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SCHOOL REPORTS.

The following is the report of S. S. No. 2, Watford, for the month of December. Only the names of those who obtained 60 per cent. or over are given. Class IV, Sr.—Lee Cook 81, Lloyd Cook 75, Wilbur James 74. Class IV, Jr.—Lulu Wills 82, Lee Smith 65. Class III, Margaret McKenzie 92, Pearl Wills, 83, Harvey Leggate 68, Roy Cooper 60, Verne LaDell 60, Ha James (absent). Class II.—Harold Smith 85, Grant James 68, Herbie Lawrence 60. Primer Class—George Main, Dalton Smith, Tommy Main, Harold Smith, Fred Durston, George James, Olive Corney (absent).—GRACE S. LUCKHAM, Teacher.

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Warwick Nominations.

The nominations for the township were held in the town hall, Warwick Village, on Friday afternoon last. Township Clerk Herbert presiding. Following are the nominations:

FOR REEVE.
Jno. W. Blain by David Hay and W. G. Boyd.
W. C. Hall by Alex. Laird and Ed. Karr.
W. James by Alex. Laird and Jno. W. Blain.

FOR COUNCILLORS.
Daniel Brodie by W. A. Minnelly and W. G. Hall.
B. B. Dann by D. Auld and J. Dolan.
E. A. Edwards by W. G. Hall and W. A. Minnelly.
Harry Laird by W. G. Hall and W. A. Minnelly.

Arthur Hobbs by Thos. Pressey and David Hay.
Chas. Joyn by P. Gavigan and R. Sutton.
Thos. Leach by H. Morningstar and E. L. Moffatt.

Jas. McIntosh by R. McGillicuddy and E. J. Thompson.
Jos. McCormick by R. Sutton and Geo. Fenner.
Jno. Raycraft by Thos. Leach and Alex. Laird.

Alex. Fair by D. Hay and H. Laird.
H. Morningstar by W. A. Minnelly and W. G. Hall.
Thos. Pressey by H. Morningstar and Alex. Fair.

W. G. Hall by A. Laird and W. A. Minnelly.
Ed. Karr by W. G. Hall and W. A. Minnelly.
Benj. Pike by J. W. Blain and Jos. Smith.

At the close of the allotted time for nominations the nominees were called on to address the audience. At the close of the meeting the slate stood:—
For Reeve—Blain and Hall.
For Councillors—Brodie, Dann, Edwards, Hobbs, Joyn, Leach.
These names will go on the ballot.

The following resolutions were passed: Moved by Mr. Pressey, seconded by Mr. B. Pike, that this meeting authorize the incoming Reeve and Council to defend the action of Watford against Warwick re John McPherson.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Blain, seconded by Alex. Fair, that we tender a hearty vote of thanks to our retiring Treasurer for the kind, courteous and honorable manner in which he conducted the affairs of the office.—Carried.

Robert G. E. Barrie, a member of the firm of Robt. Wanless & Co., Sarnia, died last Saturday of typhoid fever.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

Fitzgerald and Stapleford Again
the Candidates for the
Reeveship.

The annual nomination meeting for the corporation of Watford was held in the Town Hall on Friday evening. There was a good turn out of ratepayers, and the proceedings were harmonious and, but for one little break, were quiet and tame. The record of the retiring council evoked but slight criticism. Below are the nominations made:—

FOR REEVE.
S. Stapleford by Josh. Saunders and B. H. Parker.
W. E. Fitzgerald by Geo. Chambers and D. Roberts.
S. Rivers by Josh. Saunders and John Shirley.

James Graham by Geo. Chambers and D. Roberts.
F. D. Brown by W. E. Fitzgerald and N. McNeen.
E. A. Brown by Joshua Saunders and John Shirley.

COUNCILLORS.
Josh. Saunders by B. H. Parker and W. H. Shrapnell.
J. S. Williams by G. R. Rivers and W. H. Shrapnell.

A. W. Andrews by Josh. Saunders and G. R. Rivers.
W. Doan by N. Chambers and John Doan.
James Graham by Geo. Chambers and N. Thorne.

Robt. Auld by Geo. Chambers and N. Thorne.
N. Hawn by J. A. Graham and D. G. Parker.
R. Johnston by N. Chambers and J. Phair.

S. Stapleford by D. G. Parker and J. A. Graham.
P. E. Fuller by D. A. Maxwell and John Doan.
H. Willoughby by W. Doan and G. Chambers.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.
J. McKecher by W. B. Laws and W. Doan.
P. J. Dodds by W. Doan and W. B. Laws.
J. W. McLaren by D. Watt and D. Roberts.

A. W. Andrews by G. R. Rivers and Josh. Saunders.
E. A. Brown by John White and J. McKecher.
D. A. Maxwell by John Doan and W. Sedwick.

On motion Mr. W. S. Fuller, Town Clerk, was elected chairman. Ten minutes was fixed as the limit for speakers, the Board of Education to speak first, followed by the old council.

John McKecher said he had been a member of the High School Board for a number of years and of the Board of Education for one year. He thanked the ratepayers for the confidence they had placed in him and said he had decided to withdraw from the contest. In reply to a question he stated that Miss Waugh had offered to do the work that the new teacher would do for \$50 extra.

P. J. Dodds was not present.
J. W. McLaren was not present.
Reeve Stapleford said he was present to give an account of his stewardship and discuss the finances of the town. The nomination meeting was no place to discuss local option—it was a separate question and should be dropped from the discussion. He had tried to work for the best interests of the ratepayers. The business of the year had been done with an expenditure of \$700 less than the previous year. He had in mind improvements that could be handled nicely now that the Wire Works are off our hands and the high school debentures paid. He spoke of the proposed paving of Main street, and said the cost of asphalt would be about \$12,000 and a brick pavement about \$14,000. It was a matter for the people to decide. Provided local option

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came in force he considered about \$500 more would have to be raised to make up for loss of government grant and reduction in hotel assessments, and that the cost on a \$2000 assessment would be \$2.66, but in three years the public school debentures would be paid off which would effect a saving of about \$500 a year. If a payment were laid fifty per cent. would be raised by frontage tax and the balance on general assessment.

J. D. Brown said he had never worked with a more agreeable council than the present one. He had tried to practice economy in all things as far as efficiency would allow, and had spent only about \$50 in his division in gravel, etc. He considered that we had one of the best lighted towns in the province and that the change in lighting had been effected at a saving of \$313 a year. He had given the matter of paving his careful consideration and after gathering considerable data had come to the conclusion that the work could not be handled this year. He suggested a public meeting to discuss the matter by thought brick pavement was out of the question; asphalt could be laid for \$10,000 or \$12,000 and crushed stone for about 88 or 90 cents per yard or about \$5,000 for the three blocks. He thought the Main street might as well be paved first, as last as to put on \$100 in gravel and spend \$50 or \$40 to draw it off again each year. The question should be submitted to the people. He explained why the applications for constable had not been accepted and said they had got along nicely without one. He was not a candidate for councillor.

J. S. Williams said he had nothing in particular to mention. He had squandered about \$50 in work during the year. He was in favor of keeping down the taxes and if the people felt like electing him it was all right, and if they didn't it was all right. If they believed in supporting home manufacture he reminded them that he was manufactured here about 69 years ago, and if they felt like supporting him they could do so.

T. H. Willoughby said he was not prepared to make an address but he would give them a statement of the money he had expended, which included \$77.33 for a new water tank and \$93.19 for other work done in his division.

J. A. Graham said the previous members of the council had given a fair statement of what had been done during the year so he would leave the matter without comment.

The new nominations were then taken up. E. A. Brown was not present. S. Rivers said he was not a candidate. W. E. Fitzgerald discussed the financial statements of the present and previous years and asked why the high school debenture payment had not been made by special rate, and claimed that the present council should not claim to have reduced the expenses as the Wire Works and saving of teacher's salary, etc., had made up the difference from the previous year. When in office he spent \$144 on gravel on Main street and about \$100 in taking the mud off the street. He had been criticized and abused about this work but experience had proved that the work had been good and that the road had stood all kinds of weather better than heretofore. He had also got gravel from the C. T. R. for special rates. When he was in office he had received in fines from enforcing the liquor license law during the last 3 months of the year. He thought that the town was now in a position to take up the pavement of Main street and also advocated the erection of a water tank and pipe. Referring to the high school he thought that if Watford pupils paid \$1.00 a month the county should be made to pay an extra school grant. If local option came in force the town would lose more in taxes and license fees in twenty years than would pay Main street. He decided to stand with the people to have the support of the ratepayers.

J. D. Brown was not as ambitious as he used to be. Had got caught in a three-cornered fight before, so he would not accept the nomination for the Reeveship. He hoped the ratepayers would select men fit for the position and not let outside questions creep into the contest.

Mr. Stapleford referred to the \$64 in fines collected the previous year and said it was a dear proposition for the town as the records for the county were posted up in Sarnia and showed that out of 16 convictions 9 came from Watford. In regard to the proposed armory, since the defeat of the government at the polls the patronage had been transferred from Dr. Fairbank to Mr. Armstrong and that gentleman had informed him that the town would get what it wanted. Col. Towers had suggested that we apply for a larger building than was proposed last year.

Joshua Saunders said that he had been approached by as good men as there were in town and had consented to enter the contest. He would endeavor to do the same in the future as in the past for the best interests of the town. It elected, and would do the work where it was needed. He would rest on his past record and if the electors thought him capable he asked them to give him a lift.

A. W. Andrews was not present. W. Doan said he would think the matter over and if he decided to run would solicit the support of the voters.

R. Auld, N. Hawn, R. Johnston and P. E. Fuller did not respond to their names.

J. A. Graham said he was a candidate

and thanked the people in advance for the support they would give him.
T. H. Willoughby had not fully considered the matter. If the people thought he had spent their money satisfactorily he wished them to mark their ballots in his favor.

Brooke Nominations.
NEEDS
A. Parvill and J. P. Veivar.
DEPUTY REEVE
J. W. Bourne and Alex. McCombes.
COUNCILLORS
D. Le. Fisher, W. A. ...
Campbell, Joseph Fair, H. E. Sutton and A. McCabe.

Bosquet Nominations.
FOR REEVE
Move. Second.
Hugh Campbell, John Coffin, Hugh Campbell, H. A. Spearman, Thos. ...
FOR COUNCILLORS
J. A. Scottin, Hugh Campbell, A. H. Tougheed, John Canan, John Emerson, Alex. McPhile, G. Jamieson, Wm. Fleming, D. F. McIntyre, Jacob White, Frank McIntyre, Robt. Ross, Rich. Millman, Jacob Sitter, George Laird, Jacob White, Wm. Wright, Jacob White, John Dallas, James Hodgson was nominated but resigned.

Other Nominations.
SARNIA—For Mayor—John McGibbon, Alex. A. Kelly, Reeve—John Goodson, J. C. Merrison, 1st Deputy—D. Milne, Jno. Newton, and Deputy—G. D. Kerby, J. A. Bell, 3rd Deputy—F. C. Watson, W. F. B. Colter.

PLYMOUTH—Reeve—James McLean and Robert Hart, Deputy Reeve—Jos. Bryson, Asst. Treasurer and Hugh Montgomery, Councillors—John D. Grievie, Robert McLaren and Thomas Paul were returned by acclamation.

WINSTON—Councillors—A. E. Connor, John Brown, H. L. Bindner, A. R. McLachlan, Dan McCallum, J. H. McCallum, J. S. Howlins, J. B. McGinn, W. Morrissey, Messrs. McCallum, Newcombe and Brantley withdrew from the contest, also McGinn and Morrison, leaving the other four in by acclamation. The school trustees by acclamation—J. B. McRachern, Jos. McTaggart and J. McPhail. Water commissioners were also elected by acclamation—Messrs. J. McNally, W. J. Reutter, and J. A. Bindner.

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