

Malahide Council Returned by Acclamation

Many Where Nominated on Monday last, but Evidently being Satisfied with the 1921 Council did not Qualify.

Municipal nominations for the township of Malahide, were held in the town hall, Aylmer, on Monday afternoon last and although many ratepayers were nominated for public office none but the members of the 1921 council had qualified at nine o'clock on Tuesday night.

The 1922 Council

Reeve—E. E. McTaggart.
Deputy-Reeve—W. H. Ashton.
Councillors—R. B. McKenney, H. B. Westover, John A. White.

Those Nominated:

Reeve—

R. B. McKenney, by R. McConnell and G. P. Welter.
W. H. Ashton, by H. V. Mann and W. M. Hale.
E. E. McTaggart, by Chas. Ingram and H. Welter.

Deputy Reeve—

Harry B. Westover, by G. P. Welter and Clinton Miller.
R. B. McKenney, by R. McConnell and C. P. Welter.
John White, by Henry Griffin and J. P. Smith.
Chas. Ingram, by J. W. Nesbitt and Allen White.

Councillors—

Alva St. Clair, by O. H. Evans, and J. W. Nesbitt.
H. B. Westover, by C. P. Welter and Clinton Miller.
D. Ackert, by G. P. Welter and Clinton Miller.
R. B. McKenney, by R. McConnell and G. P. Welter.
Gordon Newell, by M. McKnight and J. P. Smith.
Spencer McConnell, by O. W. Evans and M. McKnight.
John White, by Harry V. Mann and J. W. Nesbitt.
A. Heipleh, by E. B. Hill and Clinton Miller.
Chas. Ingram, by J. W. Nesbitt and H. V. Mann.
Fred Prong, by Allen White and Geo. Trim.

Clerk J. M. Hale was elected chairman of the meeting and after expressing his pleasure at seeing so many of the ratepayers present and taking an interest in the affairs of the township, he called upon the Reeve and Members of the 1921 Council to address the citizens.

Reeve McTaggart, after reviewing the financial statement issued by the treasurer on the 15th, explained that the township met with a very heavy expenditure this year due to the freshet last July which took out nearly every culvert and road bridge, between Talbot street and the lake. It had taken practically \$3,000 to repair the damage. He explained that the county rate was higher this year on account of a deficiency last year. Mr. McTaggart gave a brief history of the Stalter gully bridge which went out in 1915 and explained that in February next the township may again apply to the county to take over the building of the bridge. Malahide had offered to pay 30 per cent. of the cost or half of the county's share and the offer had not been accepted. The Reeve mentioned some statistics in

connection with the county road expenditure, and gave an outline of the work done by the county gravel trucks. He was grateful for the support given him by the council and by the ratepayers this year and said he was expecting to stand for Reeve for 1922.

Deputy-Reeve W. H. Ashton did not have much to add to the report given by the Reeve and stated that the Council had done the best they could in the interests of the township. He was on the House of Industry Committee of the County Council and gave some interesting statistics regarding that institution. Mr. Ashton expressed himself as not in favor of a grant to the St. Thomas Memorial Hospital next year without a vote of the ratepayers of the county. He said he would be a candidate for Deputy if a contest was on.

Councillor R. B. McKenney said so far as he was concerned he had done the best he could and was ready to leave it with the ratepayers and if he stood another year would appreciate their support.

Councillor H. B. Westover thought the work had been done over thoroughly by the previous speakers. He had done his best and if there was an election his name would appear on the ballot and he would thank the electors for support.

Councillor John White said that where they had used a dollar they had tried to get 100 cents in return. He thought it time to go slowly. He would stand if there was an election.

Township Road Superintendent Lindsay gave an account of his stewardship and said that construction work: tiling, graveling and grading, had cost \$6,842.70, and maintenance and repairs \$5,776.99, while general expenses, purchase of machinery and gravel pits had cost \$2,399.56. He said the washout expense had cost the township over \$3,000. A very warm personal discussion ensued here between Mr. Lindsay and Mr. S. Nesbitt.

Mr. Gordon Newell had no fault to find with the Malahide Council of this year, but he had been considering the county council since he got his tax slip. He considered he had paid a good rent for his farm in taxes and it seemed that serious retrenchment was necessary. Retrenchment should start on the educational system and teachers' salaries should be lowered. The road system was also too expensive. He thought we were trying to pattern after England and this was not practical in Canada, and would lead to financial ruin. He was in favor of backing up men who would retrench.

Reeve McTaggart explained that the teachers had a combine which was hard to break. The people want good roads and it was therefore necessary to spend money to build them. Short addresses were given by Spencer McConnell and the other nominees.

"We had the minister for dinner last Sunday," said little Henry. "Huh! That's nothing," rejoined small Fred. "We had a turkey."

FIGHT IN AYLMEER FOR REEVE'S SEAT

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resume of the work of the county council which he attended as Aylmer's representative and stated that he would be glad to serve Aylmer for another term as reeve.

Mr. A. W. Pierce would not consider standing for Mayor or Councillor, as he is chairman of the East Elgin Hospital Committee and expected active work would start on the hospital in a few weeks. He announced that it was the intention of the Committee to do as much of the work by local workmen as possible and thus relieve the unemployment situation here and keep the money in East Elgin. As in past years Mr. Pierce advocated that serious consideration be given this year in changing the form of municipal government from an elected council to government by commission, which he considered far more efficient.

Mr. E. A. Miller thanked those responsible for his nomination for Mayor and said that he had been urged for some weeks to allow his name to stand for Mayor and had decided to do so, and would ask the electors for support if a contest was necessary.



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