 and the rest went among the municipalities. Having lost once other pieces applied and those who had no bridges demanded an equivalent. The provincial law has since been repealed.

The cost of division of the county was nearly \$400 up to last July. The valuation of the county for equalization purposes will be a question coming up at once, there having been none since 1883. This cost last time \$3000.

Mr. B. then went into an interesting comparison of the receipts and expenditures in 1885 and 1895 showing a mastery of detail seldom met with. The amount levied for Co. purposes has increased \$10,000 during the 10 years, surely there is here a field for economical enquiry. At the close of Mr. Binnie's effort many settled to the belief that he was "the man for Galway."

Mr. C. McKinnon followed, and after the lengthy speeches and advancing afternoon very briefly placed himself before the electors. He had been recently requested by a large number of the electors to allow his name to be placed in nomination and would use what experience he had in the interests of the whole division.

Mr. Moffat followed and chaffed playfully, fluently, yet critically, the former speakers. He had always advocated a change in the county council system, and would have more decreased expenditure by abolishing the December session, cutting down the Warden's grant, etc. He withdrew his name from nomination.

A vote of thanks to the chairman and every body was on the move.

DIVISION No. 4.

At Orchardville in the School house, last Monday Nominating Officer Hoff received the names of the following candidates.

Robert Morice, James Allan, Andrew Schenk, James Swanston, Mal. McPhee, Chas. McInnis.

Mr. McInnis spoke first, referring to the change in the system of electing County Councillors. It would effect a saving of \$2000. Mr. McInnis is a fluent and popular speaker, and is a candidate for a deputyship in his own township.

Mr. Morice went fully into the change of system in reducing the County Council body from 55 to 16. He highly approved of the change and thought the new system would be as efficient as the old, and a great deal less expensive. He promised, on being asked, to vote to reduce the salary of the School Inspectors. He was opposed to the 25 cent a day grant to the volunteers, by the county, and would oppose extras wherever found. In the matter of the Poor House he thought the poor of the county could be much more cheaply cared for, than by building a House of Refuge, and would continue to oppose its erection. In Owen Sound. His remarks were highly approved of, and the impression he made would indicate that one of the positions will be his, especially as he is well known in both townships, and the only reeve amongst them.

Mr. James Allan, than whom few, if any, in the county, have a better grasp of public affairs, came next, and entered minutely into the doing, of the County Council. He was challenged several times, but was always able to prove his statements. He also gave a very comprehensive account of the new system. Mr. Allan's well known ability with a quarter of a century's experience should speak loudly in his favor. If Normanby treats him half as kindly as his own township, he is there for sure.

Mr. And. Schenk, a candid and up right young man, spoke very briefly, and would do his best if elected.

Mr. Mal. McPhee, whose 70 years of age is no deterrent to active services spoke at some length, getting into a reminiscent mood, dealing with questions antedating Confederation. As a campaigner however, he is dangerous ly modern, and if he gets around the south and east of Egremont, the heather may be set on fire to scorch some of his rivals.

Mr. Jas. Swanston went down at the last township election, but the holiday has given or left him lots of vigor still. He attempted to comb Mr. Allan's hair but it was diamond cut diamond. He referred to the County valuation business, which must again soon be attended to, and appealed to his experi-

ence and his record as his claims for their support.

Mr. Chas. McInnis at this stage withdrew his name putting the audience in a good humor with a peppery story. Next Monday in Holstein, the quills will fly, and the Monday following will find a good many of the candidates in both contests ruefully picking them out and wondering how it all happened.

The crowd was not so large as was expected, but it was a fairly representative one.

Orchardville put on her best looks to greet the first representative body that has met there for years. In the olden times, all Egremont polled there, and the Council met there frequently.

WHAT NEW VICTORY?

At one time last century all England became very much depressed. The crown did not inspire love, her statesmen were venal, and the fortunes of war went against her. Suddenly a new man was placed at the helm; confidence in his own strength, wise selection of leaders, Pitt lifted the load from men's minds, his generals took heart, and before long men began to enquire, "What new victory is there to-day?"

Something like this is taking place in Canada. The country under the old regime was losing heart, its government was rotten, its members were quarreling, the people were leaving but the 23rd of June gave it a leader whose name and fame is above reproach, who is trusted by his colleagues who is loved by the people, and is in a fair way to return this country to the high road to prosperity.

We write this in view of the notable victory in Cornwall on Saturday last. A Conservative majority of over 300 is turned into a Liberal one of 608. Declined too in a constituency French and Catholic, where the opinion of the once redoubtable taster was that "we will boat them out of their boats."

The Hierarchy have a second time been defeated, those who would keep alive sectarian bitterness, for whatever reason, have been snubbed, and Laurier is again crowned with the laurels of victory.

North Grey victoriously, Brandon unopposed, Saskatchewan going Liberal on Saturday. Siton's old constituency supporting Greenway, all point to the belief that Canada is a unit for Laurier and toleration.

When the Liberals chose Laurier as leader, they "bulldozed better than they knew."

BOUTHVILLE.

We are having a mild winter, no frost or snow. Every man is busy in the bush and now J. J. Campbell has two men in the bus for two weeks. D. McConnel and J. McQueen are also trying to keep the front by doing their own clothes and cutting 4 cents a day.

Neil Cameron had Mr. J. McKennie, of Wharton, helping him. He is away now but the large pile of wood taken out shows that they were making the best use of the short hours.

Mr. D. McConnel has completed the summer kitchen and wood shed which adds very much to the comfort and appearance of his home. He has also finished the season's thrashing. On Tuesday last he thrashed Wm. Bannage out.

Mr. John McDonald is busy taking out timber for a new shed, which is 30 by 65 with a stone foundation. He will also raise the barn and build a basement under it. Mr. J. Gardiner has the contract for the stone work and Mr. D. McConnel is likely to do the framing. Mr. A. McCannel is helping to take out the timber.

Mr. John Campbell was at Owen Sound on the Grand Jury there. He would if they gave him a ride on the fire engine as they did Mr. John Bell and attend to free lunches.

Mr. D. McFarlane has received a letter from Mr. Hoffman. He reports good times, plenty of work for those who are willing to work. He speaks of electing the same old man of a daughter before Xmas.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. John McQueen is ill. He complains very much of a pain in his head. We understand Mr. McQueen is a regular reader of the Toronto Globe. We would venture to advise that worthy gentleman to give his eyes a rest now till after the New Year as the School Question is settled satisfactorily and we understand Tuesday's Globe Mr. Laurier and his colleagues will rest on their oars and take a well merited rest till after the holidays.

The event of the season took place last week at the residence of Mr. William J. Wilson. It was the marriage of his eldest daughter Annie to Mr. Hugh Wilson, of Nottawa-aga. The neighborhood will long miss her. She was a teacher in the Sabbath School for many years in Sect. No. 14. Her cheerful face was always welcomed by old and young. The many and expensive presents she received goes far to show the esteem she was held in by friends and acquaintances. The numerous friends on both sides were the only ones present. The happy company was enhanced by the genial presence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Robt. Campbell, of Port Hope. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Wilson a long and happy life.

Mr. R. McDonald is repairing his house by putting a stone foundation under it. What next Ronald?

AT YOUR SERVICE

We take this opportunity of thanking our many friends for the patronage extended to us during the present year and in wishing them

A Very Merry Christmas

AND

A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

We continue business in our New Store, and by

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We hope to be favored by a share of your custom during the coming year. We have one special this week which it will pay you to see

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HOLSTEIN.

Dr. Brown returned home on Tuesday of last week from New York where he has been for the past two months. Uncle Sam's hand must agree with the Dr. as he looks well.

Mrs. Wm. Rice, nee Maggie Dickson, of Riverston, visited a few days last week at the parental home, Reeve Dickson's.

Mrs. Louthead of Stratford, is spending a few weeks with her daughter Mrs. Perry Pennock.

Mr. John Dickson who has been in the N. W. T. for the summer months returned on Friday.

J. H. Reid, of Moose Mountain is home on a visit to his mother Mrs. Thos. Reid and other friends. Mr. R. is away from home for about 18 years his many old friends here will be glad to see him.

On Wednesday evening last as a number of young people from Yeovil were returning home from the C. E. Social in the Presbyterian Church by some means the horses took fright and started to run away but the driver got them somewhat under control by the time they reached the railway crossing, track causing one of the wheels to give way dumping the occupants out on the frozen ground, no other damage was done but a few scratches.

Dr. McKenzie returned to his home in Durham on Thursday after having charge of Dr. Brown's practice for the past two months. The Dr. has been very successful while here and he made many warm friends. We wish him ever success where ever his lot may be cast.

Thos. R. Tribe left for McCasta Co., Michigan, where he intends staying for a couple of months with his son Morice.

Messrs Calder, Stephens, J. Kerr, Wm. Pettigrew, Ira Fannock left for Owen Sound on Tuesday in connection with Calder and Stephens' law suit. This week we announce the death of Ann Brown, relict of the late James Troupe, at the advanced age of 70 years. The late Mr. and Mrs. Troupe were pioneer settlers in the township of Egremont.

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N. EAST NORMANBY.

Mrs. M. Wallace left last week for Durham where she intends to learn the dress making with Miss Arroy month.

Our Literary Society is progressing rapidly under the Presidency of Mr. T. G. Gold, jr. who is under two weeks at present. The date for New Year's night is "Which is the greater slave to fashion men or women?" The captives are Mr. J. Allan and C. Petty.

The young people of Knox Church have organized a Christian Endeavor Society with R. R. Watson, as President.

Mr. F. Dickman is making preparations in his candy store for Christmas.

Miss Edith Leeson has returned from Owen Sound for Christmas holidays.

Mr. G. Johnston's bush will surely suffer these few weeks as he has Mr. C. Petty and B. Allan engaged cutting wood.

Misses Mary Gadd and T. Bjers were last week collecting missionary money for the Knox Church.

Mrs. W. Fee left a week or so ago to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morlock of Merrivale.

DURHAM MARKET.

Table with market prices for various goods like Flour, Oatmeal, Bran, etc.

BIRTHS.

BELL.—In Glenslg, on Monday, 21st Dec., to Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Bell a son.

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