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WEDNESDAY EV'G, DECEMBER 18.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

As the time approaches for holding the annual municipal elections, there is considerable talk among the electors as to who are the likely candidates for the different offices, and their chances of success. Until the day of the nomination it is very difficult often to speak with any degree of accuracy in regard to the wishes or intentions of those who are spoken of as aspirants for municipal honours, but from careful inquiry we give the following information as the most reliable which can be obtained, without however vouching for its correctness in all cases.

We do not think there will be any contest in Guelph for the Mayoralty. We had the pleasure some three weeks ago of informing the electors that Mr. Higinbotham had expressed his intention of being a candidate, and it is now all but certain he will be elected without opposition. Mr. Melvin and Mr. Peterson will run again for Reeve and Deputy Reeve, and all parties will agree with us that no two men could be selected who are able to exercise more influence in the County Council. Whether Mr. Mitchell will run again for second Deputy Reeve we are not informed. In the South Ward Mr. David Kennedy, one of the most trustworthy and reliable ratepayers in the Ward, will oppose Mr. Heffernan. It is expected that Mr. Sayers will be opposed either by Mr. Evan Macdonald or Mr. Wm. Sunley, both good men. In the North Ward Mr. Harvey will likely be unopposed. Mr. Galbraith is not again desirous of running for the West Ward, and Mr. Geo. Howard is generally looked to, to fill his place. He will make an excellent member.

In Guelph Township Mr. Wm. White-law will in all probability be Reeve, and Mr. Campbell Deputy Reeve. A requisition, signed by a large number of the leading ratepayers has been presented to the former, asking him to be a candidate. Both gentlemen are old public servants, and if elected will not belie their well-earned character.

We believe Mr. John Duffield will be asked to stand again as Reeve for Erasmus, and as he has given much satisfaction during the year, will no doubt be elected. Mr. John Rea, we understand, intends to offer himself again as Deputy Reeve.

We have heard nothing definite as yet in regard to the elections in Puslinch. As the affairs of the Township are at present in a somewhat peculiar position, a number of the ratepayers have expressed a desire that Mr. Stirton should be asked to stand for Reeve, but as his opinion on the subject cannot be ascertained till his return from Ottawa, nothing decisive can be said in the matter.

In Erin, Mr. George Martin, the present Reeve, retires. The only candidates, we hear of to fill his place are Mr. William Cornock and Mr. Charles McMillan, at present one of the Councillors. Mr. Edwd. Johnstone is favourably spoken of for Deputy Reeve.

It is anticipated that Mr. Charles Clarke will be returned for Elora without opposition.

Mr. Lingwood, present Reeve of Fergus, retires. The gentlemen at present talked of are Drs. Orton and Munro, and Mr. M. Anderson and Mr. W. Robertson.

In Pilkington the present Warden will offer himself for re-election. There is some talk of opposition, but it is not expected it will amount to anything. As Pilkington is now entitled to a Deputy Reeve, the wish is generally expressed that Mr. Passmore will run for that office.

Mr. Beattie retires from the Reeve ship of Nichol. Mr. John Malr is the only person we have heard of who intends to run in his place. For Deputy the names of Mr. Wm. Taylor, Robert Scott and John Broadfoot are mentioned.

In Garafaxa Mr. Dobbin, having so far recovered from his late severe illness, will we believe again offer himself as a candidate for Reeve. It is also Mr. Hunter's intention to run again for Deputy.

The following are mentioned as candidates for Peel. For Reeve, Messrs. W. Sturtridge, James Cross, John Wilton and Thomas Burns. For Deputy Reeve, Messrs. W. S. Sutherland, Thos. Rose and Donovan. Mr. Garbutt, the present Reeve, a straightforward, honest and useful representative, has expressed his intention to retire.

The candidates spoken of for Maryborough are—for Reeve, Messrs. Landerkin and J. D. Johnson; and for Deputy, Messrs. S. Robertson and A. Maxwell.

Mr. Swan, the present Reeve of Mount Forest, retires. The only candidates we have heard of are Messrs. Stovel and James Scott.

Mr. Gillespie will in all probability be returned for Amaranth, and Mr. Saunders for Luther. Mr. Jull, we believe, will run again for Orangeville. In Nassagaweya, Mr. Campbell the present popular Reeve of the Township, and Warden of the County, will in all probability be re-elected without opposition. Mr. John Ramsey, we understand, will be asked to run for Deputy Reeve. In Requeuing Messrs. Clay and McNaughton are candidates for the office of Reeve. Mr. James Lindsay is coming out again as Deputy Reeve.

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THE SILVER QUESTION.

The omission of the article of silver from among the list of free goods will subject it henceforth, on importation, to a customs duty of 15 per cent. Legislation has done more in an hour towards the abatement of the "nuisance," than all the resolutions of all the Boards of Trade in Canada have effected in four or five years, and more probably than they would have accomplished for all time to come. The necessities of business, or a doubt concerning the good faith of others, has time and again prevented any good results which might have followed the determination—unswervingly adhered to—of the merchants of a particular city or town, to receive silver only at such a heavy discount as would tend to clog or entirely stop its circulation. These agreements solemnly made were generally broken, and American silver, jealous of its country's honour, maintained its ground and still passed at par. But an impost of 15 per cent will confine within its own borders all that is there now, and it will have the effect of diminishing the amount circulating in the Dominion. It is scarcely probable that smuggling on an extensive scale will be attempted. The profits for which confiscation would have to be risked would be much too small, so that now that the point how the silver should be excluded has been fully and satisfactorily solved the next question is, how the three millions of dollars in circulation in Canada, and by means of which a very large proportion of the retail business of the country is transacted, shall be got rid of. Customs duties might exclude, but they could not expel; and a means must yet be devised for returning the depreciated American coinage to the place whence it issued. No doubt the Banks will be quite willing to lend their assistance towards ridding the Dominion of the "nuisance," prompted thereto somewhat by self-interest, since their notes will then take the place which American silver now holds. Some think it probable, that these moneyed institutions will offer to buy it up at its bullion value and send it across the line. There is no doubt that the time when silver will pass at par, is fast reaching a termination. It may be that those who are in the habit of daily receiving it in considerable sums in exchange for goods, and who in consequence have generally a pretty large amount of it on hand may be losers to a limited extent. One thing is certain: somebody will lose by the return of the silver to the States, and it is more probable that it will be the public than the Banks. But business men; have counted their losses on the circulation of this currency by hundreds for the past few years, and they will be doing the same for years to come if it be not expelled, so that it will be better to suffer a heavier loss, the full extent of which can be ascertained immediately, than one much lighter at any given period, but of much longer duration, and much more exhaustive in its effects.

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Failure of the European Conference. The N. Y. Herald's Paris special says it has been definitely ascertained that the European conference plan proposed by Napoleon, on the Roman question, has failed. The assemblage was to have taken place in Munich, on the 9th inst., but some difficulty was experienced in the diplomatic correspondence before the day arrived. Paris was then spoken of as the place of meeting, the form of representation was changed, but the same day was adhered to. Subsequently, after the delivery of a speech by the French minister, M. Rouher, to the Legislature on the subject of the relations between Rome and Italy, in which he declared that Italy could never go to Rome by force—the hesitancy of the powers assumed the form of open objection on the ground of intility. It has been ascertained that the conference or congress will not assemble, as all the great powers have positively refused to attend.

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