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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BIRTHS.

THORNTON.—On Wednesday, Dec. 27th, the wife of Dr. A. W. Thorne, of a daughter.

THE PROBABLES.

G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Dec. 27, 10 a. m.—Westerly winds, fair and cold. Thursday cold.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Wm. Bruce, of London, spent Christmas in the Maple City.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Goodwin leave for Grand Rapids today.

Mrs. F. E. Young, Vancouver, B. C., is visiting Mrs. Wm. Ball, Cross St.

John Sullivan, of St. Thomas, is in the city attending the funeral of his brother.

Hiram Davis, mother and daughter, Leora, who have been in Port Huron, Mich., returned home today.

Major Rankin returned last evening from a visit with his brother, Archie Rankin, Paisley.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Barry, who were married at Port Huron on Saturday, assembled and welcomed the newly married couple to their home last evening.

Mrs. J. Turner and son, Robert, Leora Ave., are visiting relatives in St. Catharines.

Miss Grace Gammage is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. D. E. Eckert, Toronto.

Miss Carrie Shaw, of Toronto, spent Christmas with relatives in the Maple City.

Charles Cole, Robt. Shore and Victor Skirving leave today for London to present themselves for examination for South African service.

Arch. Patterson was well pleased at his sentence of three years. He expected seven although he still protests his innocence.

The funeral of the late Chas. Sullivan took place this afternoon and was quite largely attended. The A. O. F. and A. O. U. W. attended in a body. The pallbearers were the four brothers of the deceased—Alfred, Arthur, Fred and Timothy.

Mrs. Latimer, daughter of Mrs. Symington, and a former resident of this city, was brought all the way from Butte City, Montana, to the Public General Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Latimer was so ill that she had to be brought all the way in the baggage car. She is very poorly.

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ALL IS NOW OVER.

The Council for 1899 Closes up Business.

A Vote of the People on Improving the Leading Thoroughfares Recommended—The Usual Courtesy.

The city council of Chatham for the year 1899, A. D., is now an organization in history. Last evening, the members wound up the business of the year, generously extended to each other the customary cordial closing courtesies and adjourned sine die.

The business of the evening was largely routine in nature. A number of communications were dealt with and accounts passed upon, the reports of the various civic committees were submitted and approved, while the by-law dealing with the restriction of canines running at large was discussed at some length and finally left to the council.

The meeting wound up in a most pleasing manner. Congratulatory and complimentary motions were passed to the worthy Mayor Smith, the chairman of the civic committee, the city clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms Holmes, and the reporters of the local newspapers.

FINANCE REPORT.

Ald. Scane reported on behalf of the Finance Committee:

"That the assessment of Mrs. E. Northwood, block E, lots 1 and 2, be reduced \$150, that being amount of error."

We recommend placing to the credit of the Library Board \$200, but as this will overdraw the appropriation, the amount overdrawn will be charged to next year's appropriation. Adopted.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Ald. Martin reported on behalf of the Board of Works:

"That the account of J. J. Couzens for laying asphaltine stone walk on Bartle St., and west side of Head St., \$399.68, be paid. There is a discrepancy of about seventy square feet between Mr. Couzens's bill and engineer's report. Committee recommends payment on amount of engineer's report."

Recommended payment of balance due W. H. Garswell on granolithic walk contract, amounting to \$589.01; also Wm. Chrysler, sprinkling, \$20.

In the matter of communication of board of health about water in the cellar of J. C. Wanless, your committee instructed the engineer to investigate the situation as to levels, etc., and he reports a fall to Mud Creek drain, a distance of about 500 feet, of 5 feet, this being the nearest outlet to which this drain would have to be constructed and as there are no funds available for that purpose, resolution.

In compliance with your worship's order your committee interviewed the city solicitor to get his advice as to the council's jurisdiction in expending public money on the permanent improvement of some of our leading thoroughfares and he advises that under the present system of frontage the council have no power to go further than general repairs. To raise money for permanent improvements there would have to be a by-law setting forth amount required to be raised and how expended, submit this by-law to a general vote of the ratepayers and issue debentures in the event of it being approved. "This your committee would advise being done to permanently improve at least three street, viz., Park street, St. Clair street, and the western end of King street, to the city limits in each case."

Your committee beg to further report that the following improvements have been made this year under the frontage system:

Granolithic walks \$5,372
Planks walks 5,351
Sewers 5,825
Roads, Macadam 3,468

Total 17,929

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Walks, and sewer repairs \$1,138

Sweeping and cleaning King St 322

Cutting, scraping and grading streets 1,371

Cleaning street crossings and cutting weeds 530

Repairing King street 320

Total 3,680

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Unclassified general work 578

Foreman's wages 410

Share of engineer's salary 468

Total \$5,131

Grand total, \$23,000.

The above does not include cost of material for repairs.

Ald. Martin explained that he presented this more as a statement than as a report. It was accordingly received.

PROPERTY REPORT.

Ald. Cowan reported on behalf of the property committee as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the disposal of the unused desks recently used by the city council, recommend sales for three desks and three chairs at \$7 each, desk and chairs.—Adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From ratepayers on Wellington St. asking reduction on cost of macadam by reason of same having been constructed in unreasonable weather and an extravagant manner. Referred to finance.

From City Engineer Shackleton submitting annual report. Received.

From Emily Cumming protesting against raising of assessment on house from \$400 to \$500. Reduced to \$400.

From C. E. Milvain asking rebate of amount paid for cemetery lot. Ref. to parks and cemetery.

From Alfred W. Palmer asking transference of cemetery lot. Granted.

ACCOUNTS REFERRED.

Police station \$ 71 85

Sawyer-Massey Co 350 00

City treasurer 20 10

Joe Westmore 3 50

Waterworks dept 5,130 00

Diamond Glass Co 5 00

Canada Electric Co 23 00

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

Bell Telephone Co 15

City clerk postage 4 00

Wm Rennie 10 30

W. R. Baxter 5 00

W. R. Baxter 7 00

Bell Telephone Co 70

Waterworks dept 40 00

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FOR S. S. TRUSTEES.

The supporters of St. Joseph's Separate school met today and nominated the following candidates for trustees for the term 1900-1901, ex-Ald. J. J. O'Keefe acting as returning officer:

Ward No. 1.

J. T. O'Keefe, by J. Taff and Wm. Healey.

Matthew J. Doyle, by J. Gordon and Wm. H. Curran.

Ward No. 2.

Peter Blonde, by Jas. Marshall and H. LaJoie.

Joseph Kenney, by Wm. Healey and H. LaJoie.

Ward No. 3.

William O'Brien, by Wm. Healey and Jos. Kenney.

James A. Gordon, by H. LaJoie and Jos. Kenney.

Ward No. 4.

H. LaJoie, by Wm. Kenney and Jos. Kenney.

Wm. H. Curran, by Jacob Blonde and Jos. Kenney.

John Stevens, by Ed. Reardon and John Welsh.

Ward No. 5.

John Welsh, by Jas. Marshall and Jos. Kenney.

Jas. Dillon, by Wm. Healey and Jos. Kenney.

Eugene Thibodeau, by John Welsh and M. J. Doyle.

In ward 1 Mat. Doyle withdrew in favor of J. T. O'Keefe, and in ward 4, Homer LaJoie and William Curran withdrew in favor of John Stevens so that J. T. O'Keefe and John Stevens were declared elected by acclamation.

Ex-Ald. Jas. Dillon also withdrew from the contest in ward 5. The proceedings were then adjourned until Wednesday Jan. 3rd, when the election will be