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Additional Local Items.

See J. H. Gunther's card of thanks in this issue.

Mr. HUGHAN, wife and children, of Walkerton, are visiting relatives in the village.

ANY person who furnishes reliable items to a newspaper is looked upon as a valued friend by the editor.

Miss ETTIE FOX, who arrived home the other day, took her place at the organ in the Methodist church Sunday last. She has been engaged as organist.

A GREAT deal of the snow disappeared under the influence of the sun's rays and the mild south wind, early this week, but the prospects are now that we will have sleighing again, as snow has been falling the last two days.

FIRE broke out in London, England, Tuesday near the Blackfriars bridge and at one time threatened to consume a large portion of the city. It was got under control, however, when about \$2,000,000 damage had been done.

The Wingham Times entered upon its 20th volume last week, and 3rd year of publication under its present management. Although the Times has had its ups and downs, especially during, in bygone years, it has lived through it all and to-day it occupies a leading place among the best local journals of Ontario, so much for the tact and push of Bro. Elliott, the present publisher and proprietor. The publisher, in an editorial, thanks his correspondents for aiding in making the Times a "distinctively local paper." We are glad that our brother of the quill has grasped the right idea of country journalism. Too many publishers forget the real sphere and mission of their journal in their apparent eagerness to "crowd in" House of Commons debates, about 4 or 5 columns of general news, and as many more columns of stale fish yarns, thus making a fizzle of a local paper and an excuse for acuity weekly. Of course these stereotyped fish stories can be "run in" with little or no mental or typographical labor, but take our word for it, brother, you will lose your grip on the rural subscriber, be minus the load of cordwood the 1st of Jan., and eventually celebrate your journalistic funeral.

Perth County Notes.

George Armstrong, of Tralee, sold a fine team which weighed about 3,100 pounds, for \$300.

P. Moore, of St. Marys, has contracted for 40,000 bushels of Manitoba oats, at 40c. per bushel, delivered at St. Marys.

Philip Reid, of Fullarton, and Patrick McLaughlin, Dublin, sailed by the Allan steamer Parisian for the Old Country last week.

John M. Currie, Hibbert, passed the examinations of the Ontario Veterinary College, of Toronto, and now may affix V. S. after his name.

Miss Kate Ferguson, of Avonton, has received the appointment to the position of teacher lately made vacant by the resignation of Miss Switzer, Granton.

Hugh Hamilton, blacksmith at Motherwell, has sold his establishment to Jas. Murray, of Downie, for \$800. Mr. Hamilton intends to try farming in Hibbert.

The two-year old daughter of J. G. Schmidt, Cobourg street, Stratford, fell into a tub of boiling water about a week ago, and has since died from the effects of the accident.

The winter meeting of the South Perth Farmers' Institute, will be held in the Opera House, St. Marys, on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 6th and 7th. An attractive program has been prepared for both days.

C. R. Sneath, St. Marys, has disposed of his drug business to Fred Sanderson, a former apprentice of S. Fraleigh's and a graduate of the Ontario College of Pharmacy. He takes possession at New Year's. Mr. Sneath intends removing to Toronto where he will enter upon the study of medicine.

On Wednesday, the 17th ult., the residence of Wm. Gunning, Granton, was the scene of a happy event. His fifth daughter was united in the bonds of matrimony to Geo. H. Wilson, Whalen's Corners. Over one hundred witnessed the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. Mr. Russel.

At the Conservative convention, at Milverton, Dec. 23rd, ninety-one delegates were present. Mr. Magwood, of Mornington, was the unanimous choice of the convention, while Dr. Ahrens was again made the unanimous choice at the Reform convention, held in Listowel on Wednesday of last week.

The Stratford city council has under consideration a proposal of the Bell Telephone Co. to provide an automatic fire alarm service. At present the alarms are given by ringing up the central office, but as some parts of the city are poorly supplied with telephones and their location is not very well known, this system is not very satisfactory.

Andrew Wright, of Hibbert, was in Mitchell on Monday evening of last week, and put up his horse, the one which ran away in town some weeks ago with such serious results, at the Hicks House stables. When removing the animal from one stable to another the brute became unmanageable, and fell on the slippery ice, breaking one of his legs, which made it necessary to destroy him.

Huron County Notes.

B. Lawrison, of Londesboro, was unlucky one day recently. He lost a pocket book containing \$28.

Huron County Sabbath School Association will hold its next convention in Brussels on Jan. 20th and 21st, 1891.

The Rev. W. H. Watson, Wingham, has taken up his residence in Goderich as pastor of the Congregational church.

John Hanna, Seaforth, has left for British Columbia, whither he goes with the view of opening up a market there for his creamery butter.

Seaforth Expositor—Eldridge Kellam, who is engaged as teacher at Trowbridge, arrived home on Wednesday to spend Christmas with his mother.

James McCracken, who owns a farm in the township of Colborne, has a two year old filly that tips the beam at 1,640. It was sired by Gallant Graham.

Rev. John Crawford, D. D., formerly of the Woodstock College, a gentleman who is well known to Baptists in Canada, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church in Wingham.

The Union, Jack with the armorial emblems of Canada, offered for the best essay thereon, by the Empire, has, in this county, been awarded to Miss Josephine Buchanan, of West Wawanosh.

The Bluevale Cheese Co disposed of their last two months' make of cheese the other day, getting therefor the best price that has lately been paid—104c. The sale amounted to between \$9,000 and \$10,000.

The many friends of David Sproat, of Egmondville, will be sorry to learn of his intended removal. He has made an engagement with Wm. Milne, of Ethel, and will remove to that place this (January) month.

D. D. Wilson, of Seaforth, who is now in the Old Country, having sent home word that he will not again stand for the Reeviship, M. Y. McLean, editor of the Expositor, has consented to be a candidate for the position.

The annual tea meeting will be held in the Methodist church, Walton, on the evening of New Year's day. After tea addresses are expected from Rev. A. McKibbin, Rev. W. F. Campbell, Rev. S. S. Sellen, B. D., and W. H. Kerr. Dr. Macdonald, M. P. for East Huron, consented to be present and preside as chairman.

NOMINATION DAY.

LIST OF THE ASPIRANTS TO MUNICIPAL HONORS IN ELMA TOWNSHIP FOR 1891.—NOMINATIONS ELSEWHERE.

Monday afternoon brought out a goodly number of the stalwart yeomanry of Elma township for the object of nominating suitable men to manage their municipal affairs for 1891. The new agricultural hall was for the first time honored with Elma's legislative body, and, to say the least, it is admirably adapted to the purpose, it being centrally located, commodious and comfortable. The speakers invariably spoke in glowing terms of the superiority of the new hall over former places of meeting. The building was nicely filled with a full representation of ratepayers from every part of the township, and it was evident from the quietness that reigned and the uniform attention given the various speakers that the people take a lively interest in municipal affairs. At the hour appointed the Clerk declared he was ready to receive nominations, when the following names were submitted, viz.:

Reeve—Moved by J. W. McBain, seconded by John R. Code, that Robert Cleland be Reeve of Elma for 1891.

Moved by Chas. Barr, seconded by Hugh McCourt, that Thos. J. Knox be Reeve for 1891.

1st Deputy-Reeve—Wp. Lochhead, elected by acclamation.

2nd Deputy-Reeve—Moved by A. Thompson, seconded by Wm. Shearer, that Young Coulter be 2nd Deputy-Reeve of Elma for 1891.

Moved by Geo. Struthers, seconded by Samuel Boyle, that Thos. E. Hammond be 2nd Deputy Reeve of Elma for 1891.

Councillors—Moved by Arthur Douglas, seconded by A. Henderson, that Jacob Bray be a Councillor for 1891.

Moved by John Inglis, seconded by Robert Parker, that Geo. Richmond be a Councillor for 1891.

Moved by S. S. Rothwell, seconded by John Hammond, that John Tughan be a Councillor for 1891.

Moved by James Hammond, seconded by Wm. Keith, that Wm. S. Burnett be a Councillor for 1891.

The Clerk then declared the nominations closed. R. Cleland was the first speaker called upon. He admitted that the running expenses of the township for 1890 exceeded that of 1889, which was largely due to the increased drainage which necessitated the expenditure of considerable money, but which would in a few years place Elma in the front rank of the very best townships in the province. He believed in a thorough system of drainage throughout the township, and in order to accomplish this end the people must be prepared to meet the expenditure thus incurred. He touched briefly on the work of the County Council during the past year which in substance was that the County Council had assessed the real property too high while the personal property was not assessed high enough, thus placing the township at a decided disadvantage. He then took up the finances of the township, stating as his reason for the increase of expenditure over 1889 the bad condition of the roads, culverts and bridges, the repair and construction of which necessitated considerable outlay. It was a standing rule in Elma that if any party wished to gravel a portion of road by bee, etc., the Council would allow them 20c. per rod for gravel and filling. This was taken advantage of in 1889 to the extent of \$360, and in 1890 to the amount of \$643, or in other words, some 6,400 rods of gravel was spread on the different roads of the township this fall. In 1889 there was \$9,000 to the credit of the township; to-day there is \$8,200 of a balance in the township's favor. He was aware that debentures to the extent of \$19,000 had to be met next September. As an offset, however, the Government is owing the township \$8,000, from the Land Improvement Fund from 1881 to 1887 inclusive. The money derived from this fund would, if received in time, materially aid the Council in meeting these debentures. The yearly grant from this fund had been paid up from 1867 to the present time. The Reeve said that a number of other schemes were on foot for the more thorough draining of the township, enumerating several proposed outlets in the southern and southwestern portions of the township. The difficulty in his experience and in that of the Engineer was not in locating and constructing the drains, but in the apportionment of the assessment. He regarded the law on this point defective. At this juncture a lively discussion ensued between several interested ratepayers and the Reeve respecting the 14th con. drain, the former maintaining that the drain was in some places 17 inches narrower than the specifications and profile called for, and the roadway instead of being 20 feet wide was in some places not more than 15 feet wide. The Reeve explained that as a large portion of the drain had been constructed two years ago and the consequent washing away of the muck and other surface soil would naturally render unsatisfactory results both as regards the width and depth of the ditch and the road. They were duty bound to abide by the decision of the Engineer who, in his final report, says the contract is completed according to specifications and profile to all intents and purposes, or else go to law with the contractor which would possibly involve considerable expense with fruit-

less results. Both the Engineer and Council did their best in the interests of the ratepayers and had no object in doing otherwise in the matter.

Mr. Lochhead, on rising to speak, thanked the ratepayers for their long and continued confidence in his efforts to serve the township. The drainage question was a critical one and was growing more critical every year. He did not believe in the township rushing into law, but if they were tempted by the ratepayers he felt that they were on the safe side having studied the legal phases of the drainage question pretty thoroughly. He had yet to learn where he, as a member of the Council, could have done better. He believed every member of the Board did their best to keep down expenditure. He corrected the Reeve by stating that the amount expended for gravel and filling during the past year was \$800 instead of \$643. Respecting the ditch question he wished to know whether the Council or Engineer were the best judges. The former could not take levels while the latter could and he felt that the Board were perfectly justified in accepting the Engineer's report. At this stage of the proceedings Clerk Fullarton declared Wm. Lochhead elected 1st Deputy-Reeve by acclamation, there being none to contest the office. Mr. Lochhead feelingly thanked the electors and assured them that he would continue to serve them to the best of his ability in the future as in the past.

Young Coulter was the next speaker called upon. He thanked those who had supported him in past contests and hoped for a continuance of the same. He had every confidence in the present Council's ability and honesty of purpose. If he had made mistakes they were made unintentionally.

George Richmond thanked the electors for past favors. He had never regarded himself as a party, ward or section man, but had endeavored to perform his duty as a representative of the people of Elma faithfully and impartially. His ward was a difficult one to manage; it was a wet one. The milk traffic over the roads in his ward necessitated considerable outlay in keeping them in repair. He fully concurred with the utterances of the former speakers respecting the Engineer's report, and there was no alternative in his mind than to accept the report and pay the contractor his just dues.

Mr. Bray upheld the present Council in their action respecting the 14th con. drain as well as in all other matters pertaining to their several offices. What one was guilty of all were equally guilty. The Board were unanimous in everything they undertook during the year. He confirmed the Reeve's explanation of the 14th con. drain question. After thanking the ratepayers for past confidence assured them that if they saw fit to return him he would do his duty as a member of the Council.

T. J. Knox reviewed the work of the Council for '89 and '90. Did not think the Council could raise \$2,000 to meet the \$19,000 to be raised next September, and that new debentures for the whole amount, or nearly, would have to be issued. He did not think the current expenses of the township could be lessened greatly no matter who sat around the Board. He solicited the support of the ratepayers next Monday.

T. E. Hammond, the candidate nominated to represent the south, said he was not anxious for office, and refused to stand for Councillor two years ago, and would also this year only for a persistent solicitations of the people of his section. He would do his duty if elected, and after wishing those present the compliments of the season resumed his seat.

John Tughan said he had been in the Council for three years and if returned would endeavor to promote the interests of the ratepayers to the best of his ability.

Wm. S. Burnett on rising to speak said he did not expect to be nominated. They were without a representative in his ward and have suffered in consequence. He pledged his support to the best interests of the ratepayers if elected to office.

This practically closed the proceedings.

NEWS OF THE DAY

A strong flow of natural gas has been struck near the easterly limits of Hamilton.

There are 825 Canadian farmers in Michigan, out of the 31,570 foreign born yeoman in that State.

The town of Port Arthur is having a by-law submitted to raise \$75,000 for street railway purposes.

The Ontario Beekeepers' Association will hold its annual meeting at St. Catharines Jan. 7th and 8th.

The Pope is hard at work on his encyclical letter upon the social question, which is expected to be issued before Easter.

About 50 newsboys enjoyed a Christmas supper at the expense of the Grip Printing Co. in Toronto last Saturday evening.

Hon. Frank Smith said Saturday he thought that the present street car system would be superseded by electric cars in the course of a few years.

Sir Joseph Hickson has retired from the general managership of the Grand Trunk, and is succeeded by Mr. Sargeant, at present traffic manager.

The last section of the railway in Cape Breton was completed Monday last. This will bring Sydney into railway connection with the rest of the world.

A company has been organized for the manufacture of soap from corn. It will be controlled by Council Bluffs capital. From experiment made it has been ascertained that the new soap can be put on the market for less than one cent a pound. It is made wholly of corn and alkali, and one bushel of corn makes 450 pounds of first-class washing soap. It is claimed by the gentlemen embarking in the business that the finest toilet soaps can be made.

MORNINGTON.—The old council was re-elected: Reeve—W. B. Freeborn, Deputy-reeve—James Grieve, Councillors—Hugh Jack, David McCloy, James Trim.

NORTH EASTHOPE.—The whole council was re-elected by acclamation and are as follows: Reeve—John McMillan, Deputy-reeve—John A. Fraser, Councillors—Andrew Falk, John Hay, Wm. Rennie.

SOUTH EASTHOPE.—Reeve—John Schaefer is re-elected by acclamation. Deputy-reeve—F. Oehm and Daniel Yousie, Councillors—Lawrence Arnold, Henry Peters, Henry Schaefer, John Robertson.

FULLARTON.—The old council was re-elected: Reeve—George Leverage, Deputy-reeve—Joseph Jackson, Councillors—Joseph McIntyre, T. Edwards, Peter Arbogast.

ELLICE.—The nominations took place in Brunner's hall, Wartburg, on Monday, Dec. 29. For Reeve there were four nominations, as follows: Philip Siebert, Francis Ruston, Jacob Brunner and Paschal Pigeon. Messrs. Brunner and Pigeon withdrew, leaving Messrs. Siebert and Ruston to go to the polls. Deputy-reeve—P. O'Brien and Christian Werner, Councillors—H. Foley, W. Conlton, G. Goetz, Timothy Conell, John Kelley and J. Kreuter.

We are very sorry to hear of the accident which occurred to Mrs. John Robertson, Bluevale, the other day. She was milking when the cow rather unceremoniously kicked and the result was a broken arm. A junior M. D., of Wingham, skillfully set the bone and we are glad to say that the patient is rapidly improving.

On Friday, 12th ult., at Teeterville, Ontario, Mrs. Jane Weaver, after a long and painful illness, borne with Christian fortitude and patience, passed peacefully away to her long home. She had been a resident of that section of country for the past twenty five years, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. The deceased leaves a husband and four children to mourn her death. She was mother of R. Elliott, publisher of the Wingham Times.

What might have been a serious accident occurred a few days ago on a farm just outside of the village of Ethel. A party of men were butchering a beef, and as they were winding it up one of the men had his attention more on a pole over his head, than on his work, and did not notice till his head became entangled in the chain and he was winding himself up instead of the beef. As help was on hand he was soon liberated but all agreed that it looked something like another Birehall case.

Wm. Bryans has sold his farm to W. Ganley for \$4,700. Mr. Ganley has sold his farm on the 2nd con. of Morris, to Wm. Woodrow. Wm. Bryans bought the corner 90 acres from the late W. G. Hingston estate for \$3,800 from the Executor. F. S. Scott, for the Freehold Loan Company, has sold the Armstrong farm adjoining Brussels, to John Broadfoot for \$3,100. Also at the sale by auction of the Benhanel farm in the County Court, he sold it to John Curt for the sum of \$3,000. Farms are still on the move as can be seen by the foregoing and at better prices than could be obtained some weeks ago. Parties wanting farms should purchase at once or they will pay for waiting. The farms held by the Loan Companies are nearly all sold in this locality now.

The prizes awarded by the Montreal Witness to this county were as follows:—Huron—County Prizes—Miss Maggie Hartley, Bluevale. School Prizes—W. J. Sharpin, Molesworth; Wm. J. Mitchell, Molesworth; Chas. H. Johnston, Summerhill; Miss Alice Bell, Hensall; Fred Lawrence, Schforth; Miss Clara Klapp, Zurich; Alfred McTaggart, Rodgerville; Miss Mary McAdam, Egmondville; Robert Baird, Clinton; Samuel Ramsay, Jamestown; Miss Jane Wilson, Brussels; Charles Currelly, Exeter; Miss Maggie McMillan, Blyth; John Tapp, Rogerville; Thos. J. Johnston, Kintail; Albert E. Jarvis, Porter's Hill; William Mason, Redgrave; Miss Helen B. Scott, Belgrave; Miss Esther A. Garrett, Londesboro; Hy. Wm. Anderson, Brucefield; Miss Isabella Aitchison, Seaforth; Miss Emily Botter, Dunnington; Miss Jennie R. Sproat, Egmondville; Miss Annabella Ross, Brucefield; David Cathcart, Winchester; Miss Edith Bonthron, Hensall.

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