

WHITCHURCH NOMINATIONS.

Induced by the fine weather and not deterred by the rough roads a large number of electors gathered in McQuillans Hall, in the rising village of Ballantrae, on Monday last, to select their Municipal Council for 1889. The candidates were there, all of them. In fact it appeared that nearly all present were seeking an office for themselves or for some friend.

After an early dinner and a great deal of hand shaking and caucusing, promptly at noon Clerk Lundy called for nominations and names were mentioned and noted down at varying intervals until the statutory hour was up. Then the clerk pleaded illness and Mr. Jno. Jamieson was appointed chairman for the afternoon meeting. The various nominators and seconds were called on in rotation followed each by their respective nominees.

Messrs C. Stouffer and M. Roach proposed Maxsen Jones for Reeve and urged his claims as an old public servant and a well qualified man with "no axe to grind." Mr. Jones on being elevated to the bench began in his usual humorous manner to thank his nominators for the honor and then rapidly sketched his former career in the council. He showed how he had assisted in opening roads over the township, judiciously invested the Clergy Reserve money for the use of the schools so that now the school rate in this township is less than in any neighboring municipality. His course on bonuses to the Simcoe Junction Ry. was explained. County council affairs also were spoken of and the speaker showed how he had succeeded in obtaining a reduction of \$50000 in the assessment of personal property, of Whitchurch at the equalization in 1884 and a further reduction in the following year. Toll roads and High Schools were also discussed, he being in favor of not increasing the number nor lessening the grant to the latter. He concluded with a hope that he would be elected Reeve.

Charles Webb seconded by John Forester then spoke to nominate L. L. Hartman for Reeve.

Mr. Hartman said he had always seconded Jones in County Council, that his owning property in Aurora did not alienate his affection from Whitchurch. He explained that the new High School in Aurora was asked for by a large number from west side of the township and that more money was expended on roads and bridges on the east than on the west side and west siders were entitled to some favor, and that cost of school to Whitchurch would be only \$36 in 1889. He had been urged to stand for reeve-ship of Aurora and refused, voted against interest of Aurora in matter of York roads. The wire fence and tree planting by laws had been improved and made workable. The speaker had occupied important positions in County Council and had formulated a scheme for purchase of cedar and plank at a great saving. He stated that rate was not increased last year, and that if it had been increased when it should have been it would not be so high now. He gave some figures showing that on account of money received from the city the county rate might be materially lessened next year. He referred to Jones' retirement in 1885, and said when Jones was ill at county council he had heard him will the clerk ship to his son Phillip. He was about to refer to the treasurership, but as he was not encouraged by the crowd he desisted. He stands for the reeve-ship.

Mr. J. Brodie made a short speech stated that he had only one contest in eight years and thanking the electors he withdrew.

L. W. Paisley nominated Dr. J. J. Hunter in a short but very vigorous speech in which he explained that they wanted to give the Dr. a chance to show up some wrong doings in his popular and witty way. G. W. Patterson seconded the nomination and Dr. Hunter did not disappoint the audience. He referred to suit for damages to an injured horse which might have been settled for \$15. The idea of two or three men at \$2 a day, being necessary to see, then let, and finally inspect a small road job was denounced.

The toll roads was the great question he said, and we want men competent to look after and secure our interests. He concluded with a eulogy of Mr. Jones and retired.

Phillip Cook referred to his disappointment of Scott Act and tinkering with the liquor question and wished for total prohibition. He nominated Mr. Geo Macklem as not a fluent speaker but a man always on hand to vote. Wm. Cook seconded the nomination.

Geo. Macklem explained his vote on the famous Thorne resolution to close the bars and saloons on Christmas and New Year's by saying that he understood that the hotels were to be closed up, dining room, tables and all. He stated in reference to culvert on a side road that it was not built according to contract and therefore the full price was not paid. He stands for 1st Dep. Reeve.

John Grove nominated Seneca Baker. Geo. Rose seconded in a powerful and scholarly speech calling attention to the necessity for educated men and to

a reduction in numbers of county councillors which had been hitherto defeated by votes of deputy-reeves.

Seneca Baker thanked electors for last year's votes and proceeded to discuss some municipal affairs such as Big Marsh bridge, pathmaster's duties in looking after small jobs.

He stated that the suit for damages was made a test case so the council thought they had a good cause. In reply to question he said he was in favor of reducing the number of county councillors if he found it in interest of township.

John Cook and Geo. Johnston nominated Wm. McCormack for 2nd Deputy, who made a short petty speech and stood for election.

Albert Bogart and John Scott praised the good qualities of their nominee, Aaron Haines who then made a telling speech stating that after being pressed to stand he had consented to do so. He was in favor of reducing number of Deputy Reeves and that it was in the power of the electors. He then showed conclusively that farmers are doubly taxed in comparison with merchants. He was in hands of the electors.

L. W. Paisley and Thos. Brown nominated Seneca Baker for councillor, who made a short address.

John Cooney and J. T. Boake introduced the name of Tim. Skinner, who made a rapid forcible speech calling for economy and vigilance.

He thought the whole duty of the council was not to write a few words and then say "Carried." A reform in the procedure is necessary. He is a candidate.

Dr. Hunter in nominating Thomas Brown thought we could borrow some ideas from Michigan in our municipal affairs. Mortgages on farms should be assessed and the taxes paid on them made a first charge on the interest of mortgage. James Cooney seconded the nomination showing his fitness for the position.

Thos. Brown referred to the Marsh bridge and other local affairs and stood for election.

Chas. Webb and Lemon Baker proposed Ed Widdifield, who stands.

Geo. Rose seconded by Wilmon Soules nominated Aaron Haines.

P. Macklem seconded by G. W. Patterson nominated Jas. Cooney who after a few words retired.

Mr. Jones then spoke to his nomination for 1st Deputy and discussed the township finances and Mr. Hartman followed on his nomination for councillor. Both retired as did S. Baker for the council and A. Haines for 2nd Deputy.

The meeting lasted until about 6 o'clock and the candidates are as follows:—For Reeve, M. Jones, L. L. Hartman; 1st Deputy Reeve, Geo. Macklem, S. Baker; 2nd Deputy Reeve, Wm. McCormack; Councillors, Timothy Skinner, Thos. Brown, Ed. Widdifield and Aaron Haines. May the best be elected.

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