BUSY SESSION COUNTY COUNCIL

To Submit Matters Between City and County To Arbitration — County Institutions Functioning Very Satisfactorily.

The concluding session of the Lincoln County Council for the year was a busy one, various reports being presented covering the activities of the past twelve months.

The committee appointed to go into the agreement between the county and the city of St. Catharines regarding administration of justice and other accounts for the purpose of negotiating a new agreement with the city met the committee of the St. Catharines city council. They stated however, that negotiations had failed to accomplish the desired result. The committee therefore recommended that the city committee having refused to further negotiate on the agreement between the county and the city of proceedings be instituted to bring the whole matter before the proper authorities for arbitration under the Municipal Act. In a by-law passed His Honor Judge Campbell was appointed sole arbitrator.

The Board of Management of the Industrial Home reported the home and farm to be both in first class condition, completing the year with a surplus of $4,000.

A grant of $500 was made to the St. Catharines Clinic, grants of $50.00 each to the county representative on the Children's Shelter Board, the chairman of the roads, Industrial Home and Finance Committees and secretary of the Mothers' Allowance Board, were also made. The usual honorarium was granted the warden.

The Agriculture Committee recommended the continuance of the Calf Club whose work has been popular this past year, as well as that of the Potato Club, while it commended the Lincoln County Music Festival idea, recommending that the work be continued and that music be taught in more schools in the county.

The road superintendent was also congratulated on his excellent report and tendered a vote of thanks as was also the road committee of the county.

The following reports were presented at the meeting:

Special Committee on Agreement

Your Committee appointed to go into the agreement between the County of Lincoln and the City of St. Catharines regarding Administration of Justice and other accounts, for the purpose of negotiating a new agreement with the city, met the committee from the city council at the Court House, in the City of St. Catharines on several occasions, including December 18th and failed in our negotiations to accomplish the desired result.

We therefore recommend that we have failed to obtain an agreement, "that the City Committee having refused to further negotiate on the agreement between the county and city on matters affecting the administration of Justice and other matters for which the county are functioning for both municipalities according to the statutes in that regard, that we institute proceedings to bring the whole matter before the proper authorities for arbitration under the Municipal Act."

Report of Inspector, Industrial Home

Your Board of Management has met each month during the year, which gave them an opportunity of keeping in close touch with both the Home and Farm.

The Chairman has made numerous trips to the Home throughout the year and by so doing, was able to keep a close check on the operations of both Home and Farm, and I am pleased to report that both are in first class condition.

The Board wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the Superintendent and Matron for their co-operation throughout the year, which has made it possible for the board to not only live within our estimates, but to finish the year with a surplus of approximately $4,000.00.

Also I wish to thank the clergy, the different churches, choirs, clubs, societies and bands who have been good enough to help in the social and spiritual welfare of the inmates throughout the year, and which has been very much appreciated by the Old People.

Finance

Your Finance Committee begs leave to recommend as follows:

That the communication from the County of Wellington be left over for the Council of 1934.

That the transfer of Harry Brash from Niagara Peninsula Sanatorium to the Sanatorium at Weston be approved.

That the Hospital accounts be paid on the O.K. of the chairman.

That accounts of Mr. Marquis for services rendered be paid.

That a grant of $500.00 be made to the St. Catharines Clinic.

That a grant of $50.00 be made to Mr. Nesbitt as County representative on the Children's Shelter Board.

That a grant of $50.00 be made to the chairman of roads for his services.

That a grant of $50.00 be made to the chairman of the Industrial Home for his services.

That a grant of $50.00 be made to the chairman of finance for his services.

That a grant of $300.00 be made to the Warden as an Honorarian.

That a grant of $50.00 be made to W. A. Richardson for his services as secretary of the Mothers' Allowances Board.

That a grant of $50.00 be made to Mr. Zimmerman as an honorarium.

Printing and Building

That we purchase a bank of filing cabinets for the Sheriff's office, complete with cardboard indexers, at a cost of $68.00, and that the Clerk place the order for the same.

Agriculture

At the meeting of the above council held at the Agricultural Office, St. Catharines, December 16th, it was recommended:

That the Calf Club work which has been very popular during the past year, be continued and that another club be organized in 1934 if sufficient members can be secured.

That Potato Club work be continued

That in order to have a complete Bull Census for the County that the township council, where the work has not been completed in their townships, be asked to arrange with the assessors to complete the census in 1934.

That the matter of the Annual Lincoln County Farmers' Tour be left to the 1934 Advisory Council.

That the Lincoln County Music Festival idea be commended, that the work be continued, and that music be taught in more schools in the county.

Roads

That this council congratulate the road superintendent on the compilation and presentation of the very excellent report just read and hereby tender him a sincere vote of thanks for the same and also thank the Road Committee for the able management of the Road Department expenditures and that the report be printed in the minutes.

Committee Of The Whole

Your Committee of the whole Council inspected the various County buildings and institutions comprising the Court House, Registry Office, Jail and Industrial Home, also the Children's Shelter, and beg to report as follows:

At the Jail we were courteously received by the Officials in charge and one of the outstanding features observed was the clean and tidy appearance of the entire building and the general good health of the prisoners detained.

At the Children's Shelter the same clean and tidy appearance was evident, the children appeared to be well nourished and happy under the capable and efficient management of the matron and staff, who seemed to be very much interested in their work.

The Registry Office is in good condition. The new oil burner is proving to be a very satisfactory means of heating the building and also a fuel saver over the former appliance in use.

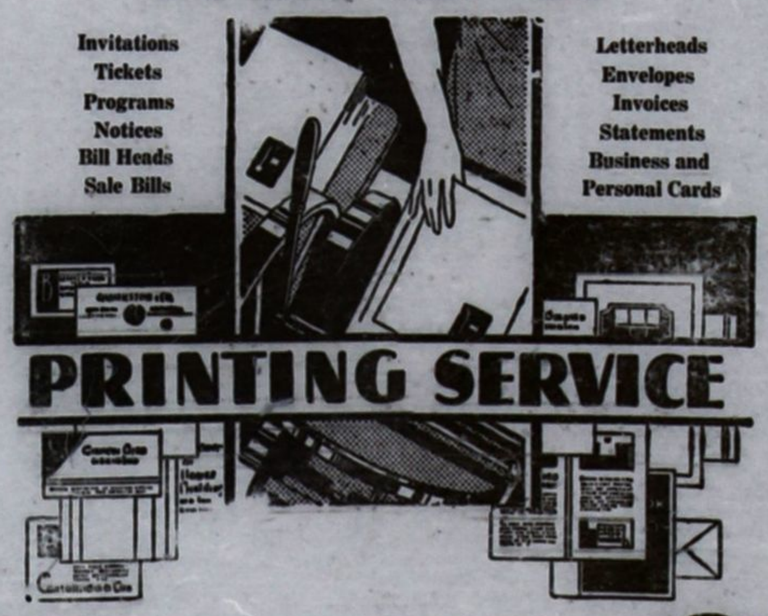
We desire to compliment the Keeper and Matron of the Industrial Home on the cleanliness and general good management of the home and also the satisfied and contented state of mind as reflected by the inmates who are very expressive of their praise of Mr. and Mrs. Sifton.

The Court House is in excellent condition and the caretaker is at all times courteous and faithful in the performance of his duties, and is to be congratulated for his good work.

SEE US FIRST FOR HIGH CLASS

Invitations
Tickets
Programs
Notices
Bill Heads
Sale Bills

Letterheads
Envelopes
Invoices
Statements
Business and
Personal Cards



PRINTING SERVICE

We can complete any ordinary job within twenty-four hours or less!

You will find our rates most reasonable.

SEE US FIRST!

"We Print Anything From a Handbill to a Catalogue."

THE INDEPENDENT
PHONE 36, GRIMSBY

Four Injured In Two Car Collision

Four persons received injuries and four others were badly shaken up as the result of a two-car collision on the No. 8 highway, about three miles west of here recently, when cars in charge of Nathan Adler, 239 Ottawa Street, Hamilton and Charles Waterworth, Queen Street, Beamsville, travelling in opposite directions collided. The four occupants of Adler's car, as follows:

Heime Kritzer, aged 40, of 97 Connaught avenue, fractured skull and broken nose; taken to St. Joseph's hospital in Patricia ambulance, condition critical.

Mrs. Heime Kritzer, wife of the former, shock.

Mrs. Harry Adler, 89 Blake street, broken nose and injured arm; taken to St. Joseph's hospital.

Mrs. Nathan Adler, wife of the driver, leg injuries.

The four occupants in the Beamsville car all suffered shock, Dr. J. H. MacMillan was summoned and attended the injured at a nearby home.

Crimes Fewer In Hard Times

The popular idea that crime increases in bad times is hardly justified by the police court records of Magistrate J. C. Massie, whose jurisdiction extends from Ridgeway in Welland county to Haldimand county.

Last year Magistrate Massie presided over a total of 952 cases in his jurisdiction, including 247 indictable cases, 530 summary convictions and ten juvenile cases. In 1931 the peak of cases in Magistrate Massie's jurisdiction was reached with a total of 1,816 cases, climaxing a steady climb during the boom time period. During the three years previous to 1928, the chart of the magistrate's cases showed another steady increase. The increases were all recorded during good times when people were earning large salaries or collecting big dividends.

From 1931 when the real effect of the depression was felt, the chart has shown a rapid and steady decline in crime and last year was back to the level of 1925 when the boom times began.

HAMILTON FIRM ENLARGING PREMISES C. J. EAMES, PRESIDENT

Leonard C. Eames, manager of the Trusty House, Limited, Hamilton, has confirmed reports that it was the intention of his firm to greatly enlarge the present building to take care of the expanding business, and states that the contract for the work had been awarded.

Steady growth and progress has been enjoyed by this firm since 1913, when Charles J. Eames, the president of the company, an Englishman by birth, came to Hamilton from Reading, England, and purchased the business then being operated by Mr. McDonald, at the corner of King street east and Jarvis street.

The firm purchased the present fine property at 304-6-8 King street east in 1923. In the meantime, a federal charter had been acquired and the firm name changed to the Trusty House Ltd.

Prospects For Increased Prices For Fruits

When the thermometer fell here to 16 below zero in December, fruit growers feared for the peach crop, as 15 below zero is supposed to be the dead line. Their worst fears have been confirmed by Stanley House, a large fruit grower, who after making a survey of the peach orchards in the Red Hill district reports the buds all killed and the crop destroyed.

At Winona, H. B. Smith, a leading peach grower, reports some of the tender varieties badly damaged, but the main crop only slightly hurt.

In the Grimsby - St. Catharines district, where the thermometer did not go so low, the reports indicate a good crop.

Looked upon as a good omen by the fruit growers for better prices for their products are the contracts being offered them by the canning companies for sour cherries at three cents per pound.

Tomatoes, too, are on the rise, contracts for them being signed at higher figures. There is every indication of increased prices for all varieties of fruit.

Municipalities To Pay 100 % of Maintenance And 80% of Capital

The form of agreements to be made with municipalities who have students attending the collegiate institute and vocational school was approved recently at a special meeting of the Board of Education of St. Catharines. Under these agreements the majority of the municipalities will pay 100 per cent. of maintenance and 80 per cent. of capital but those municipalities which have their own secondary education facilities and send only pupils to the higher grades at the St. Catharines school will be charged 100 per cent. of both maintenance and capital. The attitude taken by the board is that the cost per student is greater in the higher grades. The agreements were presented in a special report of the finance committee given by Trustee Lockhart.

The report of Inspector C. A. Brown showed a total enrollment of 3,668 in the public schools for December with an average attendance of 3,300. The attendance percentage for the year 1933 was 91.6 per cent.

Here and There

The Canadian Pacific Railway supply farm, Strathmore, Alta., had the best Holstein cow in the four-year-old or over (not in milk) class at the Royal Winter Fair recently held at Toronto.

Banff Winter Sports Carnival will be held from January 31 to February 4, it is announced. The carnival will be followed by a series of sports week-ends, each being devoted to one particular type of sport.

The problem of truck-rail competition was declared a national one by S. Hayes, M.A., in a recent address before the Engineering Institute. He saw regulation and restriction in areas where the truck does not belong as the only solutions.

Christmas festivities this year will be enlivened by Japanese oranges of which 38,400 boxes arrived at Victoria recently aboard the Empress of Canada, for distribution to a number of Canadian cities. 5,000 boxes were left at Victoria and the fruit will doubtless feature in the Empress Hotel Yuletide celebrations.

Since October 1, 1930, a total of 101,765 people have been settled on Canadian farms or given farm employment under the auspices of the Dominion Department of Immigration and the two great transcontinental railway companies, according to a report issued by the Department of Immigration. 89,236 of these people were settled without financial assistance.

Expression of confidence in a brighter business outlook in Canada, coupled with definite improvement in conditions throughout the Dominion, was made recently by H. J. Humphrey, general manager, Canadian Pacific Railway, eastern lines, in an interview during his trip of inspection to the Maritimes prior to the opening of the winter navigation season.

Five ports hitherto not touched at by world cruises — Penang, Straits Settlements; Semarang, Java; Boelelang and Padang Bay, Bali; and Zamboanga in the Zulu Archipelago — have been added to the 1934 itinerary of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Britain, sailing from New York January 4. The cruise will cover 133 days and 30,916 miles and will return to New York May 14.

Special low fares with generous time limit for the return trip will be available on Canadian railroads for the Christmas and New Year holiday periods, it is announced by C. P. Riddell, chairman, Canadian Passengers' Association. These low rate tickets will be good between all stations in Canada and also between points in Canada and certain United States connections.

Binbrook Agricultural Society Closes Year With Large Balance

The annual meeting of Binbrook Agricultural society was held in Memorial hall recently with a good attendance. The old board was reappointed for the year 1934 with the exception of the president, Hugh Johnson, who has given excellent service during the last two years automatically dropped out, the vacancy being filled by Harvey Daw, president-elect.

Last year's report was an exceedingly satisfactory one, there being 1766 entries; amount in prizes offered $1,203.20. The amount awarded by Judges and paid was $1,045.10. Total receipts amounted to $2,326.16. Expenditure $1,609.78 with a balance on hand of $635.38. Property valuation is $3,585.43 and no liabilities. The society is looking forward to another year of success. The president, H. Daw; the secretary, R. L. Laidman; treasurer, W. B. Switzer and the committee a capable one.

Fruit Growers Met In Hamilton

A number of local fruitgrowers attended the 74th annual convention of the Fruit Growers' Association of Ontario, held at the Royal Connaught Hotel in Hamilton on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The speakers at Monday afternoon's sessions were: Hon. T. L. Kennedy, Minister of Agricultural; Major R. H. Wheeler, Ottawa; Col. H. L. Roberts, Grimsby; W. A. Ross of Vineland and H. E. Toms, of Grimsby. On Monday morning the standing committees met. D. J. Gibson, Newcastle, is president of the association, Col. H. L. Roberts, Grimsby, is vice-president, and P. W. Hodgetts, Toronto, is secretary- treasurer.

Wentworth Council Makes Appointments

Before acceding to the request made by the suburban roads commission for an appropriation of $20,000, Wentworth county councillors last week decided to ascertain if the commission would meet the entire costs of the Webb property arbitration.

The following appointments were made: Saltfleet high school board, Leon Smith and Joseph Bairstow; Waterdown and East Flamboro high school board, Robert Griffin,; Dundas high school board, William Newitt; Wentworth agricultural advisory board, J. A. Walker, Stewart Field, Harvey Wilson, E. McMillen, Orville Bell, Councillor Dyment, Andrew Betzner.

AUTOIST HIT COW LOST $120 SUIT

Judge Carpenter recently dismissed a claim brought by Dr. Arthur Newton Brady, Hamilton foot specialist, against Frank Wyndryck, Binbrook farmer, for damages to his auto caused when he struck a cow owned by defendant October 22 on Peace highway.

Plaintiff claimed $120 damages and alleged that the cow was negligently allowed to wander on the highway after dusk. Judge Carpenter found that the plaintiff admitted seeing a lantern which defendant's son was carrying. If his auto lights were functioning properly he should have seen the cow.

Costs and counsel fee of $25 were allowed defendant. William Schreiber defended. F. F. Treleaven acted for plaintiff.

Burlington Has Low Fire Loss

Members of the Burlington fire brigade held the annual meeting recently when William Metcalf was re-elected chief for the fifth term in succession. Chief Metcalf has been an officer of the brigade for about 23 years. During 1933 the brigade answered 23 calls. The town suffered a fire loss of but $1,710 during the year, a remarkably light loss. The fire loss in 1933 was one of the lowest on record and compares favorably with any of the 28 years during which the brigade has been organized.

SEARCH STOPPED

Search on an organized scale for the naked man reported seen in a car with a child at St. David's some time ago has been halted. No further reports have been received since police were notified of the occurrence. The absence of any reports of missing children has halted police efforts.

Jail Population Low At The Lincoln County Jail

There is one place in the Niagara district where depression has resulted in good, the Lincoln County jail. The prisoners at the county institution numbers eight which is about half the average of the past few years. In the days of prosperity the average number of inmates at the jail was twenty but this gradually declined with the appearance of the lean days. One suggestion for the absence of crime in the district is that the people have nothing to steal, therefore no thefts have been committed. Of the eight now in custody five are slated for removal to other provincial institutions.

BURLINGTON TO SECURE NEW SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY

One more progressive step toward the establishment of a much-needed water system will guarantee to supply the increased demands of a growing municipality was taken by the Burlington water commission last week when it decided to appoint one of a group of selected engineering firms as consultants to co-operate with Engineer George Power in choosing a suitable location for a source of supply. The discussion regarding a consulting engineer followed the presentation by Engineer Power of an exhaustive report on the Burlington water system since its inception 24 years ago. Engineer Power gathered an abundance of data in preparing the report, and from it will be selected the location of the new source of supply.

COSTLY TO HAUL MAID OF MIST FROM THE WATER

An expenditure of $6,000 is involved in getting the two Maids of the Mist out of the ice jam, officials of Learnman and Co., Buffalo, said as they started work on removing the vessels from the close packed floes. J. P. Learnman is supervising the work which is expected to take forty days. Sixty-foot timbers will be brought from Toronto this week to assist in the job. These will be greased and horses will be employed in hauling the boats from the water onto the runways.

FEEDING PHEASANTS AT NIAGARA FALLS

About eighteen pheasants feed twice daily at a point directly below the Niagara Falls Customs offices at the Upper Bridge. The birds have become quite tame. Every day around 8 o'clock in the morning and at noon, they come for their meals. The customs and immigration officers throw feed to them wrapped in paper, breaking when it hits the ground, and scattering the feed about. This is the invitation for the birds to eat, and they at once fly to the spot.

Timid Wife (to husband who has fallen asleep at the wheel): "I don't mean to dictate to you, George, but isn't that telegraph pole coming at us awfully fast?"

Here and There

"What could we farmers hope to accomplish without our railways?" asked a Kentucky agriculturist recently. He added that no agency had contributed more to the prosperity of the farmer than the railways.

"I have never yet found any place where the salmon fishing could compare with New Brunswick," said Arthur Train, well known novelist, speaking at a camp dinner given in his honor recently by the New Brunswick Tourist Travel Bureau.

Encouragement came to western Canada's farmers and agriculturists with the return to normal temperatures and varying rainfall of mid-July. In the drought areas of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and to a less extent in Alberta very great benefit has been felt.

in the French River six miles below the bungalow camp, the first ever caught there according to the oldest guide. It was caught by E. A. Farintosh, of New York, a yearly guest at the camp.

Since the split up of Canadian Pacific Railway common stock late four for one, this issue has taken on great popularity with the general run of investors. Between September and June 1931, the number of these increased from 11,186 to 34,872, an increase of 13,686.