

THE NOMINATION FOR LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES.

A fine winter day with splendid weather tempted large numbers to attend nominations to day. Contests are the order of the day and for the most part these are to be conducted with a friendly rivalry, in a few cases it is war to the knife.

BENTON.

Clerk Dncean Campbell chose Brigham's Waggon Shop as the place of nomination, and it was comfortably filled by an interested crowd of rate-payers. It was an agreeable meeting passing off smoothly as wisdom would suggest.

The following were nominated: For Reeve, Sam Dickson, by Robt. Lindsay and Wm. Lenney, Geo. Ries by Jno. Chittick and Angust Wiedner.

For 1st Dep., Jno. Brown, by Jno. Corlett and R. Adlam.

For 2nd Dep. Mal, Cameron, by Wm. Smith and Jno. Corlett. Robert Leslie by Wm. Willis and Geo. Hotzawer.

For 3rd deputy, Thos. Milligan by D. Adlam and Ed. Acton. Jno. Devlin by A. Magwood and V. Kerchner.

For Councillor, Geo. Adlam by Jno. Backus and J. McDougall. Robt. Hay by A. Magwood and Wm. Hay.

Congratulations to Jno. Brown who as 1st deputy goes "marching in" without opposition. Ries and Dickson will be a battle royal, with a preponderance of Dickson sentiment in the east. Cameron, with four years' experience in the Council and 13 years' experience as assessor should win hands up against Leslie, who, we believe, is not experienced. Anyway he is needed in the east, when Reeve and 1st deputy are both to the west.

We confess to a desire to see our friend T. Milligan lead for 3rd dep. He is a public spirited ratepayer, has held several representative positions and has a large store of common sense. The election of G. Adlam for councillor would make a nice distribution of the new members over the township, but Hay will poll a big vote, and indications are his way.

Messrs Messenger, Brigham and Putherbough each spoke briefly on Co. Council business, and the other candidates all had their say.

EGREMONT.

A large and enthusiastic crowd gathered in the classic town of Holstein in the Temperance Hall. Clerk Allan Ret. Officer.

The following were nominated: For Reeve, P. Dickson, Wm. Lawrence, Jas. Murdoch.

For 1st Deputy, D. Hunter, R. Bye, P. Watson.

For 2nd Deputy, Wm. McFadden, Chas. McInnis, Jas. Allan.

For Councillors, D. Leith, F. Russell, John Philps, Thos. Ferguson.

As we intimated last week Reeve Dickson is unopposed, and the surprising thing is that the Councilors are also in without an election, Philip and Ferguson having retired. Mr. Allan of course retired from the contest also, being in the larger field, so there is a three-cornered fight for the 1st deputy position, and a dual one for 2nd deputy.

McFadden and Watson very wisely, as we pointed out last week, did not run for the same position and have improved their chances immensely. Watson has a solid north to draw from while the south is split. Still many predict Hunter as the winner. Mr. McFadden is an old and popular candidate, but McInnis, by his position in the township, geographically, and his well known ability will put up a winning game.

Reeve Dickson came before them for the 11th time. Referring to the Williams' indignant case, he read a letter from Mrs. Crandell, sister of the indigent in rebuttal of the story of the council trying to get rid of him. He admitted that possibly he might have done better in the past and promised an answer later on to a question raised by Mr. Murdoch re Ry Loan.

Mr. Lawrence briefly addressed the meeting in his facetious way and rejoiced he had no sins to answer for.

Mr. Murdoch explained the payment of interest on Ry. by law. It was asked as a favor that the Township be allowed to pay on 1st of August instead of 1st of February thereby giving the township 6 m. credit for 19 years, as the last year's interest is to be paid at the specified time.

Mr. Dickson briefly replied and disclaimed having said anything derogatory to Mr. Murdoch.

Mr. Hunter for the 3rd time gave his reasons for stepping up, being first in the field, and was making way for younger men. He justified his action in not building McNair's bridge. It was brought Sep. 22nd, late in the season, would necessitate two extra meetings of council at a cost of \$20.00 and sawing lumber at that season would cost \$75.00 more on a \$500 job. He was willing to compare his family with the Bye family either present or past, in the matter of temperance. He made satisfactory explanations in regard to certain contracts.

DURHAM.

Mr. Bye gave an insight into the working of County matters, showing how a saving of \$200 had been effected by the Ed. Committee. The big whiskey bill had opened his eyes, but he hoped for better things under the new surgeon. Believed the township should have a hall of its own, or else pay for its room. Mr. Kleinpp was a gentleman and knew how to treat a gentleman and recognized his (Bye's), conscientious scruples in the matter of drinking. He thanked the people for their generous support in the past and would almost expect to be allowed in by acclamation. He was glad Mr. Murdoch had made the Ry. business so clear. He again referred to his action in county council matters, and answered all questions put to him in his cool, collected and humorous manner.

Mr. P. Watson gave his reasons for soliciting their support. Made reference to the proposed building of 3 bridges. He was in for economy, and thought the position of clerk, treasurer assessor, etc. should be let by public tender. Once in 5 years suffice it for assessing, and 7 sittings a year for the council was ample for the business.

Mr. Allan explained the machinery of this election, referring to his long connection of 25 years with the township, for many of which he had also represented them at the County Council. Referring to the expected County revaluation, he said Egremont had nothing to fear as other municipalities had improved more than theirs. He thanked them for all past favors, and hoped again for their warm support. In answer to a question he said he was prepared to support a reduction in the salaries of some county officials.

Mr. Wm. McFadden briefly solicited their patronage, as they had done five times before. He was stepping into the vacancy made by Mr. Allan, and thought it important that locality should be considered in the selection of members of council. He promised, if elected, to do his best for the township.

Mr. C. McInnis, in a facetious way gave his reasons for appearing before them. He had grown up with the township for 42 years and for 26 years had been in close contact with the affairs of the township. He defended the amount paid to the auditors, and no man should complain of high salaries unless he was acquainted with the nature of the work. He gave a concise account of the Railway by law, showing himself conversant with the finances of the township. He would deem it an honor to be returned to their council board.

Messrs Leith, Ferguson and Philip each spoke briefly in their own behalf.

Bye takes the cake for being cool and collected under cross fire, and having an unflinching fund of humor.

McInnis won many compliments on his ability as a speaker, and the convincing way he can put his arguments.

Some regard it a pity Tom Ferguson retired as he would make a good official.

Clerk Black has no election by acclamation this year. For position of Reeve the following names were presented:

Jas. Staples, Geo. E. Arrowsmith.

Staples was first in the field, stepping up from the deputyship into the vacant place and these facts with his long experience give him a start in the race. However, Arrowsmith has experience too, and the result is by no means sure.

As we predicted Mr. Thos. McFadden has the deputyship by acclamation, and no better man could be found.

For the 3 Council positions Glenelg voters will have to run over this list of eight:

John Williams, Geo. Lamb, John A. McMillan, Thos. Sullivan, John McKechnie, Thos. McComb, Albert Jones, Andy Walker.

Some new names there and likely good ones. To all appearance John Williams is to be one, though how the race among the others will go is impossible to determine. If either Sullivan or McMillan were out the other would surely go in, as it is each weaker the other. Jno. McKechnie is expected to take a big vote, and Conn. Lamb has shown he has a big hold on the township. The others may make it in resting.

We have not been able to secure the mover and seconder nor the run of the speeches, but the day passed off agreeably.

NORMANBY.

Clerk Hopf received the following nominations: For Reeve, Anderson and Koenig.

For 1st Deputy, R. Barber, and D. Grier.

For 2nd Deputy, Rozell and Forbes.

For Councillors, Riley, Drier and Ellis.

The hall was packed with interested ratepayers who listened to brief speeches from the candidates present.

A contest all round with an even chance for the reeves from our standpoint. Mr. R. Barber has always taken an active part in township affairs and should receive a strong support since the north and north east of the township will be unrepresented unless he is elected, though we could wish his rival were some one else than our old friend Grier whom we respect highly for his intelligence and public spirit.

Robt. Drier and Ellis are spoken of as likely to be the other winner.

DURHAM.

A very lively interest is abroad in the town over the positions of Mayor and Reeve, and the Town Hall was well filled Monday evening to take in the nominations, which were as follows:

Mayor.—Wm. Calder, by H. W. Mockler and E. McClocklin. Wm. Laidlaw, by R. Bull and J. W. Crawford.

Reeve.—Geo. Sparling, by H. W. Mockler and Thos. Allan. Alex. McLachlan, by Wm. Laidlaw and S. McCracken.

North Ward.—H. Parker, A. S. Hunter, I. Elvidge were the only ones nominated, hence all are in by acclamation.

West Ward.—D. Kinnee, G. McKechnie, R. Bull, Jno. Hunter, R. Parker were the nominees. The two latter have since retired, this ward is also by acclamation.

East Ward.—James Brown, H. W. Mockler, Geo. Moore, Wm. Whitmore, Jr., Hugh Rose, Dr. Park, were the nominees. Dr. Park is the only one retired this Wednesday morning, so there will be a contest here, Brown and Mockler should surely be returned.

For School Trustees there was no opposition and C. L. Grant, James Carson, and Adam Robertson are re-elected.

The entry of Mr. McLachlan for the Reeve ship was a surprise and while we have no question of his fitness for the position we regret his presence there to oppose a man who has been so able and efficient as Mr. G. Sparling. This town wants Mr. Sparling, the Mayor will be in the south and it is very fitting if not necessary the north should have the Reeve.

The Mayorship, well we expected an election by acclamation. Mr. Laidlaw throughout the year created the impression that he was out of the even told his opponent so, and at the eleventh hour yields to interested pressure requesting him to run.

We advocated the election of Mr. Calder last year, and we have seen no reason since to change our course. Indeed the year has produced other reasons which show it is time for a change.

Mr. Calder is being opposed on account of a stand he took on the electric light question. His attitude on this question under the circumstances should commend him to every citizen, even though they don't agree with him. He is acting conscientiously, he believes there is a moral obligation to support the Hewson contract, and he is willing to risk his chances in the election rather than flinch. Wm. Calder should be Mayor for 1897 for the following reasons:

- 1 He is in favor of rigid economy and reduction of taxes.
- 2 He is in favor of all Public non-ways being let by contract.
- 3 He is in favor of establishing Manufacturing Industries in town for the benefit of the workmen.
- 4 He is in favor of advancing the interests of the Town morally and materially.
- 5 His course in public affairs has been such as to command respect.
- 6 He has done much to build up the town, and has brought trade here.
- 7 His integrity and consistent course as a citizen led to his appointment as a magistrate.
- 8 He was beaten last year by only 4 votes and more than that number were brought in from outside.

MURDOCH.

Mr. J. and Miss V. Ball, of Hampden, were guests of their sister, Mrs. Geo. Pollock, Jr., of Murdoch, P. O., for a couple of days last week.

Mrs. D. Sharp and family spent Xmas at Mr. and Mrs. D. Coleridge's, Jr. Miss Mary remaining for a couple of days.

Miss M. Lochern is spending her Xmas holidays at her home in Fergus.

Mrs. Joseph Sharp, of Glenelg, spent a few days last week at the bedside of her brother, Mr. Geo. Pollock, Sr., whom we are very sorry to state is not improving any in health.

Mrs. Allan, Sr., we are pleased to report, is convalescing.

Miss M. Sharp was pleasantly surprised on Christmas Eve when four of our Sabbath School scholars, Bella Allan, Myrtle Orchard, Maggie Allan and Janie Chapman came to her home and presented her with a beautiful Bible.

About twenty of the young men and boys pulled a nice lot of wood for Mr. Geo. Pollock, Sr. one afternoon last week.

Mr. Alex. Allan intends having a wood bee on Thursday afternoon.

VARNEY.

The Varney, L. O. L. 689 held a special meeting for the election of officers on Thursday night last. The following were elected: Master, James Edson; R. J. Edson, Financial Secretary; John Sharp, Treasurer; Samuel Caldwell, Director of Ceremonies; W. J. Lee, Treasurer; G. Petty; Senior Councilman, E. Fee; Committee: Nelson Edson, Henry Denton.

Honors for Xmas came David Petty, from the North West; Harry Wilkins, from Guelph; Frank Lawson, from Henry; and Harry Edson, Mt. Forest.

The Rev. H. Caldwell, from Kerr, occupied the Methodist pulpit on Sunday last and delivered a splendid sermon.

Mr. and Mrs. Blyth, from near Hamilton, are visiting their son, Mr. James Blyth, this week.

Mrs. D. Allan spent Xmas with her sister, Mrs. Dickson, of Glenelg.

Our Sunday School held their annual entertainment on Friday night last.

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Mr. J. S. Lenoir is suffering at present from blood poisoning, but we hope soon to hear of his recovery under the skillful treatment of Dr. Park.

Mrs. A. Little, Jr. is on the sick list at present. We are glad to know she is on the mend.

Xmas passed off very quietly with our citizens as many of them spent the day elsewhere.

The concert held in the old brick school house was a decided success. The programme was a lengthy and entertained. Professor Logan, of Owen Sound, was the spirit of the programme, his comic songs being very entertaining. At the end of the programme Mr. Burnett, teacher, was made the recipient of a suitable address and some very handsome and valuable presents, to which the scholars as well as the sect on will be very sorry to lose Mr. Burnett, who during his two years teaching, has proved himself a valuable teacher. We voice the sentiments of our citizens in wishing him a happy and prosperous future.

Miss Reid, of Balaclava, is the guest of Mrs. Harry Hunt.

Miss Lizzie Dargavel is spending her Xmas vacation in the Queen City where she will be the guest of her sister Mary.

Miss Minnie Buchanan has returned from the Queen City.

Miss Lillie Green is enjoying a short vacation with her parents, of Williamsford.

Mr. Charles Mortley spent Xmas Day with friends in Chatsworth.

Domine C. McIntosh will spend a few days in the County Town.

County Council and Township Council elections form the general topic of discussion with our citizens at present and it is amusing to listen to the difference of opinions and judgments passed upon the different candidates. We are waiting patiently the election, and the big snow storm which usually accompanies it.

Miss Mary Quirk, teacher, of Stratford, is spending the Xmas vacation under the paternal roof.

Mr. McAllen, C. P. R. engineer, of Schriber, Algonquin, is spending a short vacation with friends in this burg.

Mr. Wm. Ledingham, Glenelg, has returned from Moosejaw, Manitoba, and will spend the winter with his parent of this vill.

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