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BLENHEIM

Blenheim, Dec. 5.—At the regular meeting of Erie View Tent No. 115, K. O. T. M., on Monday evening, the following officers were elected for the coming term:

P. Com.—W. Hewitt.
Commander—C. L. vonGutten.
Lieut. Com.—S. S. Arnold.
Record Keeper—W. R. Greenwood.
Chaplain—James Clements.
Physicians—Drs. Story and Quack-

ambush.
Sergeant—L. F. Johnson.
Master at Arms—W. J. Baird.
First Master of Guards—Thomas Rumble.

Second Master of Guards—A. M. Johnson.
Sentinel—David Clark.
Picket—E. Rumble.

T. W. Pearson has moved into the house he recently moved to his property on Talbot street. Alex. Tait

is moving in the house by the store vacated by Mr. Pearson.

Messrs. Bert Lind, of London, and A. Maw, of Windsor, were Blenheim visitors on Tuesday.

P. S. Shillington, barrister, has bought the stock of the late R. M. Thompson and will continue the office in the store next to Geo. Taylor's shoe store.

A surprise party was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bacon at their home, Chatham, on Monday night.

As the desirable sailings of steamships for the Old Country are rapidly filling up on account of the Christmas travel, those desiring accommodation for any sailing between now and Christmas should make application at once to W. E. Rispin, General Steamship Ticket Agent, 115 King St., who can give them choice of all boats crossing the Atlantic.

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LABOR WINS IN HAMILTON

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Carscallen

HE WILL AID WHITNEY

Hamilton, Dec. 5.—For the first time in its history, Hamilton yesterday chose a labor man for one of its representatives in the Legislature. In the East Hamilton bye-election Allan Studholme, the labor and public ownership candidate, was elected over J. J. Scott, K.C., the Conservative candidate, by a majority of 839.

The vacancy was caused by the death of the late Henry Carscallen, K.C., who at the last general election had a majority of 656. In that election 5,387 votes were cast; yesterday only 3,843 votes were polled. Of these



J. J. SCOTT, K.C.

Mr. Studholme got 2,341, or almost two for every one his opponent got. The return of the labor candidate is an enthusiastic endorsement of municipal and Government ownership.

Winning Platform.

One of Mr. Studholme's planks was Government ownership of all public utilities. He said that he would do all in his power to aid Premier Whitney and his cheap power scheme. On this Mr. Scott was lukewarm, and he announced himself as opposed generally to Government ownership.

Both candidates condemned the policy of the Government with reference to the removal of the Normal College and the prison labor contract.

Labor's Decisive Win.

The victory of labor could not have been more decisive or complete. In every one of the four wards Mr. Studholme had big majorities, the largest being in ward seven, which has always been considered a Conservative stronghold.

The vote by wards was as follows: Ward one—Scott 254, Studholme 236. Ward two—Scott 223, Studholme 363. Ward six—Scott 421, Studholme 751. Ward seven—Scott 599, Studholme 941. Totals—Scott 1,502, Studholme 2,341.

Mr. Scott Tells Why.

The Conservatives threw up the sponge early in the evening. The defeated candidate thanked the workers, and Samuel Barker, M.P., Hon. J. S. Hendrie and George S. Lynch Staunton, K.C., all gave short addresses. They laid the blame for the defeat on the street railway situation. Mr. Scott attributed his defeat to what he termed "recent occurrences."



ALLAN STUDHOLME, M.P.

by which he meant the street car strike. He said the Conservative working men were dissatisfied because the Government had not come down on the Cataract Power Co. and its street railway system with a strong hand.

Why He Won.

When asked to what he attributed his big vote, Mr. Studholme replied: "To my stand on Government ownership, the resentment of the people against the prison labor contract, and the Normal College steal. All classes, union men, Liberals, Conservatives, Protestants and Roman Catholics voted for me."

Mr. Studholme expressed appreciation of the good services rendered to his cause by Mr. Maclean's speech.

Last evening, at 8 o'clock, the successful candidate and his three sons, surrounded by his workers, were driven about the city in a tally-ho. They were preceded by the Piper Band, and followed by a large procession with torches, fireworks and flags. It was three cheers for Studholme and then more cheers for him. Conservative For Nicolet.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—The Conservative convention, held at Beconcourt, nominated yesterday George Barker, ex-M.P., for the county, to oppose Charles Devin in Nicolet. Mr. Barker accepted, and no doubt the contest will be an interesting one.

COUNTY PARLIAMENT

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man of the County Property committee will see to giving effect as speedily as possible to the 2nd and 3rd recommendations, and the Registrar will double a do what he can to give effect to the 1st and 2nd recommendations.

Yours truly,
DON GUTHRIE

A communication was received, acknowledging the receipt of \$50, which was granted at the last session to the Muskoka Free Hospital for consumptives.

A communication was received from Hon. Sydney Fisher, acknowledging the receipt of a petition asking for the removal of the hog quarantine restrictions. This quarantine as the people of this county are aware, has since been removed.

The Halton Council asked for co-operation in petitioning the Government for assistance in reducing the cost of the administration of justice without detriment to such administration. The Halton Council is of the opinion that the County Courts and the Court of General Sessions of the Peace should be abolished, and the Superior Courts should be made a part of the High Court of Justice.

Another communication was received from the Deputy Minister of Education to the effect that the Department of Education approves of the transferring of Dresden and Wallaceburg to the School Inspectorate of East Kent, with the consent of the Inspectors.

All of these communications were referred and will be dealt with by the different committees and come up later in the week for action by the Council.

The special feature of the present session is that many of the councillors are under the weather and not feeling the best of their condition for transacting public business. Mr. Samers and Mr. French both have severe colds and ex-Warden Vester has come to the conclusion that he is smoking too much. He has decided to quit for a while, and the rest of the smokers at the Board are smoking more than ever to make up for Mr. Vester, and also to let him see what comfort they get out of their pipes. Many of them expect to bet that the popular ex-Warden will be smoking again tonight. Warden Smith hopes that Mr. Vester will give in enough to smoke a cigar at his banquet on Friday night. Arthur Stewart thinks that the reason that Mr. Vester has stopped now is so that he can save up for the Warden's supper. Mr. Vester's hand is outstretched in this suggestion.

Some one from the outside suggested that a possible reason for the sudden illness of so many of the councillors may be attributed to the Whiskey Government in changing the manner of their election. This will be the last County Council of the kind, and after this year the County Council will be composed of



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Reeves and Deputy Reeves. There are few of the present councillors who will have a chance at the position next year, and the realization of this, and the happy associations they will miss, may have something to do with their indisposition.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Council resumed this morning at ten o'clock. All of the members were in their places with the exception of Commissioner Arthur Stewart.

A communication was received from the Huron and Ontario Railway Company notifying the Council that they intended to petition Parliament for permission to extend branch lines between the villages of Shelbourne in the County of Dufferin and Tottenham in the County of Simcoe, in the Province of Ontario, west through the Counties of Simcoe, Dufferin, Peel, Wellington, Waterloo, Perth, Huron, Middlesex, Lambton, Kent and Essex in the Province of Ontario, to London, Strathroy, Parkhill, Wallaceburg, Sarnia and Windsor. Referred to Petitions and Legislation.

The Ridgetown Collegiate Institute asked for a grant of \$1,729.00 for maintenance. Referred to Education committee.

Commissioner French asked if the Council intended to provide for seating accommodation for the new Council which will come in next year. Under the new Act the Council will be much larger than the present one, and now the seats in the Council Chamber are all taken up.

The Warden—At present we do not know the number of the new Council, and until we do we can not make any provision for them.

Mr. Grant—Last spring the matter was mentioned and at that time the janitor of Harrison Hall said that there were enough seats in the building to accommodate all, if they were all collected.

Mr. Vester thought that it was right and proper that this Council should prepare for the increased number

of the coming Council. The matter will be left with the Harrison Hall committee to make the necessary arrangements as soon as they find out how many councillors there will be next year.

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