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"THE PEOPLE'S TICKET"

Is Likely to Meet With Opposition on Monday Next.

And Not Have the Glory of a Walk Over. Statement of the Passing Council.—Financial Condition of the Town.—Who Will be Nominated Tomorrow.

The Citizens' Meeting, previous to Nomination Day is becoming an important event in the history of Woodstock town politics. It does not follow that those who are nominated by this meeting will all be elected, nor that a candidate who ignores the meeting must certainly be defeated; but it means that the candidate without the endorsement of the meeting starts with a handicap, which he may easily overcome or not overcome at all.

Perhaps the influence of the meeting's action is best illustrated by the quiet reminder conveyed to the candidates for the mayoralty, that they would have shown wisdom by



MAYOR HAY.

waiting for the action of the meeting, and the fact that these same candidates took this kindly admonition, very much as well-drilled children would take the reproof of a father or mother who told them that they had done wrong, but it would be forgiven them if they braced up for the future.

Still the time may come, in the future when an attempt may be made to pack such a meeting in the interest of certain parties, in which case this public meeting with nominating powers, so weighty, must dismiss before the power that created it.

This by way of an introductory sermonette. In spite of the severe snow storm there was a large attendance at Friday evening's meeting, the largest on any occasion since the act was passed placing the time of meeting before nomination.

Mr. W. S. Saunders was called to the chair. He briefly announced the purpose of the meeting and introduced Mayor Hay who was in excellent form and voice, and was quite cordially received by the audience. He commenced his address by giving the following statement regarding the expenditure and receipts for the year past.

EXPENDITURE.		
Bal. from 1897.....		964 88
Pd Int. Col. Deb.....	\$3206 25	
" Water.....	100 00	
" Ord. (E. L.).....	90 00	
" Stand Pipe.....	508 25	
" Sewers.....	888 00	4792 50
Water Works Expenses.....	2109 83	
" Fuel.....	1029 58	
" Service and Extensions.....	110 10	3249 51
Electric Expense.....	905 61	1305 61
" Fuel.....	400 00	1302 24
Poor.....		2799 08
Streets.....		4801 25
Schools.....		1343 71
Fire.....		851 24
Police.....		300 00
Salaries.....		121 25
Health.....		540 00
Team.....		61 72
Town Hall.....		197 04
Bank Interest.....		147 00
Printing.....		140 00
Assessors.....		1568 97
County Purposes.....		1036 60
Fire Alarm.....		126 74
Scotts Act Expenses.....		232 30
Warehouse.....		447 05
Scales.....		5 75
Hose.....		240 00
Miscellaneous.....		462 04
Total.....		\$27036.49

RECEIPTS.		
From Asst. 1898.....	\$15200 53	
1897.....	1241 22	
1896.....	120 76	
1895.....	61 02	
1894.....	21 58	
1893.....	11 34	
1892.....	13 37	
Water Rates.....	16669 84	
Licenses.....	5422 24	
Scott Act Fines.....	774 50	
Rent from Town Hall.....	242 00	
Scales.....	77 00	
Eng. House No. 2.....	71 50	
Farm Produce, Logs, etc.....	46 00	
Sewer Rates.....	208 02	
Recd. for Road Machine and Curbing.....	532 46	
Sale of Leather.....	16 90	
	13 00	
Total.....		\$24073 46

Continuing, His Worship said that the taxes had been pretty well paid up. It was a hard year, however, and no poor man had been unduly distressed, nor had there been a single incarceration in the county gaol for taxes. The expenditure on street account had been large, but he thought the citizens were well satisfied with the results, and in view of the good work that had been done, no fault would be found with the over expenditure. The value of the granite furnished by the citizens, who along Main St. had the asphalt laid, was \$581.33, which was practically a present, beside the taxes paid. An appropriation of \$450 had been made for a striker on the fire bell, but on the advice of the chief engineer, it was decided to put a fire alarm in each fireman's house instead, and that was secured at a cost of \$124, being one of the most complete in the country. The rate of taxation was reduced from 1.29 to 1.25 per hundred. He thanked the people for the trust reposed in him and he would only say that however good a past or future council might be, he did not think there could be found six more efficient gentlemen than the council over which he had presided, as an unworthy head.

Coun. Henderson of the waterworks committee, said the total number of gallons of water pumped during last year was 68,152,860. The average daily consumption was 187,000 gallons. The waterworks had paid the interest on construction and running expenses and had netted \$500. They had collected this year in water rates, notwithstanding the hard times within \$220 of the amount to be collected. Before sitting down he referred to the erection of a store house for the town property, which he had successfully carried out this year, in spite of discouragement in the past.

Coun. Ketchum said the estimated expenditure or streets for this year was \$1500 whereas \$2800 was actually expended, an over expenditure of \$1300. The laying of the curbing and the large amount of asphalt already on hand, accounted for the over expenditure. Taking it altogether it would be found that asphalt was much the cheaper form of sidewalk compared with the old plank system. He had promised the electors that he would do his best, and that he had done.

Coun. Carr, on behalf of the Fire Department reported a slight over expenditure.

Coun. Lindsay reported a prosperous year for the electric light department. Excepting when the moon shone the electric lights might be found to be doing their duty.

Coun. Jones went thoroughly into the question of the poor department and stated that there are ten inmates in the alms house.

Coun. Graham spoke briefly for the Finance Department. Then, with Mr. Saunders again elected chairman, the meeting turned itself into a citizens' nomination gathering. On motion of John Connor, seconded by U. R. Hanson, it was decided to nominate a committee of five to select candidates for the new town council election.

The following were elected such a committee:—John Connor, Geo. W. White, James Drysdale, W. P. Jones, Col. R. B. Ketchum. While the committee was in deliberation, the candidates for the mayoralty were called upon for addresses.

Mr. J. R. Murphy was well received. In the course of his remarks he said he had grown gray in the service of the town. In the past, he had served the town to the best of his ability and he trusted they would not now cast him off in his old age. (Laughter). This town has had for its chief magistrates, at different times some very eminent men, the chief of whom had been lawyers. Lately there had been a good many dry goods men, and he thought now would be a good time to vote down the grasping dry goods man and give the honest lawyer a chance. It was sometimes urged against him that he was not very sound in the temperance cause. All he could say to that was that he considered he was just as good a man morally as his opponent, and that was saying nothing against him. He believed in encouraging the industrial development of Woodstock.

Mr. R. B. Jones, the other candidate, was also well welcomed. His opponent made the claim that he was connected with the town council some 18 years ago. While he claimed that he had grown gray in the service of the town it might be perhaps said he had grown gray in his own service. He (Jones) was born and brought up here and had always tried to do his duty. He did not claim to be a good speaker, and had been told that he was a very poor canvasser. Well! he did not like the idea of running up to men and canvassing them for their votes. If he was elected he would use his utmost endeavour to further the interests of the town.

Addresses were made by Messrs. T. C. L. Ketchum, Jas. Watts, and G. L. Holyoke, after which the committee returned with the following report:—for councillors for ensuing year:—Jas. Carr, Alex. Henderson, James Watts, W. H. Everett, A. E. Jones, John Graham.

On motion of Frank B. Carvell, seconded by George Balmain, a resolution was passed endorsing this report, and the nominees all said they would run excepting Mr. Everett, and he was not sure he would not be found in the race.

Then, the meeting broke up.

WAS MOST IMPOLITE.

Unwarranted Liberty Taken With a Bank Agent.

The Horse Goes For the Bank Like a Man With a Cheque To Be Cashied.—Cruelty To Animals. More Especially Pigs.—Butchers Espouse the Cause of One of them.

G. A. White, agent of the People's Bank of Halifax in Woodstock, was contemplating the busy stir on King street, and estimating big profits for his concern when the pulp mill should be built, as he gazed out through the handsome plate glass front on Saturday afternoon. His pleasant reverie was disturbed by the sudden appearance coming at a 2.30 clip of a driverless horse and sleigh. The horse went straight for the agent in the window. The bank representative drew back just in time to save himself from a bad mix-up. The horse, belonging to John Emery of Jacksonville, dashed on to the sidewalk, then he turned again to the middle of the road. The sleigh slewed and striking against the window, smashed it badly. Nobody was hurt, and it is understood that there was ample insurance protection. And the bank agent is safe.

Slaughter Houses.

There was a great time between the Agent of the S. P. C. A. and the Inspector of the board of health on the one hand and the butchers of the town on the other, for two days last week, and the scene of the struggle was the Police Court. It appears that the agent of the S. P. C. A., which is brief for the Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, laid an information against one of the butchers for cruelty in the care of his pigs, prepared for slaughter. The cruelty according to the S. P. C. A. did not lie in putting the knife to the pigs for that is unavoidable. The pigs and other animals must die that man may live. This the S. P. C. A. recognizes. But, it was claimed that the butcher in question treated his pigs with unnecessary cruelty, while awaiting capital punishment, and on this charge a case came before the Magistrate. It was, of course, really a test case, and the whole question of conducting slaughter houses came up, the impression being left on the minds of the attendants at Court, that the slaughter houses of Woodstock are not models of cleanliness. Still, slaughter houses can never be as pleasant to the sight and smell as flower conservatories. The result of the matter was that a fine was imposed on the butcher, and the magistrate strongly urged the need of a central slaughter house for the town trade.

A Pretty Christmas Tree.

The church people of Woodstock had a very enjoyable entertainment in the parish hall on Wednesday, in the annual Christmas tree for the Sunday School children. It was an exceptionally well gotten up and well patronized affair, and to say that the children attending were delighted, would be to put it very mildly. They were charmed with the charm of the Christmas tree, always a memory to little children. The tree was almost a giant of its kind and what with pretty and useful gifts for the youngsters, and many colored lights was quite the proverbial tree of St. Nicholas. A telegram caused great consternation amongst the youngsters, announcing as it did the arrival of Santa Claus, who in Mr. David Hipwell, was most admirably represented. Besides the entertainment proper, a limited programme of addresses and recitations was carried out. There were probably upwards of 300 present in all, of course including many adults. The tree was secured by Mr. Lee Raymond, who worked indefatigably in the good cause, being most cordially and ably assisted by the staff of the Sunday School teachers.

S. A. News.

The Salvation Army is having a goose and turkey supper at the Town Hall Thursday January 12th from 5 to 7 p. m.

A Jubilee will be held at 8 p. m. There will be drills by the Juniors, club swinging, Songs and Solos with brass band accompaniment etc.

Lieut. H. H. Muttart who for two months has fought faithfully in the interests of righteousness in this town will give his farewell address. He has not yet received orders as to his next appointment.

Prospective Wedding.

The marriage of Arthur McKenzie, the popular young traveller for Ganong Bros., St. Stephen, to Miss Inez Tibbitts, of Andover, is announced to take place this month. —F'ton Herald.

Cook's Penetrating Plasters.