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Watford, June 5th, 1885

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Local—D Watt
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Guide-News

JAMES C. TYE, EDITOR & PROPRIETOR
WATFORD, JAN. 1, 1886.

LOCAL ITEMS.

OVERCOATS still rushing at A. Brown's

SEE those grey flannels at Swifts for 16c.

A. BROWN'S is the best place for millinery.

MR. GEORGE JONES spent Sunday in Port Huron.

FOR cheap boots and shoes go to A. Brown's.

MR. W. W. BUCHANAN, of Hamilton, was in town this week.

MR. JOHN MAVITY, of Sarnia, spent Christmas in Watford.

A. BROWN is still selling all heavy winter goods at cost.

SWIFT has a few Overcoats left that he is giving away. Hurry up and get one.

MR. GEORGE HOLT, jr., of Toronto, is spending his holidays here with his parents.

MY BASE BURNER wood stoves take the lead. It is the best in the market.—R. A. COOK. 2t

WE understand that no dividend will be declared of the Fawcett estate for some time yet.

A. BROWN has been busy this week buying dry goods. Look out for big stock and low prices.

MR. GEORGE RODGERS, of Winnipeg, was in town this week, visiting his parents and other relatives.

CANON FARRAR has an article on the Church in America in the January number of the North American Review.

JUDGE MACKENZIE presided at the Division Court here on Tuesday. While in town he called on us, and complimented us on having such a fine office

MR. HENRY ELLIOT, of British Columbia, and Mr. A. D. Elliot, of Winnipeg, arrived in town on Wednesday last to spend the New Year with their relatives here.

DAVID WATT begs to advise the arrival of a large assortment of new goods for every department, the very best value that can be had. Inspection invited.—DAVID WATT.

ANOTHER FIRE IN ALVINSTON.—Risk's stave factory, two miles west of Alvinston, was burned down on Saturday morning. The fire was the work of an incendiary. The building is insured.

MR DAVID BATTIE, of Paris, together with his wife, is spending a couple of weeks with his son-in-law, Mr. D. Thom, of Watford. He congratulated the GUIDE-NEWS on the possession of so fine an office.

AT THE WATFORD BAKERY.—Royal mixed candies, 20 cts. per lb.; oranges, 25 cts. per doz.; fine, Chesapeak Bay oysters in bulk, at 17 cts. per pt., but with water can adjust the price to suit purchaser. Arrow brand reduced to 30 cts. per can. 2t

MESSRS. John Correstine, Jerry Mitchell, George H. Rodgers, Mrs. John Kelly and Mrs. Robert King have returned from the North-West. They were warmly welcomed by their many friends and relatives on their return.

THE MARQUIS OF LORNE, Col. Ingersoll, Millionaires Astor and Carnegie, an Irish Member of Parliament elect, John Boyle O'Reilly, Cassius M. Clay, Sir John MacDonald, and Frank B. Sanborn have articles in the January number of the North American Review.

I WOULD inform the patrons of the Watford bakery that I have bought a car load of first-class roller flour at the bottom price for cash, which enables me to sell the finest bread for five cents a loaf, the price I used to charge last winter when using common stone flour.—JOHN BAKER.

WATFORD MARKETS: Red Wheat, 75c. to 80c.; White Wheat, 75c. to 80c.; Spring Wheat, 68c. to 72c.; barley, 45c. to 47 c.; oats, 28c. to 28c.; peas, 50c. to 56c.; potatoes, 20c. to 20c.; butter, 15c. to 15c.; eggs, 16c.; lard, 10c. to 10c.; tallow, 6c. to 7c.; beets, 40c.; flour, $2.50, to $2,50. pork, $4.80, to $4.80.

TO THE UNEMPLOYED.—We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. W. H. Robertson, Publisher of the *Canadian Agricultural and Home Magazine*, of Peterborough, Ontario. Mr. Robertson wishes to engage the services of a large number of canvassers, and to those having spare time at their disposal, we would suggest that they drop him a line.

GEN. BEAUREGARD will give a history of the Shiloh Campaign in the January number of the North American Review. He claims that Gen. Algernon Sydney Johnson acted only as a corps commander at Shiloh. Gen. Beauregard emphatically asserts (contrary to the common belief) that he was the sole commander on both days, and, without naming them, controverts the reports of Grant and Sherman as to the nation's forces being taken by surprise.

RAMSAY THOMPSON.—The Ramsay case, in which Wanstead parties came in for a good share of an estate in Texas where the husband and father died under an assumed name and left another wife there, has been so far satisfactorily settled that R. S. Gurd will probably go down there in a few days to realize on the securities—such as stock, &c., —that the Wanstead heirs were given on the settlement. It will be remembered that Ramsay left a family many years ago, went to Texas and under the name of Thompson married again and made a fortune.

MR. WM. MCWATERS, of Hamilton, brother to Messrs. John and Thos. McWaters, of Watford, gave us a call on Tuesday.

FIREMEN'S CONCERT.—The concert given under the auspices of the Defiance Fire Co. on Tuesday night, was by far the best entertainment of the kind that has been presented for public approval in Watford for a very long time. Long before the hour for commencing, the hall was closely filled with an eager audience. The program was a varied one, there being something to please the tasts of all, from the mad-cap boy to the staid church deacon, and from the giggling girl to the most prosy matron. Each and every performer had plenty of admirers, and the encores were as numerous as the pieces on the program. It is not often Watfordites have an opportunity of listening to so much foreign talent on one evening and the firemen deserve the thanks of all who were present for providing such an excellent evening's enjoyment,

GLOVES.—Gloves were very common as New Year's gifts. For many hundreds of years after their introduction into England in the tenth century, they were worn only by the most opulent classes of society, and hence constituted a valuable present. They are often named in old records. Exchange of gloves was once a mode of investiture into possession of property, as among the ancient Jews was that of a shoe or sandal, and 'glove money' is to this day presented by high sheriffs to the officers of their courts, upon occasion of a maiden assize, or one in which no cause is tried. Plus, which at the commencement of the sixteenth century displaced the wooden skewers previously in use, became a present of similar consequence; and, at their first introduction, were considered of as much importance in female dress, that 'pin-money' grew into the denomination of dower, which by the caution of parents or justice of a consort, was settled upon a lady at her marriage.

CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN.—We copy the following notice of the death of Mrs. D. G. McWaters, sister-in-law of the Messrs. McWaters, of Watford from the Vassar, Mich., *Times*.—"If ever the angels had cause to rejoice it was when the pearly gates were ope'd on Sunday night last and the spirit of Mrs. D. G. McWaters winged its way to the bright realms to be one of the hosts that will sing the Christmas carols around God's throne to-morrow. The brittle thread which binds to earth was so ruthlessly and suddenly severed, that the great grief of the friends can not be told. It has cast a shadow of sorrow over the entire community and more especially over those who were intimately acquainted with her patient, loving and lovable disposition. She had only been a resident of Vassar about three years, but during this time had made many friends whose deep respect and esteem she had gained. She was a woman wrapped in the mother love for her two baby boys, aged 1 and 3 years, and the husband left to mourn. She was taken ill on Tuesday, Dec. 17th, and died on Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock. Word was telegraphed the relatives in Canada, but from a delay, not received by them in time to came and see her alive. The funeral was held yesterday at two o'clock in the M. E. church, and preached by Rev. Frazer. The interment took place in Riverside cemetery, with the ultimate design of removal some time in the future to a place where the friends will elect. The services were largely attended and attested the high appreciation in which deceased was held. The husband and other friends have the warmest sympathy of The TIMES in this their great bereavement."

TOWN COUNCIL

Watford, Dec. 26th, 1885.

The Municipal Council held an adjourned meeting in the Council Chambers All the members present except Mr. Jones. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Miller and Mr. Williams waited on the Council on behalf of the Fire Company and reported Mr. John Shaw and C. F. Abbott in good standing in the Company and having paid the $2 exemption tax to collector, it was

Moved by Mr. Dixie, sec. by Mr. Hume, that the sum of $2 each be refunded to them —Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hume, sec. by Mr. Howden, that the following accounts be paid, and orders drawn on the Treasurer for the same, they having been reported correct by the Finance Committee, viz:—M. J. Mitchell, 3 cords wood for engine house, $3.75; David Howden, Treasurer's salary for 1885, $25.00; Henry Lawrence, balance of lumber account, $52 00; Collector's salary, extra time in collecting taxes, stationery, postage, &c., $41 00; P. Dodds, rent of belfry ground, 1885, $10.00; Willie Reid, distributing nomination bills, 25 cts. Total $132.00—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Dixie, sec. by Mr. Hume, that we adjourn till Thursday evening, 31st inst.—Carried.

JOHN REID, Clerk.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

An examination of the pupils of S. S. No. 10, Brooke, took place on Friday, Dec. 18th, A large number of visitors were present. The pupils acquitted themselves creditably, the trustees and others expressing themselves as more than pleased with the order and advancement of the pupils, their only regret being that the teacher, Miss Kingston, was leaving the section.

The pupils then presented their teacher with a large and costly photograph album. The presentation was made by Miss Nettie Atchison and the address read by Miss Sarah Searson.

To our Dear Teacher:—

We, your pupils, have heard with regret that after being our teacher for a period of 5 years you are about to sever your connection with us and go elsewhere. It ought not to be deemed selfish on our part to wish to retain you here knowing as we do your efficiency as a teacher, and your painstaking and patient determination to do your duty and we but echo the sentiments of all in the section when we say that you have given entire satisfaction during this lengthy period and wish you the best of success and happiness in all your future life. We know that what will be our loss will be others gain We, your pupils desire to present you with a photograph album in remembrance of the many happy hours we have spent together, and wherever we may be cast on life's turbulent tide we shall always look back with pleasure to the time we were your pupils in S. S. No. 11, Brooke.

Signed on behalf of the school,
SARAH SEARSON,
NETTIE ATCHINSON.

Miss Kingston replied in an appropriate manner and expressed the great pleasure she felt in being the recipient of such a handsome present. She also referred to the pleasant time spent among them during the past years, wishing them success and happiness in their future career. This brought to a close a very pleasant afternoon.

"ELIA" AND CHARLES LAMB.

A unique genius, that of Charles Lamb. Just like nothing that ever appeared before them, or has since appeared, are the quaint and delightful "Essays of Elia," a new edition of which has recently been issued by Alden, "The Literary Revolution" published of New York. Turn to any of your cyclopedias and they will tell you that Charles Lamb was one of the most charming essayists that the English language has ever known, and also that his "Essays of Elia" are the choicest of his works. They are not merely the first work of their class, but, like "Pilgrim's Progress" and "Robinson Crusoe," they constitute a class by themselves. The volume is certainly one of the most delightful of the books described in Mr. Alden's 148-page illustrated catalogue, which he offers to send for 4 cents, or the 16-page catalogue which is sent free. Address, John B. Alden, Publisher, New York City.

THE NEW YEAR.

Again time ushers in the day—
Another year has passed away,
Another link is formed, and we
Are nearer to eternity!
Time glides along, and leaves behind
Marks on the whole of human kind;
It heeds no mortal's stern mandate,
But ceaseless onward steals elate.
What resolutions have been made
By thousands that have oft essayed
To conquer evils that have wrought
Sad havoc with their scanty lot.
Prepare on this eventful day
To start anew and win their way.
What loving vows have been commuted,
Pledge to adoring hearts best suited;
What sweet endearing words they've heard,
For that eventful hour deferred;
As they with lovers' tact devise
Plans for the future and its joys.
We see the old year, bent and gray,
Feeble and weary, take his way,
As with a welcome voice we greet
The New to take its concise seat,
While many a prayer ascends to Heaven,
To Him by whom all things are given;
For He alone all things doth know,
What and on whom He should bestow.
We pause, and wonder whether we
A twelvemonth more of life shall see;
The months each one flitting by,
But hastes the hour each must die.
So let us live, not be downcast,
Th's brief year may not be our last.
But to be sure why not prepare
That glorious life and light to share;
From every soul presentment springs
That man was made for better things.
To be secure 'tis better then,
To be at peace with God and men.
Ten years that reign and pass away
Will nearer bring us endless day.

THE DEPARTED YEAR.

Another year of life is closed. How varied it has been to each, how multifarious its happenings, how strange its experiences to each and every one of the human family! Hopes dashed, ambitions realized, expectations disappointed, desires achieved. So ring the changes on Life's chimes as the fatuitous bell-ringer bows out the Old and welcomes in the New Year, to the service of the unknown master, Destiny. Is that his name? Who knows?

There is a Power that shapes our ends,
Rough hew them as we may.

And how rarely does it seem that end is permitted to reach the condition of the perfect, polished ashlar, fitted for an honorable position among the stones in Life's temple, and for a corner-stone in that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. How prone we are to accord this fitness to those, who, if we could read their inmost lives, would be found unworthy, how often do we withhold the mark of acceptance from those, who, all unknown to us, are worthy of highest honors in Life's record book.

Who can reckon up the long roll of silent martyrs to the cause of Human Progression, who, as the years roll on apace, find themselves further and further from the goal of their ambitions, yet, patiently plodding the pathway before them, leaving blood-stains from briar pierced feet as texts for sermons by coming men, whose eloquence will prepare the way for a new order of social life, a new and better condition of humanity than the world has yet seen.

Who can reckon up the sum total of the sufferings of honest Labor in the year just ending, who can estimate it in the year to come? No man living; and yet all who choose may read, and in the news pages of the GUIDE-NEWS find many individual instances of suffering endured and death met, in the struggle for life, that to-day is at once a curse and a blessing to the conscripts in the great Army of Impoverishment—a curse, because of the privations entailed—a blessing, in that by these sufferings that keen realization of man's utter littleness, of his unimportance in the face of this great illimitable universe with its unknown future, brings with his experience an assurance and faith that he is made for better things, and in a life to come will yet achieve them. But practically, men are prone to look upon this struggle as the curse of their existence, and none but a bloodless philosopher can say them nay.

There is a wolfish spirit abroad among men, that has for its prey the possession of wealth and power; and the hungry pack in pursuit reck not of those who fall by the way, only as by their standing in gold and silver and bonds and high position. But it is chiefly the wolves who secured the prey and attained the success for which, in greater or less degree, mankind has struggled, in this year of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and for which they will fight, push and crowd in the coming year and years to follow.

It is these gibbering packs of human wolves that affright the weaker among mankind into ways and byways far removed from the roadways to prosperity, and leave them helpless before the cruel bloodhound, Poverty. And so we read of the hapless tramp in search of work, of wages to buy food for wife and children, and keep life in his own life-wearied frame. And so we hear and know of the thousands and hundreds of thousands who battle on through life, living to-day in hopes that to-morrow will bring forth better things; clinging to life, not because of love for it, but because of that mysterious element in each human soul, that we call Hope, often only a deceitful imp, yet serving as a good angel to many a forlorn life, bidding it cheer up; for

To-morrow's sun is ever shining brightly;
To-morrow's pleasures ever bind us fast;
To-morrow's gloom may close upon us nightly;
To-morrow leads to rest and peace at last.

And so let us trust that the future, the year on which we just entering, will bring relief to those thousands, whose cry for bread, bread, bread, is already echoing from valley and plain, reaching to the portals of the palatial homes of the very rich, and even now causing them to waver in their purpose to clutch their idle wealth, if the poor die by the wayside.

And as we trust, so we believe. Brighter days are at hand, better times are near. Temporary depression there undoubtedly is in some branches of industry, but in the main there is no widespread distress, nor any good cause to believe there will be. Disappointed politicians may, for a little while yet make capital for another campaign, and prudent business men may hesitate, momentarily alarmed by their gloomy predictions and the maction of Moneybags who shrewdly aids his political confreres But there is no reason to believe the business prospects for the coming year are other than bright and a general activity in nearly all branches may be looked for at an early date. Such at least is the opinion of men who are not given to looking at the dark side while a bright side can be seen, and who look forward as we do to a very prosperous and Happy New Year, which we hope will be experienced by all our readers.

ALL KINDS of cooking and parlor stoves selling at cost for two months, to make room for spring goods.—R. A. COOK. 2t

CORNS cause intolerable pain Holloway's Corn Cure removes the trouble. Try it and see what an amount of pain is saved. d15

THE NOMINATIONS.

Watford and Elsewhere.

The nominations for Reeve and councillors for the village of Watford were held in the music hall on Monday. Precisely at 12 o'clock, Mr. John Reid, Returning Officer, took his place on the platform and notified the electors that he was ready to receive nominations. At that time there were only a few ratepayers present but before the hour allotted had expired some two hundred were in attendance waiting anxiously to hear the old Council give an account of their stewardship and the new aspirants explain their views on municipal government. Following is a list of the nominations made:—

FOR REEVE.

Nominee.	Nominator.	Seconder.
R. Dixie,	P. Dodds,	D. Roche.
J. H. Hume,	W. Howden,	W. F. Phillips
R. McLeay,	J. Bodaly,	D. Eccles.
M.S.Campbell,	H. Lawrence,	A. Jamieson.
A. Brown,	J.S.Williams	A. Mathers.
J. S. Williams,	A. Brown,	P. Dodds.
John Bodaly,	J.F.Burnett,	H. Lawrence

FOR COUNCILLOR.

Nominee.	Nominator.	Seconder.
R. Higgins,	J.S.Williams	G. Pettybridge
L. Rodgers,	M.S.Camp'll	D. Eccles.
J D McLaughlin	S. Anderson,	T. Woods.
F. Restorick,	D. Roche,	J. McWaters.
T. Howden,	H. Lawrence,	W. McLeay.
H. Lawrence,	J. Bodaly,	T. Kerfoot.
P. Dodds,	T. Kerfoot,	G. H. Percival
Geo. Jones,	J. H. Hunter,	W. F. Phillips
H. Cook,	W. McLeay.	T. Kerfoot.
J. H. Hume,	H. Lawrence,	J. H. Hunter.
H. Kerr,	F. Hughes,	J. S. Williams.
T. Woods,	W.H.Lambert	do
D. Calvert,	J. F. Burnett,	R. Roche.
D. Watt,	J. H. Hunter,	L. Rodgers.
A. Jamieson,	W.F.Phillips,	C. Eccles.

The returning officer having declared the nominations closed he vacated the chair, and on motion Dr. Stanley was elected chairman of the meeting. After a few introductory remarks he called the speakers to the platform.

Mr. M. S. Campell, Reeve, said that as it was customary at the end of the year to give an account of the doings of the council he would endeavor to do so. While he had been in office he had endeavored to do justice to the corporation. When he was elected Reeve three years ago he was under the impression that the municipality was not much in debt, but found out we were some $2.000 in debt. His object had been during that time to reduce the indebtedness and at the same time keep up the necessary repairs; had expected that we would be free from debt by the end of the present year, but on account of the putting down of Huron street drain and other unforseen expenses we were still $341 behind. The total receipts for the year (including $292.64 from last audit) were $5,162.88, and the disbursements $4,472 79, leaving a balance on hand of $691 79. There were taxes to the amount of $50.38 still to collect, which would bring the amount up to $742.17. There was a note of $1,082.06 held by Mr. J. D. McLaughlin yet to pay, which will leave a shortage of $341 to be provided for. Had it not been for the grant to the firemen of $120, the Huron street drain, $193, and $18 expended at time of the freshet, totalling up to the amount of the shortage, the municipality would now be free from debt with the exception of the debenture account. In regard to work in his own division he said he had expended for lumber $132 54 and for wages $49 63 or a total of $182 17. With regard to the proposed block pavement for Main street he had made a rough estimate. There were about 5,700 square yards from Front street to the Post Office, and it could be laid, together with the necessary sewerage at a cost of about $1.50 per yard, or a total cost of about $8000 00. A new town hall would cost about $7,500.00 more; there would soon be about $3000.00 required for school purposes and allowing say $500 for lamps, etc., would bring the improvements in the neighborhood of $19,000.00. If the people petition the council for these improvements the council has no other alternative but to put the same to a vote. Circumstances would not allow him to again become an aspirant to the office for which he was nominated. He felt flattered that he had held the position so long He had done his duty as far as he knew how; he had been free and untrammelled, and the ratepayers would be fortunate if they get a new council to serve them as well as the old one. There was clear sailing for next year's council, who would only have ordinary expenses, and what improvements they saw fit to make, to attend to. The municipality was $1,700 better off than it was three years ago.

Mr. Dixie said he was a candidate for the Reeveship and asked the electors for their support. The previous speaker had explained the position of the affairs of the village and there was no need of a repetition of the same by him. With regard to the improvements talked of, he thought they would be very good if the people were able to go on with them; the matter lay entirely in their own hands. He would not do anything more than the general rule without the people having a say in the matter. In reply to a question as to whether he was in favor of appointing a Police Magistrate for the county he said as the majority of the county had gone in favor of the Scott Act it would be very foolish of him not to go with the majority. If it was a benefit to the county he would support the appointment. With regard to the work done in his division during the year, he said he had expended $46.75 for labor, and $57.74 for lumber.

Mr. Jones said the Reeve had explained the financial position of the municipality so clearly and accurately that there was no occasion for him to go into the matter. He thought the village stood in a prouder position to-day than any other municipality in the county. His principal aim in the past together with the other members of the council had been to wipe off the indebtedness of the village, and their calculations would have been consummated had it not been for the Huron street drain and the other unexpected expenses mentioned by the Reeve. He would like to see a block pavement on Main street if the people were in favor of it: the merchants offered liberally for it, and some of the property holders in the suburbs were in favor of it; let those interested get up a petition and the council would put it to a vote. A town hall, he thought, would pay for itself. Money could be borrowed on debentures for this purpose and the rent obtained from the stores underneath the hall would soon clear the cost of the erection. He was very much in favor of keeping out of debt, but if the ratepayers say they want these improvements they can get them if they vote for them. The present council, he said, had worked very harmoniously together. He was again a candidate; he belonged to no ring, had no axes to grind. In reply to a question by Mr. D. Thom as to whether he was personally in favor of the block pavement, Mr. Jones said that if a petition was presented he would help to submit the by-law; that he thought it would be a splendid thing for the town. In reference to the improvements made in his beat he said he had expended $123.77 for lumber and $55.15 for labor.

Mr. Howden said he appeared before the ratepayers for the third time. With regard to the financial standing of the town the Reeve had made such a good statement that there was little for the councillors to add. In his own district he had spent during the year $107.71 for lumber and $19.00 for labor. The present council had endeavored to be as economical as possible, they had reduced the debt of the village in two years from $1.700 to $341. With regard to the block pavement he thought the ideas should be put in shape and the matter considered as to how the rate should be levied before a man should be asked how he would vote for it. He thought it a good thing if it did not prove too expensive. What he had done during his term of office he had done conscientiously and fearlessly and asked for re-election.

Mr. Hume in giving an account of the work done in his division said he had the largest and hardest section of the town to keep up. He had spent more money than some of the councillors but not as much as Mr. Jones. He had spent $113.00 in lumber and $63.38 in labor. With regard to block pavement he said his figures were somewhat different to those given by the Reeve. He measured 4,471 square yards from the Exchange Hotel to the post office and said the same could be laid down at $90 cts. per yard, or a total of $4,923. He was in favor of improvement. Watford would not make much advancement until some improvements were made. He advised the issuing of a petition for a block pavement, and the considering of it by the council, who should have estimates made and submitted to the people. He said if he was again elected he would serve the town to the best of his ability. He had no personal ends to serve; was unprejudiced and wanted the work of the town to be fairly and squarely done Being nominated for both Councillor and Reeve he declined the latter and asked for support for the former.

Mr. A. Brown said those present had heard about the high financial standing of the village but nothing about the low standing in the mud. The Reeve's estimate for block pavement was in excess; had made enquiries and found that London had paid in 1881 only $1.26 per yard, including draining, sand, etc.; in '82, 99½c.; in '83, 91½c.; St Thomas had paid 80c. this year. There were very few men on Main street who would not be willing to pay a good share of the burden. He thought the Reeve's estimate of $7 500 for a town hall was too high. If we get one worth two-thirds that amount we ought to be proud of it; it would pay its own way in a few years. He withdrew from the contest.

Mr. Robt. McLeay withdrew with the consent of his nominator, as did also Mr. Bodaly.

Mr. L. Rodgers in a short speech consented to stand for election.

Messrs. Lawrence, Woods, Jamieson, Watt, and Dodds also declined the honor.

After the speaking was over the Returning Officer declared Mr. Dixie elected Reeve by acclamation and the meeting adjourned.

Others have declined since that day and the list of candidates for councillors now stands, Cook, Howden, Jones, Hume, McLaughlin and Rodgers.

NOMINATIONS ELSEWHERE.

WARWICK.—Reeve—Jos. Hall, (acc.); Councillors—Ward No. 1, John Fuller, (acc); Ward No. 2, F. Clarke, T. B. Healey, John Roche; Ward No. 3, R. J. McCormick, (acc.); Ward No. 4, Albert Phillips, Wm. Thompson.

BROOKE.—Reeve—James Lovell, Arch. McIntyre. Deputy Reeve—Neil McLean, Christopher Wallis. Councillors—James Johnston, Edward Kennedy, Robt. King, Arch. McKellar, Jas. McNally, Hugh McLaughlan, Geo. Partlow.

ALVINSTON.—Reeve—John Morwood and Henry Lovell. Councillors—E. Warner, J. Newell, M. Gillespie. E. Hales, E. Donnelly, J. Brown.

WYOMING.—Reeve—A. Westland, Dr. Harvey. Councillors—A N. Wood, Alex. Chalmers, James Oxenham, J. W. Smith, Samuel Saunders, F. J. Bennest, A. J. Syes.

OIL SPRINGS.—Reeve—J. A. Grant (acc.) Councillors—J. Cullen, J. H. Johnston, John McAlister, Geo. P. Osborne, Wm. Smith, Lewis Smith, John Wallen, Richard Whittaker.

STRATHROY.—Mayor—Richard P. Smith. Reeve—L Cleverdon. First Deputy—Wm. Rapley. Second Deputy—James Bowley. Councillors—Ward No. 1, R. Richardson, H. Urquart, J. H. Hanley; Ward No. 2, R. Nicholson, W. H. Grant, F L. Harrison; Ward No. 3, James Wright, A. Carruthers, J. Jordan. (All by acc.).

PETROLEA.—Mayor—John Fraser (acc.). Reeve.—Simmons (acc.). Deputy Reeve—R. Bradley (acc.). Councillors—No. 1 Ward, James McCort, Geo. Denham, W. H. Scotton; No. 2 Ward, James Peat, R. Morris, H. Carey, A. Lyard, W. Wilson; No. 3 Ward, O. W. Chamberlain, Henry Cauneff (acc.). No. 4 Ward, J. E. Boosey, W. E Reynolds, Thos A. Russell.

SARNIA.—Mayor—E P Watson, A C Poussette. Reeve—James S Symington, Andrew H Dalziel. 1st Deputy-Reeve—Chas Mackenzie, John G McCrae. 2nd Deputy-Reeve—R E LeSueur, Andrew Crawford Councillors—1st Ward, John Kaynagh, Richard Hall, E A Vidal Corney Sanders, August Wocker, R S Oliver 2nd Ward, John Lowrie, Elgin Wood, James King, Hugh O'Reilley, Wm Storey 3rd Ward, Wilkinson Weston David Gibb, Geo A Proctor, Finlay McGibbon, Daniel McCart, John Barron 4th Ward, Wm F Taylor, Jas W Proctor, John L Anderson, Peter Weatherell.

BROOKE.

The municipal contest in this township promises to be more than ordinarily interesting Mr. McIntyre, the present able and efficient Reeve, is opposed by Mr. James Lovell. They are both strong men, and will bring out a full vote. The issue upon which they solicit the suffrages of the electors is well defined, and the electors will cast their votes more in accordance with sectional interests than on any other account. The people of Inwood and the south-west part of the township generally, demand very extensive and costly drainage works, in addition to that already completed, and under way. We are informed that Mr. Lovell is willing to accede to their demands; and consequently will poll a nearly solid vote in that locality. Reeve McIntyre is in favor of a more moderate expenditure for drainage purposes, and advocates a reduction of municipal indebtedness, and also of the present rate of taxation, both of which he proposes to accomplish as rapidly as the reasonable and needed improvements in the municipality will admit of. In pursuance of this policy Mr. McIntyre has reduced the debt of the township some $13,000 in three years, and the rate of taxation though yet high, has been materially reduced last year and this, an event which might reasonably be expected after the first great expenditure in opening up the swamp region for settlement was incurred. The people look for it, and demand it, having borne a high rate of taxation willingly, for sake of opening up and rendering the low-lying lands of the township available for settlement.

Deputy-Reeve McLean is being opposed by Mr. C. Wallis, who claims among his supporters many of Mr. McLean's former adherents. Mr. Wallis is determined to carry the war into Africa, but we fancy he has a pretty big contract on his hands, if he ousts Mr. McLean, who has on former occasions successfully held the fort against pretty strong men.

Mr. Robert King, though urgently solicited, would not consent to a nomination for either Reeve or Deputy Reeve, but accepted a nomination for Councillor. Mr. King represented the township very efficiently for a number of years. He is deservedly popular, and will poll a very large vote all over the township. He will be a decided acquisition to the new Council. Messrs. Johnston and Keller, the present Councillors, again solicit the suffrages of the electors. Messrs. Partlow, McLachian, McNally and Kennedy are new aspirants for municipal fame. We understand that Mr Urrange, a member of the Council of 1885, has resigned.

PLYMPTON.

A large audience filled the Town Hall last Monday on the occasion of nomination of office and Reeve and four Councillors to take charge of the municipal affairs of our township. The meeting was brought to order by Mr. T. R. K. Scott calling upon the audience to elect a chairman. On motion of Mr. R. P. Campbell, seconded by Mr Jas. Wright, Mr. Finlay McKinlay was called to the chair, who on accepting the office begged from the audience a patient hearing for both candidates for the the Reeveship.

On Mr. Wm. McMahan, whose turn of office expires with the year, being called to address the meeting, Mr. Jas. McLean begged the liberty of being permitted to read a document he held in his hand. The paper being read it proved to be the circular lately issued by the executive committee of the Lambton County Temperance Electoral Union, in which the action of the County Council at its late sitting in regard to the appointment of a Police Magistrate for the County of Lambton is brought before the notice of the 400 temperance electors of the county.

In addressing his constituents Mr. McMahan explained why he came before them again after the promise he made last year of retiring from office. The necessity of his being in the Council for 1886 on account of the celebrated "Smith" drain, a detailed account of which he laid before the meeting. He then proceeded to give a statement of the financial affairs of the township, which posed, after a few explanations, to be satisfactory. The part of the finances relating to the debentures called forth some questions from Mr. James McLean and others, who took part in a short, good natured discussion. In closing his address Mr. McMahan stated his position on the Police Magistrate question. He knew nothing about the measure till the deputation was introduced in the Council chamber in Sarnia; that after listening to the discussion of the question by able and experienced temperance men, he had conscienciously voted for the postponement of the question till the January meeting of the Council. With respect to his future action towards the measure he felt unwilling to commit himself either for or against, and while he was anxious to see the Scott Act enforced throughout the county, he would be guided in a great measure by the tenor of the discussion when the Police Magistrate question was again brought up. At the close of his address Mr. McMahan was subjected to considerable hackling by parties who felt agrieved by the action of the township engineer in cutting local drains in the wrong place and the indifference of the Reeve in letting him do so.

Mr. Geo. Dewar, the opposing candidate, followed with a reference to a rumor that had been circulated to the effect that an agreement had been entered with by Mr. McMahan and himself at last years' nomination, by which agreement he (Mr. Dewar) had resigned his canditure into the hands of Mr. McMahan. Such a rumor was entirely without foundation. The financial statement read by Mr. McMahan was examined by Mr. Dewar with considerable objections, but satisfactory explainations were offered by the former gentlemen. In his attitude towards the Police Magistrate question, Mr. Dewar appeared to take a position similar to Mr McMahan, and would not make any promises until he found how it would affect the exchequer of the county in the selecting and paying of juror, and what would be the probable good produced by such an appointment.

At the close of Mr. Dewar's address, the clerk read the nominations for Councillors, as follows:

Ward No. 1—Mr. Wm. Young, elected by acclamation.

Ward No. 2—Mr. G. G. Hartley, elected by acclamation.

Ward No. 4—John Brown, elected by acclamation.

Ward No. 3—Mr. Fergus Kennedy and Joseph Cairns, nominated.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

THE BALLOT BOX.

To the Editor of the GUIDE-NEWS.

DEAR SIR.—Every intelligent voter having an interest in the welfare of the village, will, I hope, realize the importance of marking his ballot in favor of the men who are best qualified to deal with facts and figures. To hear some men talk, if a man had the time to walk the sidewalks to look for holes, and could tell one when he saw it, his name would be a fit and proper pill for the ballot-box. Such prescriptions are bad for the municipal constitution. It is well to analyze the composition of the aspirants. We had a very clear and concise financial report presented to us by out-going councillors Jones, Howden and Hume, and if we stick new men in their places and get a novice for Finance Minister there will be something else muddy besides the streets to arrest our attention. I am pleased we have our able financier, Mr. Jones, nominated, and I hope he will again appear at the head of the poll. It is also necessary to have one of our School Trustees in the Council; but if for nothing else than to have Mr. Jones' valuable assistance as chairman of the finance committee, put him in.—Yours, &c.

ELECTOR.

Watford, Dec. 30th, 1885.

A POLICE MAGISTRATE.

To the Editor of the GUIDE NEWS.

DEAR SIR:—The prohibitionists of this county sent a delegation to the County Council at the December session to urge upon the Council the necessity of the appointment of a Police Magistrate for the better enforcement of the Scott Act. I am informed that they have distributed tracts throughout the county calling upon the temperance people to support no candidate for the offices of Reeve or Deputy Reeve, who will not pledge himself to vote for the proposed appointment, making this issue a *sine qua non* in the selection of our Municipal officers. I hold, sir, that the people elect, or ought to elect their municipal officers solely with a view to their fitness and efficiency in the discharge of their proper municipal functions, and without dragging in any extraneous issues of this kind into the arena of municipal politics. We do not all think alike on many matters, prohibition among the rest, and surely the temperance people ought not to expect the municipalities to dispense with the services of honest, experienced and competent representatives, merely because they can see no good reason why the county should be saddled with an absolutely unnecessary official. Permit me to point out a few of the many objections to the appointment of a Police Magistrate for the County of Lambton.

1st.—The appointment is made by the Government upon the request of the Council and must be of a barrister of at least five year's standing at the bar. He would therefore be a government officer, and the appointment would be a permanent one. Once done, it is done for all time, whether his services are required or not.

2nd.—A Sarnia lawyer would undoubtedly be appointed, thus dragging plaintiffs, defendants and witnesses from all parts of the county to the county town, involving a large and unnecessary outlay of time and money to all parties concerned.

3rd.—There could be no appeal from the decision of said Police Magistrate, an idea of one-man power, so contrary to all our preconceived ideas of British fair play, that this feature alone ought to condemn it in the mind of every right thinking man. Why should a person, charged with the violation of the Temperance Act, be denied the privilege which is accorded to the worst of felons—the right to bring his case before a jury of his countrymen.

4th.—We have in our county upwards of one hundred and fifty magistrates, many of them staunch temperance men. A complainant has the privilege of bringing his complaint before any magistrate in any part of the county, and can surely select one out of all that number in which he has confidence. I think it cannot justly be charged against the magistrates of this county that they are unwilling to uphold the law.

5th.—The minimum salary that the county would have to pay is six hundred dollars and likely a great deal more, besides office rent, light, fuel and other incidental expenses, thus saddling the county with an unnecessary annual expenditure of probably $1000 to $1200

I think in all conscience, we have enough of the privileged class in the county town now, without adding another to their number. Our county and local rates are growing apace and in reality are becoming oppressive in some municipalities, approximating very closely to a respectable rent. I think if the ratepayers would look at both sides of the question that they would hesitate before pledging their representatives to vote for the measure.

There are upon the Commission of the Peace for the county thoroughly capable and efficient men, able and willing to uphold the law, and as likely to dispense even-handed justice between man and man, as any lawyer that can be found, and without one cent of cost to the county.

The municipalities are not only called upon to forego the revenue derived from licenses, but to contribute out of their already depleted coffers for the maintainance of some third-class lawyer for a figure-head in the county town.

Yours truly,
VOTER AND SUBSCRIBER.

[Should any of our subscribers wish to express their views on the above question our columns are open to them.—EDITOR.]

WARWICK.

Meetings in the interest of the Liberal party will be held at Warwick Village on Monday, the 11th January, and at Thedford on Tuesday, the 12th of January. These meetings will be addressed by the representative in the House of Commons, J. H. Fairbank, M. P., J. F. Lister, M. P., and by the Commissioner of Crown Lands, Hon T. B. Pardee.

MARRIED.

On Christmas Day, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. H. Cameron, Mr. Gideon Morrow, of Michigan, formerly of Metcalfe, to Miss Caroline, daughter of Robt. Bryce, Esq., of Warwick.

At the residence of the bride's father, on the 30th ult., by the Rev. H. Cameron, Mr. Francis Kelly, to Miss Susan, daughter of the late Jas. McClure, Esq.

On Christmas Day, at the residence of the bride, in Wisbeach, by the Rev. P. E.