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WATFORD NOMINATION MEETING

Nominations for municipal officers drew a fairly large crowd to the Music Hall on Monday evening, the room being comfortably filled and good order attained through-out the meeting.

Clerk W. S. Fuller opened the call for nominations promptly at 7.30 and below are given the names of the citizens nominated by their fellow-ratepayers for the various municipal offices for 1925:

For Reeve

W. G. CONNOLLY, by J. McGillicuddy and H. W. Nixon.
W. E. FITZGERALD, by J. D. Brown and J. Doar.
HARRY HOLLINGSWORTH, by T. Collins and E. Dobbin.
SANFORD STAPLEFORD, by W. H. Shrapnell and W. E. Fitzgerald.
JACOB D. BROWN, by W. E. Fitzgerald and P. Garson.

For Councillors

HARRY HOLLINGSWORTH, by F. H. Lovell and John Coupland.
JOHN DOAR, by W. G. Connolly and G. O. Stephenson.
BASIL SAUNDERS, by J. D. Brown and J. Doar.
NELSON HAWN, by Peter Garson and Roy Hollingsworth.
FRANK PRITCHETT, by W. E. Fitzgerald and J. D. Brown.
ASA RUMFORD, by W. H. Shrapnell and W. E. Fitzgerald.
RICH. WILLIAMSON, by Roy Hollingsworth and Peter Garson.
J. R. MCCORMICK, by W. H. Shrapnell and G. N. Howden.

For Board of Education

GEO. O. STEPHENSON, by W. G. Connolly and C. H. Hollingsworth.
DR. GEO. N. HOWDEN, by J. Mc Kercher and Chas. W. Sawers.
RICHARD WILLIAMSON, by G. N. Howden and J. Mc Kercher.
J. W. McLAREN, by J. Mc Kercher and G. N. Howden.
H. W. NIXON, by W. E. Fitzgerald and A. Rumford.
DR. JOHN MCGILLICUDDY, by W. E. Fitzgerald and A. Rumford.
REV. T. DeC. RAYNER, by W. E. Fitzgerald and A. Rumford.

THOS. B. TAYLOR, by A. Rumford and W. H. Shrapnell.
FRANK A. PRITCHETT, by H. W. Nixon and J. McGillicuddy.
DR. GEORGE HICKS, by A. Rumford and Peter Garson.
FRANK LOVELL, by G. N. Howden and George Hicks.

Public Utilities Commission

JOHN T. KERSEY, by John G. McIntosh and F. H. Just.
W. L. MILLAR, by W. G. Connolly and W. C. Aylesworth.
J. R. MCCORMICK, by R. Morningstar and Chas. W. Sawers.
RAY MORNINGSTAR, by Geo. O. Stephenson and A. Routly.
HARRY WILLIAMS, by A. E. Mc Kercher and B. Saunders.

After closing the hour of nominations and reading the names of those so nominated, Mr. Fuller was unanimously acclaimed Chairman of the ensuing meeting, and in his opening remarks reminded his audience that he had filled in the capacity for 21 consecutive years. He thought the retiring Council and Boards should be called upon to answer for their year's stewardship and each member proceeded in his turn.

REEVE CONNOLLY was particularly pleased to see such a splendid turnout of ratepayers and it was with a great deal of satisfaction that he could look back upon the Council's year's work.

He explained the raising of the assessment from \$432,000 to \$492,000 and the tax rate being reduced from 62 to 52 mills. He pointed to the fact that the Council had raised nearly \$1,000 less in taxes this year than last, notwithstanding the fact that the Board of Education had called for over \$1,200 more. 1923 taxes amounted to \$27,990; 1924 to \$27,029. Rigid economy had been practiced and preached at every meeting throughout the year, and although some expenditures for repairs etc., had run into more money than had been anticipated, considerable saving had been accomplished.

He wished to publicly thank the other members of the council for their constant co-operation and assistance and said that they had been

practically unanimous on every question that came up throughout the year, each member doing his part to guard the expenditures and to keep the town in a good state of repair at the lowest possible cost.

He touched on a few points, where in he was aware that he had received a little criticism, but believed after a little comment and explanation, most of the ratepayers would agree that the proper course of procedure had been taken.

There had been a change made in the cleaning of Main street pavement getting it away from the system of voluntary contributions and properly affixed on a frontage basis. Property owners in the business section paid a very small frontage tax, whereas previously some merchants with short 22-ft frontage often contributed ten times their share.

Commenting on the greatly improved conditions of Watford's side streets (with the exception of Wall street) he said the town owed a vote of thanks to Councillor Jno. Doar for his persistent pleas to the C.N.R. for more cars of cinders for the roadways. When they had been unable to secure cinders, gravel had been purchased until now the streets are in their best condition.

He reminded the ratepayers that although the Council had stood ready to make a substantial grant to the Old Home Week fund, everyone was proud of the fact that it had not been needed, so like true Scots they had kept their money in the town's pocket. The Committee now had a splendid surplus of nearly \$1,500 to add to the Soldiers' Memorial Fund, which with the active co-operation of all citizens should be brought into form next year.

He explained that two years ago a vote of opinion was taken and a large majority authorized the Council to provide \$2,000 when needed towards the erection of a suitable Memorial. He was aware of the diversified opinion as to where the Memorial should be placed and in what form it should be. He felt there was now sufficient funds to warrant procedure next year, and it was now up to the town to become unanimous as to location and design. If he was re-elected as Reeve he would consider its erection one of the year's tasks.

He spoke of his two years' work in the County Council; had been honored this year by appointment to the Public Buildings Committee and assured his hearers that in every case the village of Watford had received considerable praise for its steady progress from every member of the Council. County Council had seen fit to continue their good roads grant to Watford, although the County received no subsidy from the Provincial Govt. in return. He reminded the ratepayers the 1923 grant amounted to \$1438.28, while in 1924 this was increased to \$1763.90, all of which was used to retipe our pavement de-benture.

Commenting on O.T.A. enforcement he said Watford authorities stand ready to enforce all laws and statutes and that the necessary by-law authorizing our officers to enforce the O.T.A. had been passed years ago. He maintained that it was the duty of every citizen (not the Reeve and Council only) to see that the much discussed O.T.A. was enforced and was quite confident that if any complaints were laid to our local officers instead of calling upon the county or provincial officers then any fines resulting would find their way into the corporation treasure chest.

HARRY HOLLINGSWORTH, Councillor, outlined the work accomplished in his Division; admitted that he had only expended \$256.15 on many repairs and roadmaking which had been badly needed, and was sure the Reeve had given an excellent accounting of the year's work.

J. R. MCCORMICK was not present. JOHN DOAR reported work done in his Division; said he had done considerable graveling where it was most needed and had been successful in securing over 50 cars of cinders from the C.N.R. which had not cost the town a cent. These had been used on the streets with great success.

J. D. BROWN, who had taken the seat vacated by Councillor Phil. E. Fuller on his removal to Detroit, was the next called. He remarked that the crowd reminded him of the nomination meetings they had in the old days. He recalled the stormy days of the past generation and commented on the often hopeless fights that a new candidate had to wage to win his spurs and his first seat on the Town Council. Competition was keen then and a successful new man would find himself hedged in between a bunch of veteran runners. He recalled the election of January 1st, 1900, where he was elected to the Council for the first time. In that year the tax rate was 21 mills and when a few years later the rate increased to 26 mills there were more protests and maledictions hurled on the heads of

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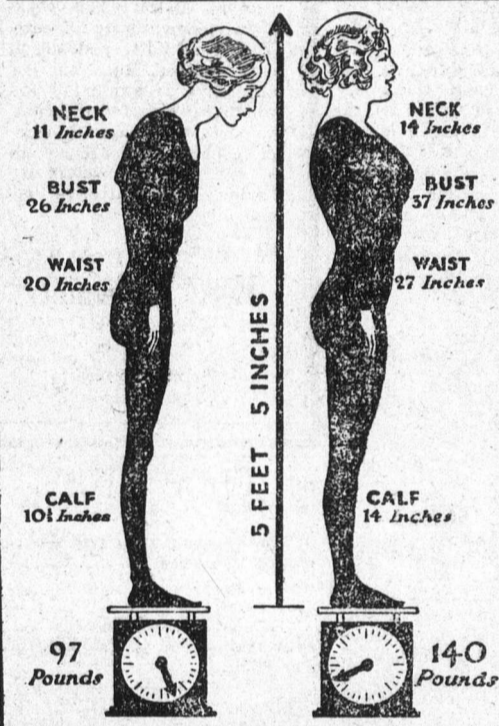
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