

## The Transcript

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### MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

Reeve Leitch Re-elected by Acclamation for a Fourth Term.

Interest in the municipal nominations in Glencoe showed itself in a full meeting of the electors at the Thompson Hall on Friday evening. The following nominations were made: For Reeve, Jacob Huston, John A. Leitch, George Lethbridge; for Councillors, John N. Sexsmith, Isaac McCracken, George Lethbridge, Jacob Huston, Dr. Walker, Jas. Harris, Donald Graham, Fred. Aldred, Ed. Gale, Geo. Parrott, Wm. Gilbert, W. J. French, Robert Sutherland.

After the hour had expired for receiving nominations, Mr. Geo. M. Harrison was unanimously elected to the chair and the different nominees were then given an opportunity to ventilate their ideas on the engineering of municipal affairs. The speeches were varied, both as to length and style of oratory as well as to the amount of interest they excited. An increased expenditure in 1893 of some \$800 over that of 1892; the matter of fire protection and water supply, and the proposed new town hall and cemetery were among the more important items discussed.

Mr. French quoted some insurance circulars to show the saving that might be effected through a system of fire protection required in order to have risks transferred to a lower tariff. It would appear that with an expenditure of less than \$2,000 in water tanks and firemen's appliances, still using a hand engine, the business portion of the town would save about \$150 annually in insurance. The necessary improvements could be provided for by a frontage tax, or the benefits of the system might be extended to the residential parts, doing away with any frontage tax.

Councillor McCracken thought that it would be unfair to charge him with extravagance, in view of the fact that committees were appointed at the different council meetings to let and oversee any jobs of work, and it had never been his lot to be appointed on any of these committees. He was opposed to the committee system of doing business.

Councillor Sexsmith defended the increased expenditure. They had something to show for it in the way of drainage works, tile culverts, new sidewalks, better repairs to sidewalks than in the past, the re-gravelling of Main street, etc., and instanced a saving of \$3 per thousand on stringers for sidewalks. If Mr. McCracken did not approve of the actions of any committee he should have protested at the council board. Speaking about the proposed new town hall, Mr. Sexsmith said that he was not in favor of saddling the municipality with a debt of \$10,000 for a hall. When the time came to build a hall he would like to see a market established in connection with it. In reply to a question, he said he was willing to accede to the wishes of the people, but personally he was decidedly not in favor of building a \$10,000 town hall at present. He did not think the village was prepared to build it. The matter had been brought up at the council board and they thought it better to leave it for the new council to deal with.

Councillor Lethbridge went into figures. When he first came into office the collector's roll amounted to \$5,884, and at the end of that year there was a good balance to credit. Last year's roll amounted to \$5,538; there was a balance on hand of \$151 on January 1st, and they received besides \$500 from town hall insurance; then they had \$50 less for school rates and \$40 less on outlet drain debentures to pay, yet instead of a balance on hand there is a deficit of about \$10. Altogether this gave them about \$1,135 more to expend this year in improvements. He believed in improvements, and while it was well to be economical in regard to our sidewalks he did not believe in repairing the very old ones. A considerable portion of the expenditure went for gravelling, and good roads were necessary. They were among the permanent improvements. He would not advise the building of a \$10,000 town hall for another 12 months at least, and would be more favorably disposed towards a hall costing say \$5,000. If a more expensive hall or opera house was wanted it should be built by private enterprise. What he wanted to see was good fire protection. Mr. Lethbridge did not believe in the people electing five men to represent them and then three of the five appointing themselves to do the business.

Councillor Huston declined the nomination for reeve as he preferred to grow up with municipal affairs, and he was contented to remain where he was in the council if it was the people's wish. He gave a good account of the council of 1893. He claimed they effected a saving of \$80 by engaging Mr. Black as village constable, and challenged any ratepayer to show where they expended \$1 for improvements that the village did not get value for. It was true they expended a lot of money for improvements, but he did not consider it extravagance, as enterprise must be encouraged. A number of new buildings had been built and it was right that they should have new sidewalks, as another year there would be a large revenue derived from these buildings, while, comparatively speaking, nothing was derived from vacant lots. With reference to a new hall, he was not in favor of building one for a few years. No person could show where we would derive \$1 of revenue from it after paying the interest on the investment, lighting, fuel and a caretaker. He asked the people to be contented for a few years, as the village could not stand the expenditure. He was in favor of procuring a supply of water for the vil-

lage, if possible, instead of a hall. They would derive a direct benefit from such an improvement, and it would also encourage manufacturers to come to our village. He was in favor of purchasing a piece of land for a cemetery convenient to the village, if possible, without paying double what it is worth for it. The new sidewalks of plank 8 inches wide, planed on one side, would not hold the water and were much nicer than the old ones. They cost a little more than the others, but he would guarantee them to last 20 years instead of 9 or 10. The cut-off drain, costing \$134.50, was a benefit to the village. If it could be proved that it was not he would retire from the field. They constructed a ditch in the north part of the village, the estimated price of which was 85 cents per rod for digging and 15 cents per rod for grading. They got it completed for 73 cents per rod. He drew attention to the gravelling they did on Main street, costing \$2.55 per cord. They also made arrangements with Mosa council to do their joint share in gravelling the town line. He was a large ratepayer, and if any person should complain about the expenditure he should, but he wanted it understood that the work was done and paid for, and we would all get the benefit of the improvements, and it would be some time before it would have to be done again. He was a candidate for re-election as councillor and asked the ratepayers for their support.

Reeve Leitch dealt principally with county affairs. The county's indebtedness remained about the same, but the rate of interest had been reduced, and otherwise the affairs of the county were in excellent shape. By the recent replacing of a number of old wooden bridges with iron ones one of the yearly items of expenditure would be materially lessened. He had been successful in the past in keeping our county equalization from being raised, but next year he expected it would be raised on account of the large increase in our assessment. He would endeavor, however, to keep it as low as possible. He had not been pleased with the manner in which the tenders for the House of Refuge supplies were awarded, and suspecting that there was a ring, he moved the council into committee of the whole to investigate, with the result that he effected a saving of 2 cents a pound, or \$40 per year, on the one item of meat alone, and the House of Refuge was supplied with a much better article. Turning to village affairs, Mr. Leitch referred to the deplorable condition of Main street, which had been for years a discredit and a detriment to the place. The evil could not be remedied sooner owing to lack of funds, and they were compelled to get along as best they could. This year, however, it was decided to improve this street, and no one would question that the expenditure for gravel was an unnecessary or extravagant outlay. They had also expended largely for drainage and sidewalks—he believed to good advantage, as there should be a little push, enterprise and progress. He would be in favor of building a good town hall, but did not think it advisable to go on with it at the present time. The town needed better fire protection, and he thought more water tanks were necessary. He would like to see the new passenger depot constructed and their agreement with the G. T. R. Company carried out while he remained in office and he would be satisfied to retire at the end of 1894.

Mr. Lethbridge then withdrew his name for the reeveship and Mr. Leitch was declared elected by acclamation. The latter thanked the ratepayers for the honor they had conferred upon him, and the meeting dispersed.

A number of those nominated for councillors have also withdrawn their names, leaving the following gentlemen in the field:—J. Huston, George Lethbridge, J. N. Sexsmith, Fred. Aldred, Ed. Gale and Geo. Parrott.

**NOMINATIONS ELSEWHERE.**  
**EKFRID.**—The contest for the offices of reeve and deputy-reeve promises to be a very exciting one. The candidates in the field are as follows:—For reeve, Geo. Scates and R. J. Coulthard; for deputy-reeve, Daniel Deow and John E. Hull; for councillors, A. McTaggart, A. Douglas, John C. Fletcher, J. Sinclair, D. McAlpine.  
**MOSA.**—The nomination meeting was a quiet one. Reeve Duncan Campbell was re-elected by acclamation, as were also two councillors—John Stinson, for 3rd ward, and Malcolm C. McIntyre, for 4th ward. James Douglas, councillor for the 1st ward, will be opposed by T. Harold, and Wm. Webster, councillor for the 2nd ward, will be opposed by Thos. Simpson. The deputy-reeve is elected by the council at its first meeting.  
**NEWBURY.**—Reeve Charles Tucker, by acclamation. Nominations for councillors, Hugh Armstrong, Alfred Chittam, Joseph B. Kelly, Duncan Stalker, jr., Edward Leech, Amos Fennel, sr.; for school trustees, R. Anderson, James Connolly, sr., Alfred Chittam, Peter Hanlan, Charles Rush, Amos Fennel, jr.

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