

THE BERLIN NEWS RECORD

FORTIETH YEAR

BERLIN ONT, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1907

Another Nomination For Whole Council As Not Enough Members Qualified

FOR MAYOR.
In the Contest.
Aaron Bricker.
John F. McKay.
Nominated But Retired.
John R. Eden.
C. B. Dunke.
C. Kranz.
Dr. Honsberger.
F. G. Gardiner.
C. O. Hahn.
B. P. Clement.
John Moser.
A. B. Campbell.
J. Kaufman.
A. W. Feick.
H. Krug.
J. C. Breithaupt.

FOR REEVE.
In the Contest.
W. V. Uttley.
O. M. DeBus.
Nominated But Retired.
D. Gross, Jr.
Dr. J. F. Honsberger.
Arthur Foster.

FOR FIRST DEPUTY REEVE.
Nominated But Retired.
D. Gross, Jr.
A. B. Campbell.
J. H. Fehrenbach.
C. O. Hahn.
D. Hlner.
Dr. J. E. Hett.
C. Braun.
Geo. Martin.
Dr. J. F. Honsberger.
C. B. Dunke.

FOR SECOND DEPUTY.
In the Contest.
C. O. Hahn.
F. G. Gardiner.
Nominated But Retired.
D. Gross, Jr.
J. F. McKay.
E. Bricker.
K. Hartung.
A. B. Campbell.
J. M. Schneider.
A. W. Feick.

FOR THIRD DEPUTY.
Nominated But Retired.
D. Gross, Jr.
F. G. Gardiner.
J. F. McKay.
E. Bricker.
C. O. Hahn.
A. W. Feick.
A. B. Campbell.
L. McBrine.

FOR COUNCILLORS.
8 to be elected.
In the Contest.
Otto J. Martin.
John Lewis.
W. Luft.

Nominated But Retired.
W. J. Moody.
John Cochran.
D. Gross, Jr.
Sam. Brubacher.
J. B. Campbell.
J. M. Schneider.
Hy. Schuetz.
E. Bricker.
J. F. McKay.
A. W. Feick.
Casper Braun.
D. Wey.
Joa. Winterhalt.
K. Hartung.
Oliver Master.
C. C. Hahn.
H. A. Dietrich.
L. McBrine.
S. Lutz.
N. Asmusen.
Dr. J. E. Hett.
P. K. Weber.
A. B. Schneider.
A. Dengis.
J. H. Fehrenbach.
A. A. Voelker.
W. E. Shantz.

SEWER COMMISSIONERS.
4 to be elected.
Wm. Schafer.
Abraham Jackson.
K. H. Bricker.
Louis Ernst.
Nominated But Retired.
John Cochran.
John Fried.
Amos Bricker.
Simon Bowman.
Dr. J. E. Hett.
F. Walter.
Dr. G. H. Bowlby.
J. M. Schneider.
H. Martin.
Jac. Kiesel.
Otto J. Martin.
J. H. Fehrenbach.

LIGHT COMMISSIONERS.
4 to be elected.
Aug. R. Lang.
A. L. Breithaupt.
Jacob Kaufman.
Geo. Lippert.
Hy. Schuetz, retired.
WATER COMMISSIONERS.
4 to be elected.
In the Contest.
John C. Breithaupt.
K. Hartung.
H. J. Bowman.
Geo. Rumpel.
E. Quirnbach.
P. S. Lautenschlager.
Nominated But Retired.
John A. Lang.
S. Helser.
R. Smyth.
F. Kratz.
O. B. Stauffer.

Geo. Buchhaupt.
Aug. Schippenowski.
FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES.
East Ward.
W. D. Euler, elected accl.
F. Kress, retired.
West Ward.
In the Contest.
C. L. Pearson.
D. Knorr.
South Ward.
In the Contest.
L. Sattler.
Albert Schwartz.
Centre Ward.
F. Kress, elected accl.
North Ward.
John R. Schilling, accl.

OLD COUNCIL REMAINS IN OFFICE.

An unusual state of affairs prevails in Berlin today.

There will have to be another nomination and, if necessary, an election for the offices of Mayor, reeveship and deputy reeveship and councillors. The voting will take place next Tuesday on three by-laws, and the water commission.

All the old members of the Light Commission are re-elected by acclamation.

At the hour of 12, noon, today the only persons who had qualified were John Lewis, Otto Martin and Wm. Luft for the Council, C. O. Hahn and F. G. Gardiner for second deputy reeveship; W. V. Uttley and G. M. DeBus for reeveship and A. Bricker and J. F. McKay for the mayoralty. This year's Council will consist of 14 members. Only enough had qualified for the election of six members. The statute provides that where less than one half of the members qualify, the Town Clerk shall declare the nominations void, and hold another one for all the members. In case a majority had qualified, in this case eight, an election would have been held, and the members elected being a majority, would call for another election to fill the vacancies. But there being no majority, the old Council remains in office until the new one is elected. The Town Clerk will hold another nomination soon, but will first confer with Town Solicitor.

There was some question whether there could not be an election for the mayoralty, reeveships and second deputy ships, for which candidates had been qualified for a contest, but the solicitor advised that the law provides for a new election for all the members.

BIG CROWD—KEEN INTEREST

The annual stock taking of Berlin's municipal matters took place on New Year's eve when the stewards of the citizens gave an account of their work for the year. That a keen and healthy interest is taken in the town's affairs was shown by the large attendance. The Opera House was crowded and more than a few could not gain admittance. The need of a big hall, such as it is proposed to fit up, in the second storey of the new market building, was strongly shown.

There were many candidates nominated during the hour set—from 7.30 to 8.30 and on account of the holiday candidates had until 12 o'clock today to file their qualifications. All who did not do so, will not have their names on the ballot papers. The above is the state as it appeared at 12 today.

Counting the duplicate nominations there were over 120 in the hour, averaging over two a minute. The first candidate nominated was J. R. Schilling as School Trustee for the North Ward. He went in by acclamation as did Mr. F. Kress, trustee, Centre Ward.

Returning Officer Aletter was appointed chairman of the Public Meeting following the nominations and he called for the Chairman of the commission and Public Boards to come up on the platform.

THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Mayor Bricker was first called on and expressed the pleasure it afforded him to come before such a fine audience of ratepayers. He then proceeded to read the Mayor's statement. The lighting on the stage was poor, so the Mayor said he would have to do to do as Allen Huber does—look over his glasses. "If it were me on the platform they'd turn out the lights," sang out Mr. Huber. The Mayor said the man who turned out the lights on Mr. Huber displayed bad judgment, and as Mayor, he expressed his displeasure at such action.

He then read his statement of assets and liabilities to Dec. 31st. The assets were shown at \$78,338.15 and a credit balance of \$328.55. Copies of the financial statement were circulated in the audience.

It had been a pleasure for him as Mayor to work with the Council of 1906. Their relations had been of a pleasant character and the business had been carried on in a business-like way, and fair and square to all. The year has been one of great prosperity and expansion in Berlin—a banner year in fact. He recited the new factories built and extensions made to others, and pointed with pride to the fact that outsiders had not been called in, but that these additions to our industries had been made by our own people, out of their own money, showing they have confidence in the town. This energy and attention to business is characteristic of the German people. Berlin's fine homes are a credit to the town and the fine new churches are an evidence of righteousness.

He reviewed the work of the year, touching first on the agreement with the Bell Phone Co. to put its wires underground. Some found fault because Berlin gave the Company a five year franchise. But for several years the Company had not been paying anything for the franchise, and the Company was willing to go to the expense of \$16,000 to put the wires underground, and to grant five phones free, for a five year franchise. At the end of five years, the Mayor said the franchise will be worth \$3,000 a year. The preparation for the pavement of King Street and the reorganization of the fire department were touched on. The fire department had 30 calls during the year, 8 by the Mayor and Committee Chairman. A by-law authorized the chief to make systematic inspection of buildings and this is a big step in advance.

VOTE FOR POWER BY-LAW.

Taking up the by-laws he urged a 1 to vote for the Niagara Power by-law. The present plant is running its full capacity and the growth of the town will be in a short time demand the spending of \$100,000 for extensions to the service. By voting for Niagara Power the town will be taking a step that will enable it, by spending from \$12,000 to \$15,000, to buy and use Niagara power, sufficient to supply the needs for a long time.

SUPPORT THESE TWO BY-LAWS.

The Mayor sympathized with the West Ward, in not having a sewer and urged every voter to vote in favor of the West Ward sewer. The market by-law was also endorsed. The proposition was outlined; by giving more and larger table spaces, at a little higher rate the purchasers could have more room and could, by having larger choice, buy cheaper. A second story may be built, with a large hall. The market revenue is now about \$1,000. The added tables would bring in about \$300 more than now; from 5 to 10 cent rentals from teams about \$250 could be raised; the basement of the town hall could be rented for \$100 and the old market building for from \$500 to \$250. This would mean a revenue of about \$1,900. On the \$20,000 debenture the yearly payment amounts to \$1,573.52; so there would be a net revenue of \$326. But if it could only be made self sustaining it could mean a great benefit in cheaper produce.

WILL STAND AGAIN.

He announced the decision to stand for a second term. If he had filled the office and done his duty the first year he could do it better the second. He would not say a thing against any man who would oppose him. But he felt he has a first claim and if elected will continue to the work and

carry out, as far as he can, the wishes of the people.

SCHOOL BOARD AFFAIRS.

A new feature of nomination proceedings was the address and report from the Chairman of the Board of Education. It was a good, interesting feature. Mr. J. L. Meisner said he had not heard a great deal of criticism; he was glad and proud of the harmonious manner in which the trustees had worked for the benefit of the town. All the education the masses receive is the public schools and he takes the stand that it should be the best we can give them.

A BIG SURPLUS.

He then read a statement of finances for the year, as follows—

| RECEIPTS. | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| Balance on Hand Jan. 1st 06 | \$ 40.87 |
| Government Grants | 1484.56 |
| County Grant | 300.00 |
| Fees | 120.00 |
| Town of Berlin | 23924.48 |
| | \$25869.91 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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|------------------------------|------------|
| Salaries | \$18866.59 |
| Fuel & Supplies | 1997.37 |
| Repairs | 1186.13 |
| Free Scribbles, Printing etc | 866.19 |
| Equipment, Furniture etc. | 228.40 |
| Improving Grounds | 34.25 |
| Debentures | 1763.55 |
| Sundry Expenses | 148.75 |
| | \$25305.21 |
| SURPLUS Dec. 31st. | \$ 564.70 |

The surplus was rather a big one, but the Board did not need the money so did not spend it.

The school buildings and sites are valued at \$85,000, and with an equipment of \$5,000, the total value is \$90,000.

There are 36 teachers on the staff and 4 caretakers. During 1906 there were 813 boys and 804 enrolled and with 210 in the kindergartens, the total number is 1807.

It cost \$14.00 to educate each child in attendance at the schools. Taking this into consideration, people have not much right to kick at a high assessment.

The schools cost a lot of money but Berlin can be proud of their standing.

SEWER SYSTEM WORK

Dr. Honsberger appeared before the electors for the fifth time as head of the town's sewage disposal department. He had a different story to tell this time. Instead of a bad system and damage suits, he reported a completed system, giving excellent satisfaction. The Sewer Commission has had a good year, financially and otherwise. Last year they had estimated \$1,000 would be needed to complete the work under way. Provided the Government would vote \$4,000, only \$900 would need to be raised. The Government had generously given \$4,000. As a Liberal, he wanted to say a good word for the Conservative Gov't. They have their eye on Berlin and appreciate the work Berlin has done. The town ought not to be afraid to appeal to the Gov't for aid in such a dilemma. Of that amount voted by the town there is left between \$1200 and \$1400, and all the work is paid but Mr. Clement's fees.

The estimate for the maintenance of the whole system of over 20 miles, was placed at \$3,000 and for making the connections \$1400. The report shows a surplus of \$301.77—or rather the work done for that much less than the estimates. Some departments went ahead, others behind, the estimates. The Commission spent in all \$26884.43. Speaking of sewer maintenance, he said there had been only one complaint this year. Berlin had a typhoid epidemic. People looked for different causes. Dr. Hett looked at the cow's udder, others looked down wells; others at town water; no one ever mentioned or suspected the sewer system. There was spent on connection account \$1637.34, \$237 more than estimated. The farm maintenance cost \$2682.68. The connections had been built by day labor, and he found the cost about same as by contract. The average cost per foot was \$1.24. The figures for the last five years were; 1903—\$1.07; 1904, \$1.11; 1905, \$1.07; 1906, \$1.24. There are various ways of accounting for it. One is that the pipe cost 20 a foot more and the backfilling has been better done, at a little higher cost. The men had worked faithfully.

The new sewage disposal system works magnificently. He read from a

\$75,200 Named

AS ST. RY. PRICE.

At 3 p. m. today the Street Railway Committee took up the arbitrators award. The Board says the the Street Railway property is worth 75,200 and orders costs of about \$3400 to be paid by town.

This price is considered as a big win for the town, the Company's claim being over \$200,000.

letter from Dr. Amyot showing that the samples sent down from all the beds every month, averaged 94% of purification. Dr. Amyot is very highly pleased with the results. He gave a liberal amount of praise and credit to Engineer Davis who laid out the works and had charge of their construction.

He pointed out the necessity for a West Ward Sewer. The one proposed in the by-law will serve about the entire west ward and will be a great advantage to that section. The assessments would pay for a large section of it.

He reviewed the work done during the five years he was connected with the department. Six miles of sewers had been laid, five lawsuits were waded through; a proper solution of the problem had been arrived at; and 21 miles of sewers have been taken care of.

In declaring his determination to retire he said he had done the best he could, though that had not been perfection. His own interests demand that he retire; he hoped the other commissioners would remain, and if they did, everyone should vote for them. He thanked the citizens for their confidence in the Board. During his five years, \$13,000 had been spent; He desired to retire from all the offices for this year, perhaps for many years. He thanked all for their kindnesses, and said that Mayor Bricker had offered to retire in his favor if he would be a mayorality candidate. He thought Mr. Bricker should be re-elected.

LIGHT AND POWER PLANT.

Mr. A. L. Breithaupt of the Light Commission gave an exhaustive and most gratifying report of the work of that Board for the eleven months up to Dec. 1st, when their business year closes. There has been a net profit of \$1847.71 for that term, after all interest and debenture payments have been made. The report is too detailed to publish here, but will be gone into more fully in the near future. Some outstanding features are that during this term 178 new gas services were added, an increase of 25%; 100 miles of electric current 197, an increase of 25%. There are now 906 gas and electric consumers. The capacity of the electrical end of the plant has been increased by 60%, and the load has grown at different periods of the day from 50% to 200%. 2 1/2 miles of gas mains were laid, and 3 1/2 mile service mains. Our lighting rate is lower than any other place in Ontario, save Ottawa, and power cheaper than any other place but Hamilton. The gas end will be adequate for many years. The electric end will carry the load for another year. The present equipment will do for distributing Niagara power if it comes in the spring of 1908, but if not, the plant will have to be extended to carry the winter load of 1908. The object of the Commission is to give at all times a reasonable service, at as low a price as possible, as is good business.

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THE WEATHER

Fresh to strong northeast winds, cloudy, Thursday sleet and rain.

Mr. I. Horst of Waterloo, will go to London shortly as head clerk in the Canadian Express Co's office.

NIAGARA POWER

Question—Must the city or town distribute the power?

Answer—It can either distribute it or arrange with a local company to do so, in which case the Hydro-Electric Commission will control the rates and see that the municipality is not charged too much for the service.

Question—Can too city or town sell the power less than it cost as a bonus?

Answer—The Commission will not allow the power to be sold less than cost in any city or town, so that it cannot be used as a bonus to secure factories from other towns.

Question—How long will it take to get power?

Answer—From one to two years from the time construction commences.

Question—Who furnishes the money to bring the power to the cities?

Answer—The government through the Hydro-Electric Power Commission.

Question—How do they get re-paid for their investment?

Answer—The consumers pay it in the price for power.

Question—Some letters are appearing in the Toronto papers criticizing the Commission power plans.

Answer—If you look at the bottom of those letters you will find them marked add, or adv, showing that they are paid advertisements.

Question—Who pays for them?

Answer—Presumably the Power Trust, as who else would spend large sums paying for such ads.