

VOTE DOWN POWER BY-LAW.

To the Editor of the Times: Sir—Would you allow me to draw the attention of the ratepayers of Hamilton to a few things that affect us all as citizens, especially at this time of the year, when we are called upon to vote upon money by laws, and for those to look after the city's business as administrators for the coming year.

Let us take a glance at the record of the city's business of the year, that is now drawing to a close. Do we find that the financial aspect is such as to make us feel that all things are going well, that we are paying our way and having the balance on the right side of the ledger, as any business firm would like to have the year close? Take a look at what has been done during the year. In the beginning of the year the City Council decided to go to the Legislature to get power to issue debentures to meet overdrafts that were contracted illegally. But for bad management they never would have been contracted. By-laws were submitted and carried that, with the overdrafts amounting to \$347,000, were put on the market at a loss to the city of over \$31,000. And I believe that there is an overdraft somewhere between \$20,000 and \$30,000. We shall not know the exact sum till some time after the election.

I submit that this is very bad management on the part of the city authorities, and that the principal offender is the Mayor, who is supposed to be head of the corporation, and to a very large degree responsible to see that no money is spent illegally. Anyone knows that it is not legal to spend money that is not provided, but some may ask, how are you to do the work that is absolutely necessary without overdrafts? To me it is quite simple: do what the law allows, nay, commands, you do; raise the amount necessary to do the business and carry on the work of the city each year and no more, and see that it is carefully and rightly applied, and stop when it is done.

If the City Council had raised \$200,000 more than it did during the last five years how much better the city's finances would be to-day. And that could have been done by about fifty cents per head of the population, each year, extra, for the five years. I presume that very few would have felt the burden. We would not have had to sacrifice the \$31,000 that we have done this year, but saved to the city a sum of at least \$400,000.

Oh, but our present Mayor says if you raise the tax rate over 20 mills you would not get manufacturers to come and locate in our city. I must confess that I fail to see the force of the argument. Any man or firm of men that has not got business acumen to see the difference between the corporation that manages its business in a business way and the one that is piling up debts for the future, is not worth the having; and besides, there are few manufacturers that pay their full share of taxes, the most of them get fixed assessments; and cheap water rates or other favors that keep the manufacturers' taxes much below the regular rate. Is it desirable that we should further increase the debenture debt at the present time? In fact, if we vote against the money-raising by-laws that are being submitted, we will be protecting the city against further financial loss.

But you say are we to lose the opportunity of getting Government electrical power. We are so situated that we can afford to wait. We are close to the power line, and can get it at any time that we require it. We are increasing so fast that our growing resources will soon be sufficient to meet our wants; and that those who follow us and ought to pay a share of the improvements that will be in part for their benefit. I am afraid they will not thank us for such a legacy. That has been the talk for the last thirty-five years, and we are not any better off. How could it be otherwise? The amount of taxes available after fixed expenditure seems to be getting less and less. The ratepayers should remember that for every dollar we borrow we have to pay back two or a little over, and reducing our revenue that much.

We had a few men in last year's Council that had business acumen and independence and did their best to have the city's business conducted on a proper basis; but were not supported by other members of the Council—let us send them back and others to support them, then we may hope to have some improvement. I will mention a few names: Farrar, Peckles, McLaren, Ferguson, and a few others. Let us send them and a number of others that will adhere to business principles, and we will soon be in the best position of any city on this wide continent, as well as the best for lovely situation. Yours truly, Geo. H. Milne.

FAREWELL PRESENTATIONS.

The employees of Patrick's Fair and Square gave Mr. Bert Foreman, who for several years has been engaged with that firm, a very agreeable surprise on Tuesday afternoon when they presented him with a fine morocco leather toilet case, as a token of esteem in which he has always been held by his fellow employees. Mr. Foreman left to-day for Toronto to accept a more lucrative position with the Gordon McKay Co., in the mail order department. His many friends in this city wish him every success in his new position.

The Hollow Bones

of the arms and legs are tubes like a piece of gas pipe. The hollow centre is filled with soft red fatty material called marrow. This is the place where new red blood is made.

Scott's Emulsion

feeds bone marrow. The rich fat and the peculiar power in SCOTT'S EMULSION gives new vigor and new nourishment. That is why pale people improve on SCOTT'S EMULSION. It has the power to produce new red blood.

All Druggists, 50c. and \$1.00.

Friday, January 3rd, 1908

SHEA'S

Watch for Our "Ad" To-morrow

STORE CLOSED TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

This Store Will Be Closed All Day To-morrow (Friday) Preparing For Our

ANNUAL WINTER Clearing Sale

Which Begins

Saturday, January 4th, 1908

At 9 o'clock a. m.

WATCH FOR TO-MORROW'S AD.

SEVEN REMAIN IN THE FIELD

And Six Are to be Elected as Dundas Councillors.

Dickson Will Run For Position of Deputy Reeve.

Many Visitors in and Away From the Town.

Dundas, Jan. 2.—Of the eleven nominations made for the Town Council, seven qualified, six of whom will be elected on Monday next. The names that will appear on the ballot paper for Councillors are: John W. Newitt, Wm. Lunn, J. W. Lawrason, Wm. Mount, Henry Bertram, Wm. H. Ball and Wm. Brannigan. The five first mentioned were members of last year's Council. Messrs. Ball and Brannigan are new aspirants for municipal honors. J. W. Kerr was the only member of the 1907 Council who did not qualify for the present year. His retirement is a cause for general regret.

Henry Bertram, who was nominated for deputy reeve, did not qualify for that position, as it would, he says, be impossible for him to attend the County Council. John W. Dickson, who was nominated for the three positions of Mayor, reeve and deputy reeve, and at the nomination, announced himself as in the field for the Mayoralty, qualified for deputy reeve only, and will fight the issue out with L. P. Spittal. His intention, it is rumored, is, if beaten, to reach the Mayor's chair by unseating Mayor Moss, on the ground that he cannot hold the dual position of Mayor and Secretary of the Board of Education. Having the possibility of becoming the Mayor in this manner in view, he has, it is said, consulted three of the town's lawyers in regard to the matter. The fight for deputy reeve promises to be interesting and lively.

There was only one ward in which there was likely to be a contest for School Trustee—Valley Ward—where N. H. Boden and Nathan McPherson were nominated, but Mr. Boden has retired, leaving Mr. McPherson elected by acclamation.

There seems to be a fair prospect of the High School by-law passing. Should it be defeated it will be by a smaller majority than on a previous occasion, as the feeling in favor of the project is certainly gaining strength.

Among numerous holiday visitors to the home town are: Ed Hourigan, London; Peter Linn, Cobalt; Capt. Ed. Pirie, Parry Sound; Robert Y. Ogg, Detroit; Miss Tressa Dwyer, Belleville; F. M. Braund, Toronto; Miss Edna Smith, Brantford; Miss Hart, Toronto; the Misses Brown, Welland; Miss Bessie Dickie, Toronto; Miss Gordon Strickland, Brantford; Mr. and Mrs. James Chegwinn, Midhurst; Miss Anna Dillon, Renfrew; the Misses Hollinrake, Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, Burlington; Ernest Snell, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Gaden and Miss Gaden, Toronto; John Cummins, Alberta; Robert McKechnie, Cleveland; Miss Blanche Robertson, Kenora; Charles Clark and Miss Kate Clark, Teeswater; Dr. Ernest Cleaver and Miss Cleaver, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Macklem, Barton mountain; Arthur and George Valens, Brantford; Mrs. George Trask and Mrs. J. Griffin, Orillia; Charles W. Cooper, in Greenville; Mrs. Wm. McPherson and son, Ross, in Chatham; Mrs. John Ford, in Millgrove; Mr. and Mrs. E. Builder and Mrs. Wm. Milson and son, Charlie, in Simcoe; Mr. and Mrs. F. Bennett, Miss Kate Hyde, and Miss Rhea Morley, in Paisley.

Mr. and Mrs. George Foster, of Cleveland, are expected to return to their home after an absence of twelve years. Miss Stella Moore goes to Toronto after the holidays, to take a school there. Dundas Lodge, A. O. U. W., has elected the following officers for the ensuing term: J. H. McDonald, Past Master; G. C. Webster, Foreman; James Curmuck, Overseer; Gordon Donald, Guide; R. G. Cooper, Recorder; James Han, Financier; James Campbell, Inside Watch; Sam Taylor, Outside Watch; P. A. Lathin, Treasurer; Drs. Smith and Rykert, Physicians. Wm. Donald, Representa-

THIS ONE WAS GOOD

Christmas Entertainment of Wentworth Baptist Children.

There was an unusually large turnout at the Christmas entertainment and supper in Wentworth street Baptist church last evening. At 7.30 the scholars sat down to the beautifully laden tables of good things, provided by the ladies of the church, and did ample justice to them. The scholars and teachers who contributed to the programme deserve great credit for the manner in which they arranged it.

The Young Ladies' Bible Class had handsome costumes specially made for their performance and Miss Edwards received much praise for the manner in which she trained them. The programme, which was a good one, was full of applause from the audience. It was as follows:

Welcome song, by the children; chairman's address; dialogue, "The Opening Address," by four young men; chorus, "O Little Child in Manger Low," by Primary class; dialogue, three girls in Mr. Parson's class; recitation, "The Five Leaves and Two Fishes," by Ernest Hawker, Primary class; duets and chorus, "The Angels Sing," Miss Hazel Hayward and Eva Laidlaw, and Mr. Fraser and Russell and chorus by the children; recitation, Walter Prince; dialogue, three girls of Miss Mackenzie's class; recitation, Frankie Barlow; chorus, "The Animal Tea-party," girls of Mrs. Anderson's class; recitation, "The Christmas Dinner," Norman Hodd; drill, Miss MacNeil and Miss Montgomerie; chorus, recitation, Mildred Norton; song, "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam," two boys in Mr. Main's class; dialogue, "Angel School," girls in Mr. Parson's class; recitation, "Message of Love," Leslie Johnson; song, "Angels Bear the Joyful Tidings," by five girls; song, "A Lesson in Driving," Grant Dexter and Herb Tregenza; drill, young ladies of Mrs. Huddleston's class; chorus and solo, "O Guiding Star," children and Mr. Main; recitation, Donald Hodd, Mr.

HOGMANAY

Camp Hamilton's New Year Eve a Happy One.

There were many dances on New Year's Eve, and all were well patronized. Camp Hamilton, No. 21, Sons of Scotland, held their annual Hogmanay celebration in the Alexandra Arcade which drew the usual large crowd. Dancing, singing and refreshments went to the making up of a happy time, and an excellent programme was rendered as follows:

Baritone selection, Pipe—Major McGregor; Scotch reel, John Fotheringham, Thomas J. Davenport, Wm. McPherson and Wm. Neilson; piano selection, Scotch Air, A. C. McMillan; address, Chief McIntosh; song, "Mary of Argyle," Mr. E. Skedden; song, "My Ain Folk," Mrs. McDonald; comic song, "Killicrankie," Mr. McLeod; song, "Jesse the Flower o' Dunblain," Miss Findlay; dance, Highland Flax, Mr. Gordon Flett; dance, Scotch reel, John Fotheringham, Thomas J. Davenport, Wm. McPherson and Wm. Neilson; song, "Wi' a Hundred Pipers," Mr. E. Skedden; song, "My Balmie," Mrs. McDonald; comic song, "Callaghan Call Again," Mr. McLeod; song, "Will Ye No' Come Back Again," Miss Findlay; duet, "Flow Gently Deva," Mr. and Mrs. F. McDonald; dance, Mr. Gordon Flett, Accompanist: A. C. McMillan, Piper A. McGregor, Sr.

Sir John A. MacDonald, L. O. L. No. 19, held their annual ball at the Orange Hall with Hamilton's Orchestra to supply the music to which a large crowd tripped the light fantastic.

The Sons of England hall was also the scene of another dance which the Sons of England held to see the New Year arrive.

AT THE ALEXANDRA.

A person must be very old or very young not to appreciate roller skating. If you have never learned to skate, start in this season and make up for the pleasure you have lost in the past. There is no more healthful and invigorating sport known, and the Alexandra is conceded to be the finest rink in Canada for beginners, as well as people who know. To-morrow night there will be a leap year party, when the band will play eighteen skating numbers, and the programme will consist to a great extent of couple numbers, when the ladies will be supposed to ask the gentlemen to skate with them, and will skate on the left hand side of the gentleman, instead of the right hand side. All come.

STANLEY MILLS & CO., Limited

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 1908

- Saw Vises: Saw Vises to hold firmly while being filed, any kind of saw, from a keyhole saw to a 6 ft. crosscut saw. Vises to screw on 45c, Vises to clamp on 65c. Saw Sets: Whittling Saw Sets 40c, Lincolin Saw Sets 60c, Bucksaw Saw Sets 10 and 15c, Saw Jointer and Side Filer 15c. Hammers: Rivetting Hammers, handled, 35, 40 and 45c each, Ball Pein Hammer Heads only 25, 35, 40, 45 and 50c each, Ball Pein Hammers, handled, 60, 65 and 75c. Blacksmiths' Sledges: Best cast steel stock, 6 to 20 lbs. ea. per lb. only 10c. Forging Tongs: Blacksmiths' best forging tongs and blacksmiths' shoe tongs, both same price, viz. 50c. Blacksmiths' Vises: Solid box wrought Steel Vises for blacksmiths' uses: 35 lbs. \$5.75, 60 lbs. \$9.00, 40 lbs. \$6.50, 70 lbs. \$10.00, 45 lbs. \$7.25, 80 lbs. \$11.50, 50 lbs. \$8.00, 90 lbs. \$13.00. Blacksmiths' Blowers: Best improved Blowers, no belts, no chutes, no rattles, crank turns forward or backward, our price only \$17.50. Drills: Blacksmiths' Improved Upright Drills, automatic feed, only \$8.50. Hammers: Shoemakers' Hammers 10, 15, 25c. Men's Heels: Men's Choice Leather Heels, best hemlock tanned stock, 8c, Men's Best Rubber Heels, all sizes, pair only 25c. Repair Your Own Shoes: O. K. Home Cobbler Outfits 75c, Leader Outfits 75c, Old Reliable Outfits \$1.50. Leather Soles: Men's Best Leather Soles, very choice, selected stock, per pair 20c. Pegging Awl Handles: Shoemakers' Pegging Awl Handles, with leather top and wrench, will hold any size or kind of awl 10c. Quilt Frame Clamps: Quilt Frame Clamps, good, clear cut screw threads, common pattern 5c, Improved pattern 10c each. Drawer Pulls: Fancy Brass Drawer Pulls, drop handles, each 5, 8 and 10c. Oil Cloth Binding: Oil Cloth Binding, solid brass, 6-yd. lengths, with brass nails and corner pieces 25c. Peeling Knives: Kitchen Peeling Knives, for all kinds of fruit and vegetables 10c. Bucksaws: Red Frame Bucksaws, Braced Frame Bucksaws, Lance Tooth Bucksaws. Chopping Axes: Handled Chopping Axes, all ready for use, \$5c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.75 each. Builders' Chains: Logging or Builders' Chains, 14 feet long, swivel in centre, large hook at each end, heavy links \$1.65. Horse Brushes: "Dandy" Pattern Horse Brushes, splendid full stock, fully 25c. Pick Axe Heads: Hand-made Pick Axe Heads, best tempered steel 65c. Pick Axe Handles: Choice Pick Axe Handles only 25c. Feed Pans: For feeding oats to horses, about 4 quart capacity, good handle, only 25c. Clothes Wringers: Royal Canadian Clothes Wringers \$3.25, Maple Leaf Wringers \$3.75, Ball Bearing Wringers \$4.50, Dowsells' Best Wringers \$5.00, Folding Wash Benches \$1.50. Lantern Glasses: Extra Heavy Glass Globes, for cold blast lanterns, only 5c. Bridle Bits: We carry all kinds of Bridle Bits in stock here: Plain X. C. Stiff Bits 10c, Plain X. C. Jointed Bits 10c, Rubber Covered Stiff Bits 25c, Leather Covered Stiff Bits 20c, Nickel-plated Stiff Snaffle Bits 15c, Nickel-plated Jointed Snaffle Bits 15c, Single Wire Bridle Bits 10c, Double Twisted Wire Bits 15c, Rubber Covered Chain Bits 50c, Rockwell Severe Bridle Bits 18c, J. I. C. Severe Bridle Bits 35c, Over-Curb Check Reins 5c, X. C. Curb Bridle Bits 35c. Razors: England's Finest Razor, made by Reynolds, of Sheffield \$1.00. Pipe Varnish: Brilliant Jet Black Stove Pipe Enamel, in stone jars 10c. Alarm Clocks: Nickel Alarm Clocks, thoroughly reliable time keepers, plain figures or Roman numerals, dials only \$1.00. Picture Wire: Hendry's best tinned Picture Wire, medium size, 25 yards for only 10c. Lounge Casters: Latest Improved Roller Bearing Casters, 4 in a set, per set only 20c. Curtain Pins: Heavy Brass Curtain Safety Pins, per dozen 5c. Soldering Irons: Home Soldering Irons, best copper stock, all tinned ready for use 20c.

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First Anniversary Sale

Specials for Thursday and Friday; Prices That Are Bound to Make Record Selling

Evening Lace Goods 10 Per Cent. Off

Beautiful Real Rose Point Collars, Berthas, Lace by the yard, Real Lace Border Handkerchiefs, selling during anniversary sale at 10 per cent. off. Every novelty for evening wear to choose from.

Black and Colored Dress Silks 10 Per Cent. Off

Thursday and Friday will see some big selling in our Silk Department. Our entire stock of handsome Black and Colored Silks in blouse or dress lengths, selling during our anniversary sale at 10 per cent. discount. Choose now and take advantage of the low prices.

SPECIAL:—Pure Taffeta Silk in white, cream, cardinal, grey, navy, myrtle, brown, fawn, sky, pink and black; splendid for linings, bouffants, or dresses, usual width, 85c, sale price 55c the yard.

Buy Your Street and Kid Gloves Now

Anniversary sale places our entire stock of Perrin's famous Kid Gloves selling at 10 per cent. discount, in wrist and elbow gloves, for street and evening wear. A large assortment to choose from.

SPECIALS: Perrin's heavy Kid Walking Gloves with the fashionable outside seam, in colors of black, brown and tan, wool lined, assorted sizes, \$1.50, sale price 98c. Long evening Silk Gloves in all sizes in sky, pink, cream and white, fine English make, regular value \$1, sale price 75c.

Anniversary Handkerchief Sale

The greatest yet in Handkerchief bargains, prices made for quick selling. Women's fine Irish Lawn H. S. Handkerchiefs, new narrow borders, 8c, anniversary sale 5c. Women's pure Irish Linen H. S. Handkerchiefs 10c, Anniversary Sale price 6c. Women's fine Irish Lawn H. S. Handkerchiefs, fancy drawn borders, 12 1/2c, Anniversary Sale 7c. Women's pure Irish Sheer Linen H. S. Handkerchiefs, embroidered and handsome drawn borders, 25c, Anniversary Sale 15c.

Remember! Reduced prices in all our made to order departments during our January Anniversary Sale. Place your orders early!

FINCH BROS. 29 and 31 King Street West

MISSING HEIR LOCATED. English Baronet living in the Western States. London, Jan. 1.—According to despatches from an important source, an English nobleman, who had been missing for some time, has been located in the Western States. The nobleman, who is believed to be a descendant of the famous Finch family, was reported to be living in a quiet town in California. He is said to be in good health and is enjoying the life of a private citizen. The discovery of his whereabouts is considered a significant event in the history of the Finch family.