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ALL odd numbers.

MAY the year bring prosperity to all our readers.

VOTE for Fitzgerald for Reeve.

READ Swift's Clearance Sale ad.

MR. STAPLEFORD replies to the Reeve's letter of last week in another column.

J. CALLAHAN is removing his marble works to the rear of Saunders' blacksmith shop.

EDITOR Pettypiece was elected Mayor of Forest by acclamation. Congratulations.

STRATHROY papers will not be issued this week. The editors are busy working for Local Option.

SEE WINDOWS, red ticket prices.—SWIFT'S Clearance Sale.

THERE will be morning service in Trinity church on Sunday next and an administration of the Lord's supper.

THERE was a hot time in the old town hall Monday night.

COL. KENWARD, Dr. Hicks, J. White and F. R. Luckham are the retiring members of the Board of Education this year.

THE Christmas Day offering in Trinity Church, which goes to the Rector as in all Anglican churches on that day, amounted to the handsome sum of \$35.00.

LADIES' COATS at Swift's sale. \$15.00 coats for \$10.00, \$10.00 coats for \$6.50.

THE January meeting of the Women's Institute will meet at the home of Mrs. Dr. Hicks on Wednesday evening, January 8th. Roll call answered by Canadian authority. Everybody welcome.

They were leaving Eden.

"The laugh," exclaimed Adam, "is on us!"

"And that," rejoined Eve, with sudden consciousness, "is about all!"

We hope our readers will not criticize us too severely for our new service during the holiday season. Crush of job work and advertising and two holidays make it pretty hard to furnish a paper of the usual standard.

THE local newspaper cannot give all the news without the help of the citizens of the community it serves. The Editor desires the co-operation of every reader. Send in the news and send it in as early in the week as possible.

ON Saturday, J. Robertson, who claimed he came from Strathroy, appeared before Reeve Fitzgerald on a charge of disorderly conduct, etc. A fine of \$5 and costs was imposed on him, default 20 days in jail. Fine and costs were paid.

ROSS SMITH, of London, formerly of Watford, the past ten years with the McColl Bros. & Co., of Toronto, wholesale firm in oils and varnishes, has made a contract for three more years at a salary of \$2100.00 a year and travelling expenses. Phone 2778.

T. J. OAKES, of Inwood, in renewing his subscription, states that he has taken the Guide-Advocate since its first issue. There are only a few of these old time subscribers left, Old Father Time having claimed a large number of them during the past few years. May the few that remain live and enjoy many more years.

GREAT SALE starts at Swift's Monday. See red tickets, sale price.

STRATFORD BUSINESS COLLEGE. This school has a continental reputation. It does more for its students and graduates than do other similar schools. Business men know it has the best courses, best instructors, and turns out best office help. We draw the attention of our readers to the college advertisement which appears elsewhere in this issue.

THE third annual free course in Agriculture will be held in the Agriculture Office, Petrolia, from January 14th to Feb. 8th, under the direction of the Agricultural Department of the Petrolia High School. Demonstration lectures in stock judging, packing fruit, poultry, etc., by experts, will be some of the features. See ad. elsewhere in this issue.

THE semi-monthly meeting of the A.V.P.A. was held at the home of Miss McCaw on Friday evening last. The meeting was in the form of a reunion and a large number of visitors were present. After the regular business was disposed of the company indulged in the editing of a paper, which was given the title of "The Evening Blast." A very dainty lunch was served, after which the meeting was closed by singing the national anthem. All present reported a pleasant time.

HAD it not been for the kindness of Chief Chatterton in bringing a Rayo lamp from his home to the town hall on nomination night, the ratepayers would have had difficulty in distinguishing the features of the candidates when they took the platform. It is a disgrace to the village that public meetings are held in such a poorly-lighted, foul-smelling, microbe-laden building, and persons spending several hours therein are endangering health, even if they are thoroughly disinfectant after leaving the building.

MONDAY is Epiphany. VOTE for Stapleford for Reeve. READ Brown's January Sale announcement.

A BAILIFF sale notice adorns the window of Aziz' fruit store.

THE Guide-Advocate enters its thirtieth year with this issue.

THE fall of snow Friday made fair sleighing for a couple of days.

BARGAINS all over the store. See the money saving prices.—SWIFT'S.

WATFORD MARKETS.—Wheat 80 to 87. Oats 30 to 32. Butter 25. Eggs 30.

THE Christmas services in the local churches last Sunday were well attended and some excellent music was rendered.

GREAT SALE of clothing. Save money.—Swift's red letter clearance.

THOSE who make a little extra money shovelling snow have not had a chance so far this winter to add much to their pile of coin.

LET every correspondent make a New Year's resolution that he or she will send in a batch of news to the Guide-Advocate EVERY week in 1913.

THE Guide-Advocate mailing list is corrected up to December 27th. Look at your label and see if you have been properly credited. If not notify us.

FOWLER'S rink was well filled New Year's night to see the hockey match between Alvinston intermediate and Watford Junior O. H. A. teams. The game was an interesting one, resulting in a score of 10-7 in favor of the home team. Sime Williams refereed the game. Want of space prevents extended account.

AT the present time there seems to be an epidemic of practical joking and many of the so-called jokes are most ghastly in character. In Stratford the other day a lady received a fake message stating that her son was dead. In London an undertaker's assistants aroused a man from his slumbers and stated that they had come to prepare him for burial, and a fake story of an auto accident at Ridgeway was telegraphed to the daily papers. Numerous fake notices of births, marriages and deaths are being sent to the papers and people annoyed and insulted thereby. If some of these jokers were given a few days in jail or heavily fined it might cool their desire to play the smart aleck.

PERSONAL.

Mr. Duncan Gillis is home from the West.

Mr. E. Stillwell, Welland, spent the holidays here.

Mr. Cecil Vail, Toronto, is visiting at his home here.

Arch. Tanner, Ottawa, is home for New Year's.

C. O. Fuller, Saskatoon, arrived home from the West Tuesday.

C. W. Connor, Port Huron, called on Watford friends this week.

Mr. Albert Chambers, Aylmer, visited his brother George this week.

Miss Robinson, Toronto, is a guest of Mrs. Wm. McLeay this week.

Mr. Morley Drake, Brantford, is visiting friends in Watford and vicinity.

Peter Spence and wife spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott.

Miss Mabel Brock, Tupperville was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Morgan, Christmas.

Dr. T. F. Waugh, Imperial, Sask., is visiting at the home of his father, John street.

Mr. John Treharne, London, is visiting his uncles and aunts in Watford and Brooke.

J. D. Bodaly and family spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bodaly.

Mrs. (Dr.) Newell attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Hunt, in Wyoming, on Saturday.

Mrs. Neil McLean, Sarnia, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Neil Bennett, during the holidays.

Mr. Ernest Patterson and sister Grace, nephew and niece of Mrs. W. S. Fuller, are the guests of Mrs. Fuller.

Roy J. Fuller, of the City Steel and Structural Dept., Toronto, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Fuller.

After spending a short time with relatives in Wyoming and Watford, E. D. Reid and son returned on Sunday to their home in Lansing, Mich.

Messrs. John and Isaac Treharne had Christmas dinner with their aunt, Mrs. John Lambert, Watford.

Mr. D. Gillies, Front St., is spending New Year's with his sister, Mrs. McLellan, and brother, Mr. Donald Gillies, at Traras City, Michigan.

A. J. King, Regina, spent the holidays at his home here. Mr. King conducts the Central Grocery in Regina and does a large trade. We are glad to hear of his success.

A farmer giving his name as Cadman and his home as Theford, and his nephew, were the victims of two smooth swindlers, Friday. Cadman and the younger man were in Port Huron for a visit and met two young men who posed as their best friends. Eventually the men from Theford lost all their money.

The Sombra Outlook-Tribune has adopted the pay-in-advance rule for all subscribers to that paper.

NOMINATION MEETING.

Fitzgerald and Stapleford in the Field for the Reeveship.

The annual nomination meeting for the corporation of Watford was held in the Town Hall on Monday evening. There was a good turnout of ratepayers, the vile-smelling, ill-ventilated, gloomy old structure being filled to the door. The meeting was a noisy one, at times, some of the ratepayers indulging in personalities and unparliamentary language, utterly forgetting that this is the season of good will to men. Following are the nominations:—

FOR REEVE.

Sanford Stapleford by Jacob Fowler and Thos. Fortune.

John McKercher, by W. B. Laws and N. Hawn.

W. E. Fitzgerald, by P. J. Dodds and S. W. Louks.

E. A. Brown, by J. J. Spackman and D. L. Hamilton.

Jacob Brown, by Geo. R. Rivers and J. S. Williams.

FOR COUNCILLOR.

John McKercher, by Jacob Fowler and John Stanger.

Jacob Fowler, by Jas. Glass and John Stanger.

Jas. A. Graham, by N. Hawn and W. A. Thompson.

E. A. Brown, by Jas. A. Graham and R. C. McLeay.

Carl Class, by J. McKercher and S. W. Louks.

Wm. Harper, by John Shirley and J. McKercher.

Wm. Doan, by G. N. Howden and T. A. Adams.

N. Hawn, by T. A. Adams and F. W. Rogers.

T. G. Mitchell, by Jas. A. Graham and G. N. Howden.

A. G. Brown, by E. D. Swift and L. H. Aylesworth.

FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION.

E. D. Swift, by D. Watt and Andrew Aitken.

F. Kenward, by P. J. Dodds and Robt. Auld.

A. Class, by J. McKercher and Carl A. Class.

Carl A. Class, by W. E. Fitzgerald and H. Schlemmer.

Wm. Harper, by E. D. Swift and Robt. Auld.

The hour for making nominations having expired, Mr. W. S. Fuller was voted to the chair, calling upon the old council first to give an account of their stewardship.

Reeve Fitzgerald was the first speaker. He explained the financial statement and said that the available assets of the town were \$8791.97 and the liabilities \$5522.06, leaving a credit balance of \$3269.91. Out of this balance the Wire Works debenture amounting to \$1153.14 had to be paid, which would reduce the balance to \$2116.77. He explained that repair of sidewalks, the constable, extra teachers, etc., was to some extent responsible for the increase in tax rate. During his term of office the council had laid down four miles of new sidewalk, gravelled north part of Main street, besides arranging for public library building and armory. He had the assurance of one of the directors of the proposed canning factory that everything possible would be done to start a branch here. He spoke of the proposed raising of the railway bridge and explained why the paving of Main street had been dropped.

R. E. Johnston said that he had opposed many matters that had been introduced into the Council, but had done so with a good clear conscience. He was not a candidate for the coming year, for which he was very thankful. He explained the money he had spent during the past year and thanked the people for the confidence they had placed in him during the 11 years he had been in the council.

Jas. A. Graham said that during the year he had spent over \$50 of the people's money and explained how and where.

Wm. Doan thanked the electors for their support in the past. He had done what he thought best for the good of the town, and would try it another year.

Nelson Hawn thought that the Reeve had covered the ground regarding the finances and work done. He thought the taxes had been kept down as low as they could, considering what had been done, and thanked the ratepayers for the confidence placed in him.

The new nominations were then taken up.

Sanford Stapleford criticized the Reeve's letter in the Guide-Advocate. He stated that in the previous year the council had run the village with a rate of 6 1/2 mills while the extra expenditures and extravagance of the present council had run the rate up to 10 1/2 mills. He claimed that the present council had squandered over \$1000 of the people's money by the sidewalks not being laid at the right time. He said the library site when paid for would cost \$1426 instead of \$1100. The purchase of this property he thought should have been placed before the ratepayers. He explained his views on the McPherson case and said that he would rather not run for Reeve but would let his name remain until later. If others did not wish to fight he would be in the field for the Reeveship.

J. McKercher said he was not a candidate for Reeve and took up the time allotted to him explaining Library matters. He was sorry that some sectional feeling had been introduced into the

matter and thought that \$600 more than should have been had been spent on the site. He explained how a committee from the north and south had been selected to arrange the matter in conjunction with the Library Board. All available sites at the southern end of the town were held so high that the amount asked for them was too large to spend on a non-producing institution. He favored the Elliot lot behind proposed postoffice site which was \$800 lower than the one that had been selected, and he thought that no action should have been taken in the matter until it had been submitted to the ratepayers. Too much money was being spent for luxuries. He withdrew his name from the list for Reeve.

E. A. Brown was not present.

Jacob Brown referred to the Reeve's letter in the Guide-Advocate and the financial statement. He said that when last year's council gave up office they left a balance of \$647 in the treasury and everything paid up. There will be no surplus this year when matters are straightened up. Last year's council paid the last high school debenture but neglected to provide for it as a debenture rate, consequently it was paid out of the general fund, raising the village rate 1 1/2 mills. The previous council had cut down the electric light bill and paid it up to date, and one of the first acts of this year's council was to pay \$75 of a claim put in by Mr. Chambers. He gave his views on the railway bridge expenditure and the paving of Main street and said that an engineer should have been engaged for the latter work. He had not yet decided whether he would be in the field, but if he decided to stand he asked for the support of the ratepayers.

Mr. Fitzgerald explained the Act regarding Public Libraries, and gave his version of the electric light account, the armory question and the McPherson case. He said the present council had been an active one and done lots of work. If his supporters wanted him to do so he would stay in the field.

Mr. McKercher did not oppose the purchasing of the library site but thought it would have been better to submit the matter to the ratepayers for their approval. We needed a town hall and portions of it could be used for library purposes. It was sheer nonsense to say that it would not cost the ratepayers more than at present. He thought that too much money had been spent on sidewalks for one year. It was not right to force the people, and the council had been too liberal with the people's money. He did not seek the office of councillor but offered his services from a sense of duty, and if the ratepayers thought he was of any use he would let his name go on the ballot.

Jacob Fowler was not present.

Jas. A. Graham explained about certain crossings and walks about which enquiries had been made. If he ran he asked for the support of the electors.

E. A. Brown, C. Class and Wm. Harper were called on but were not present.

Wm. Doan discussed the tank question and asked for the support of the ratepayers.

N. Hawn answered several questions regarding sidewalks and electric light and asked the support of the ratepayers.

T. G. Mitchell and A. G. Brown were not present.

The Board of Education nominees were then called on.

Wm. Doan said that he did the best they could for the education of the young. The Board was a little too unyielding and he much preferred the old system of two boards. The schools were a credit to the town and they would try to keep them so.

Col. Kenward, Dr. Hicks, C. Class and W. Harper were not present.

In the Field.

FOR REEVE—W. E. Fitzgerald and S. Stapleford.

COUNCIL, by acclamation—John McKercher, W. Doan, N. Hawn, J. E. Fowler.

BOARD OF EDUCATION, by acclamation—E. D. Swift, F. Kenward, Dr. Hicks and Wm. Harper.

In the Field for Warwick.

Reeve—W. G. Hall, elected by acclamation.

For Deputy Reeve—John W. Blain, Charles Joyn and Thos. Leach.

For Councillors—Arthur Hobbs, Daniel D. Brodie, Benj. B. Dann, Ezra A. Edwards, Harry K. Laird and Warren W. Lambert.

I. O. F. Officers

At the last regular meeting of Court Watford, No. 444, Independent Order of Foresters held on the evening of December 26th, the following officers were elected for the year 1913, viz.:—C. R., S. W. Louks; V. C. R., Geo. Pike; R. S., W. E. Fitzgerald; F. S., D. A. Maxwell; Treas., E. Dowding; Orator, John Stanger; Organist, M. Moore; S. W., E. A. Edwards; J. W., J. Wynne; J. B., Mansford Thompson; J. B., C. H. Hollingsworth; Trustees, E. D. Swift and Robert Fleming; Auditors, S. W. Louks and W. E. Fitzgerald; Court Deputy, John Brisson; Physicians, Drs. Kelly and Newell. It was decided to have a public installation of officers and refreshments and a social evening at the next regular meeting on Wednesday, January 22nd, 1913.

James Kelly, the oldest citizen and business man in Sarnia, died on Thursday, aged 91 years. He was in business from 1851 to the time of his death.

WARWICK.

Will Stillwell is home from High River, Ala.

Evening service in Zion church Sunday-first.

R. L. Harper, White Bear, Sask., is home for a holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. John King spent Christmas in St. Thomas.

Ed. and Harry Greer, Watertown, Sask., are home for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Graham, London, spent the week end with relatives here.

Dr. V. G. Morris, Schafer, N. Dakota, spent the holidays at his old home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnston, Saskatoon, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ern. Hume.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Ross, Leamington, spent Christmas at the home of W. McKenzie.

J. Scott Luckham, London, spent a few days at his home, "Maple Shade," last week.

Mr. John Smith and daughter Jean spent Christmas Day with relatives in London.

F. L. Kady, Merchant's Bank at Stratford, spent the holidays at his home on the 4th line.

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Williams, London, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. P. Fleming, 2nd Line.

Mr. Wm. Richardson is making an extended visit with friends at his old home in Westminster.

Mrs. Charles Richardson, 4th line, is holidaying for a couple of weeks with friends in Leamington.

Miss Pearl Campbell left Friday for MacDonall College, where she is taking the Winter Short Course.

Dr. and Mrs. Price, Toledo, Ohio, are spending the holidays with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Greer.

Mrs. Geo. A. Lester and little daughter Enid spent the holiday week with relatives at Oil Springs.

Service will be held in Zion Congregational Church next Sunday evening instead of in the afternoon. No Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs, (nee Ellice O'Neill), St. Marys, visited at the old home of the latter on 2nd line during the holidays.

The newly-born babe of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Ruth, 6th line, died soon after birth and was interred in the R. C. Cemetery on Saturday.

Mr. Albert Bell, Bridgen, and Mr. Geo. McCormick, Carman, Man., were guests at the home of Mr. Joseph P. McCormick during Xmas holidays.

Miss Mabel Tanton, daughter of Mr. Wm. Tanton, 18 sideward, was the winner of a handsome fifty dollar gold watch in a contest given by the Imperial Watch Co., Montreal.

Glen Graham of the Brantford Institute for the Blind, and Mrs. W. Thomas, Grand Rapids, Mich., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Graham, 4th line.

Mr. Joseph Goodland, of Duluth, Minn., is visiting his sisters and other friends. It is over 20 years since he last visited his old home on the fourth line, and he sees a good many changes.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute will be held at the home of Mrs. H. M. Morningstar on Thursday, January 9th, at half past two. Subject will be "Winter Evenings in the country." Roll call will be answered by New Year quotations. Refreshments will be served.

The annual Christmas dinner of the McCormick families was held at the home of Mr. Joseph P. McCormick and was very enjoyable evening for all present. There were several guests besides the relatives, making in all a company of over fifty.

A series of evangelistic services will be held in the Methodist Church commencing next Sunday evening and continuing throughout the week, conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. F. Kennedy, and local help. The week night services will commence at 7.45 o'clock, the first fifteen minutes being spent in a service of song. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to attend these services.

The Sunday School Anniversary Services in connection with the Uttoxeter Church, Warwick circuit, were held on Sunday last and were considered to have been the most successful in many years. The large congregations completely filled the church afternoon and evening, and the collections were the largest ever received on similar occasions. Rev. R. I. Hosking, a former pastor of the Uttoxeter church, but now of Leamington, preached two very able sermons, while the pastor, Rev. H. F. Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy furnished the musical part of the service by way of solos and duets. Their Xmas Entertainment was held on Monday evening, Dec. 30th, in the Orange Hall. The hall was crowded to the very door, and the programme, which was a very excellent one, was highly appreciated by all.

C. Kineade has leased the Alvinston skating rink for the season.

Neil L. Munroe, Glencoe, dropped dead after finishing his evening meal.

Miss Sadie Fisher and Stanley Trott, Caradoc, were married on Thursday last.

John McLellan, a former resident of Bosanquet, died in Forest last week, aged 67 years. He leaves a wife and grown up family.