

CLOSING SESSION COUNTY COUNCIL

Business Transacted Friday and Saturday

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

The Committee on Roads and Bridges met Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock with Chairman Morrison in charge.

The matter of the extra levy necessary for bridge work was brought up and discussed.

The Chairman said that the subject of bridge building should have serious consideration and care should be taken in future not to go beyond themselves.

Mr. Bottum—It seemed advisable to have representatives at the Good Roads Commission Meeting, so Mr. McNeillie and myself attended. The idea of the meeting was to ascertain the best way to spend the money voted by the government for road purposes.

Mr. McNeillie—we explained that a county road system could not be applied owing to the peculiar divisions of our County. The Commission would have to form a zone where the older and richer municipalities of the province would have to be dealt with differently to the newer divisions. The bridges would have to be under another arrangement, for in this county the northern township, could not contribute a great deal towards the expensive bridges that had to be built there. The county itself, had to pay for the most of the expense for the bridges.

The County of Victoria has been dealt with very unliberally and unfairly in connection with government assistance in building northern bridges in that less settled county. The Mud Lake Narrows Bridge is an instance of this.

Mr. Morrison believed the condition should be remedied.

Mr. McNeillie said that some representatives had asked for 50 per cent assistance in road building, others wanted the whole lake shore road from Highland Creek near Toronto to Port Hope under government control.

A Committee of the Warden, Messrs Bottum and Smale, with the Clerk were appointed to find out the details of this scheme and to draft a resolution to send to the Commission containing a suggestion that the northern municipalities of Victoria County be treated similarly with Haliburton in road assistance.

Mr. Bottum explained a new idea of municipal elections which had certain advantages, but some councillors claimed the present system had its advantages.

Mr. Smale believed Mr. Bottum's plan had an advantage all right and the part of the riding could elect a man whether the rest liked it or not.

Mr. Warren believed it should be dealt with now and discussed in full. He understood the scheme and it looked all right.

The proposed opening of a road across the 10th and 11th concessions of Ops in lieu of the Ops and Man-arms boundary was considered. The Warden (A. E. Bottum) Messrs Devitt, Varcoe and Robertson examined the locality and reported as follows.

Mr. Bottum said the boundary road was almost impossible to build and that the deviation would be fairly easy to build and not too expensive.

Warden Varcoe agreed with Mr. Bottum's remarks, saying the 3 bridges would make it too expensive. It seems fair that the County and municipalities pay a percentage so that no matter what the deviation cost it would not bear more heavily on one than on another.

Mr. Devitt thought it would save a great expense to build the deviation and it would be quite easy. The report merely says a grant be given but I am in favor of a percentage.

Mr. Robertson was interested in the new road because the people would not get the rural mail until

LENT THIS YEAR THREE WEEKS LATER

How The Date Has Been Arrived at

Lent begins this year three weeks later than last year, being of course based upon the date of Easter which is April 12 this year, as against March 23 in 1912. Very few people can tell why Lent varies so from year to year, and why Easter may come as early as March 22 or as late as April 25.

It is something of an anomaly from the religious point of view that the anniversary of Christ's death may fall on any one of thirty-five dates, while the anniversary of His birth is always on the same day. It is no less of an anomaly from the astronomical standpoint, for there seems no reason why we having adopted the solar year as the basis of our calendar, should cling to the lunar year merely for the establishment of one date.

It is a mystery why, when the date of Christ's birth was fixed as Dec. 25, some dates in April were not at the same time settled upon as those of His death and resurrection. That would have been logical and would have banished from the calendar a lunar cycle that has long been abandoned by all civilized peoples.

FIXING THE DATE

It should not be difficult to fix the rational date for Easter. If Christ was crucified on the fourteenth day of the March moon astronomers ought to be able to calculate on what date this fell. They say that in all probability it fell on April 7 of the year 30 of the Christian era. Why, then, not fix Easter once and for all as the first Sunday after April 7?

It is to the Council of Nicea that we owe the perpetuation of our anachronistic method of reckoning Easter. This council decreed that it should be the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the vernal equinox, March 21. Pope Gregory XIII, undertook at that time, to reform the Julian calendar, which had been in use ever since Julius Caesar in 46 B. C. had prescribed that a year should consist of 365 days, every fourth year having 366.

AN OLD SYSTEM STILL.

The Julian calendar was a reform of a still more ancient system based upon the motions of the moon, which system varied widely in dif-

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Fenian Raid Veterans Galore

Ottawa, Jan. 31—An extraordinary situation has developed over the \$100 bonuses which Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes decided he would pay to the Fenian Raid veterans, and for which he had legislation enacted. Ten thousand Canadians took up arms against the invaders, and as the event occurred over 40 years ago a large proportion of the veterans have died. When Col. Hughes decided that the best way to satisfy the claims of the survivors was to pay them \$100, he thought there would be only a few hundred left. He did not know, however, that the then governor of Nova Scotia had issued an order calling out the men and the militia of the Province to the defence of that part of Canada. Such an order was not issued in any other province, and so in Nova Scotia there were many thousands under arms who never went to the front. None the less, however, they were entitled to the bounty in virtue of the order of the governor of the province. About 15,000 applications for the \$100 have been received from Nova Scotia alone. The total applications to date are 33,000 and about 15,000 claimants have been paid, leaving 18,000 to be dealt with yet. Yet only 100 men went to the front.

BREAKDOWN OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC Put Portion of Province in The Dark

TORONTO, Feb. 2.—For the second time within a year the Hydro-electric has been stricken. The storm on Saturday night dislocated the entire Niagara stem extending over a radius of nearly three hundred miles for a period varying from six to seven hours. A score of municipalities were plunged into immediate darkness. Street lamps went out, cars were stopped, and the incandescent lamps in stores and homes comprising the immense circuit faded into nothingness. It all happened in a moment.

A hurricane exceeding in velocity eighty-five miles an hour, carrying with it a heavy sleet, struck the main trunk line at Vinemount, about mid-distance between Dundas and Niagara Falls, causing a break in two transmission cables, and the loose ends of these were in turn blown across two other cables, rendering the four useless and paralyzing the system. There are six cables in all and any three are sufficient to complete a circuit, but when four went out of commission everything had to wait until repairs could be made.

Hon. Adam Deck, who has just returned from England, lost no time in getting in touch with conditions on the system. When interviewed at London last night as to what the commission proposed doing to prevent a recurrence of trouble like that of Saturday, Mr. Deck said: "This has been the first breakdown of any cable on our system in four and a half years of operation. We did not anticipate it, although we have already increased the size of the cable to be used on the extension from St. Thomas to Windsor."

"The only other trouble we have had was with the insulators last summer, and we are satisfied that we have entirely overcome that."

"With the view of meeting the increased demand for power, as well as insuring an uninterrupted service, the commission decided last autumn to build another double-circuit transmission line from Dundas to Niagara Falls, which will give four complete trunk line circuits. The route of the new line has been surveyed, and is five or six miles shorter than the old route. We expect to have the necessary appropriation from the Legislature in time to begin active work early in the spring. This line will be of extra heavy construction, and will provide a margin of safety that will overcome any stress that may be laid upon it."

Saturday's storm was a terrific one and the linemen who searched for and repaired the break at Vinemount had the worst fight in the history of the system. After the first break rapid tests were made all along the line. Dundas reported everything all right east to Toronto and west to London and Stratford. The trouble zone was narrowed to the trunk section between Dundas and Niagara Falls.

Without waiting for the second casualty, the linemen sprang out in pairs over the intervening distance of fifty-five miles, using whatever means of locomotion the circumstances would afford. Automobiles were out of the question. It was dangerous to attempt horseback, so cutters and buggies for the most part were utilized, while some went on foot. It was a cold, tiresome, perilous hunt, struggling for to see against wind and weather.

Towards 10 o'clock the storm abated somewhat and progress was more rapid. Mile by mile the line was patrolled, and finally, at Vinemount, the most exposed part of the escarpment, the two breaks were found close together with the severed strands dangling across two other cables, causing an additional short circuit. Temporary repairs were made, the best part of the darkness and other conditions would permit. This done, a telephone message was sent to the transformer station at Niagara Falls to "test out." The report was "O.K." and the service was restored.

Canal Completed In August 1914

Ottawa, Jan. 31—The estimates just brought down include a sum large enough to finish the Trent Valley Canal. The last contract for the upper end will be let in February and the work below Peterboro will all be done by August 1st. Every effort is being made to get this waterway opened as soon as possible.

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BROWN BROTHERS WELL KNOWN HERE Father of Sextette Former Local Bandmaster

The following from the Toronto Star Weekly refers to a sextette, the members of which are well and favorably known in Lindsay. "Allie" Brown, father of the six Brown brothers, was at one time bandmaster of the local 45th Regimental Band—"Ontario" has contributed many bright lights to the minstrel stage, among them being the late "Cool" Burgess, George Primrose, and the Six Brown Brothers.

"Cool" Burgess was conceded to be the greatest minstrel of his day, the funniest man that ever smeared his face with burnt cork, and the highest salaried artist of his time. George Primrose has, these many years, been known as "America's most graceful dancer." He has, during his career as a minstrel amassed a great fortune, being one of the wealthiest stars on the stage.

"The Six Brown Brothers, comedians, pantomimists, and instrumentalists, appearing with Primrose and Dockstader here next week, were born on Simcoe street, Toronto. Their father, Albert Brown, was a well known musician. The Brown Brothers, Tom, Alex, Fred, Harry, Will and Nelson, received their early education at the old Louisa street school. They added instrumental music under the guidance of their father and uncle, who, by the way, is at present director of the Governor-General's band at Ottawa. At an early age Tom was struck with stage fever, and secured an engagement with a small minstrel show that was touring the Eastern Provinces.

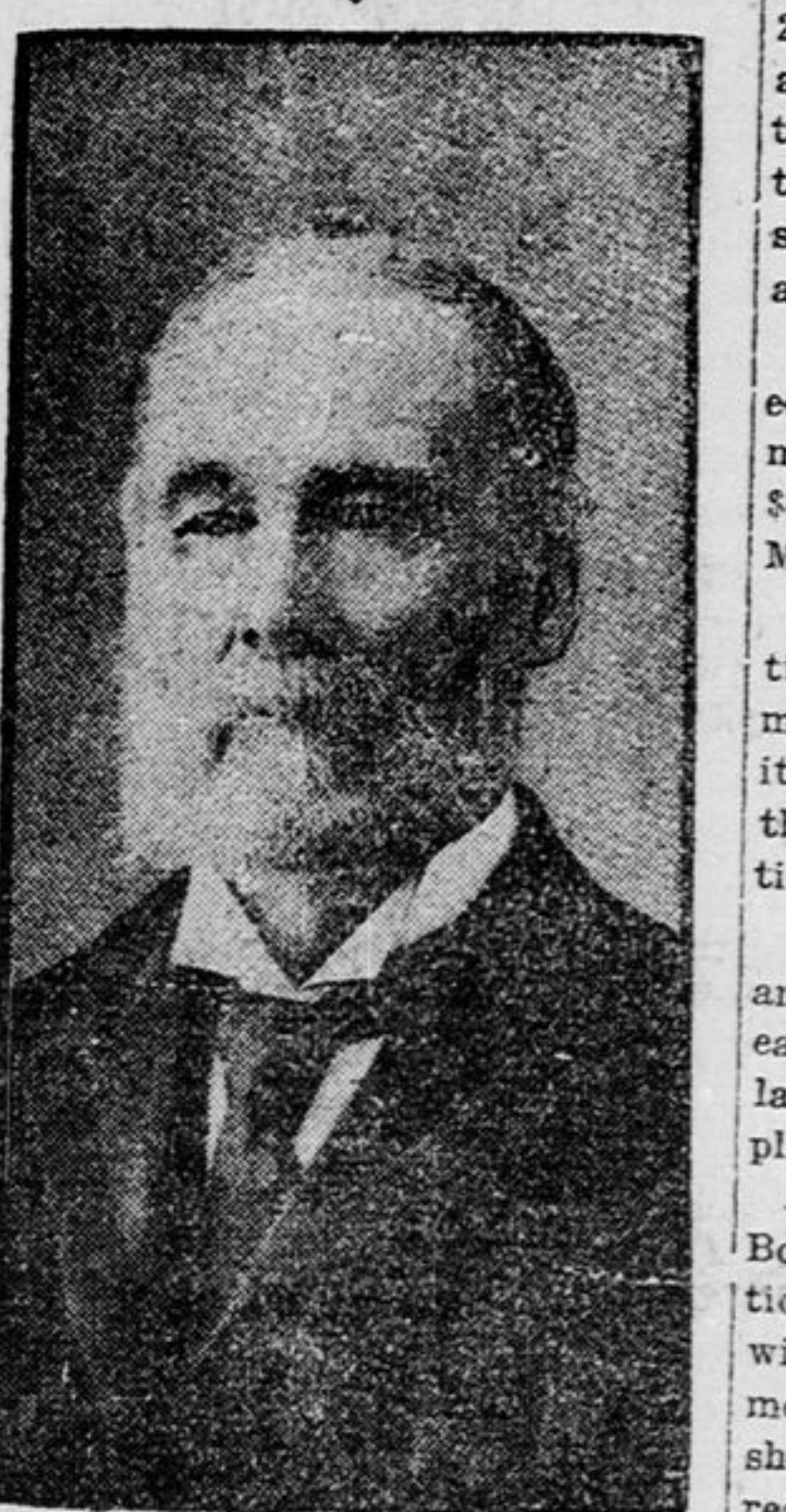
For two years he had a pretty tough row to hoe, but he was determined to succeed. He organized his brothers into a sextet and secured an engagement for the sextet with the Barnum and Bailey circus. From this point on the Brown Brothers made rapid strides in their profession. At the termination of their circus season they were engaged for a tour of the principal vaudeville theatres of America. They next made a tour of Europe, their fame as entertainers and their salaries increasing by leaps and bounds. After their European tour they again returned to the States and toured the principal cities of this continent. The following summer they were engaged to make a tour of the world, this engagement extending over a period of two years. On their return from their world's tour they were engaged by Messrs. Primrose and Dockstader as the feature of their reunited minstrel shows, at the largest salary ever paid a musical act of this kind. Early last season the Brown Brothers were re-engaged for this season's tour of Primrose and Dockstader's Twentieth Century Minstrels. They were sought after by the large booking offices to fill time in the principal vaudeville theatres of America at a greatly increased salary. The Brown Brothers are cherishing aspirations to head their own musical show, and it may not be many months until their hopes are fulfilled. The Brown Brothers number their friends in Toronto and Ontario by the legion. They are fine fellows, all of the Brown boys, and are most capable performers.

\$250,000 FIRE IN MONTREAL Firemen Kept Busy all Day Sunday

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—Three fires that broke out within an hour yesterday morning kept Montreal fire-fighters on the jump a large part of the day, and did damage of about \$250,000. The most serious was that which destroyed the premises used by the Merchants' Clothing Co. and other firms at 36 West Notre Dame street, in the heart of the downtown business district.

About the same time in the forenoon the Deaf and Dumb Institute, in the north end of the city, was in flames, and the another occurred in the Canadian Pacific Atlantic Line shed on King Edward pier.

Three workmen on the third floor of the downtown building when the fire broke out were unable to say how the fire started. They escaped over the roof to an adjoining building.



SIR GEORGE ROSS. His condition is improving at Toron to General Hospital.

BANK STATEMENTS FOOD FOR REFLECTION

Ottawa, Jan. 30—The statement of Canadian banks for December furnishes food for reflection upon the causes which led to the business depression from which Canada suffered. Compared with a year ago, there is a decrease of nearly fifty-nine millions in current loans in Canada. Such a tremendous withdrawal of money must have had a serious effect upon business conditions in this country, and the opinion is quite freely expressed among members of parliament that political reasons have been at the bottom of the situation. If that is so, it may be expected that the matter will be discussed in parliament an early date.

Compared with November, the December statement shows decreases of upwards of twenty millions, both in total assets and liabilities, and a large decrease in paid up capital due to the liquidation of the Sovereign bank.

J. A. WILLIAMSON IS CHAIRMAN Inaugural Meeting Board of Health

The inaugural meeting of the Board of Health was held Saturday evening. All the members were present and filed their declarations of office. They were Dr. McAlpine, Medical Officer of Health, D. J. McLean, J. A. Williamson, R. Kylie and R. A. Douglas, Sanitary Inspector.

On motion of Messrs. Kylie and McLean Mr. J. A. Williamson was appointed chairman, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, the reports of the Medical Officer of Health, and Sanitary Inspector, were received and filed.

The analyst's reports on well and tap water tested for bacteria July 24th and November 25th, 1913 were also read. These reports appeared in the columns of the Post at the time the tests were made. The last one showed a very satisfactory state of affairs.

The following accounts were referred to the Town Council for payment: R. A. Douglas, milk tests, \$4.25; F. Armstrong, livery, \$1; H. McDonald, carting, \$2.

Chairman Williamson called attention to the lack of sufficient notice of meetings to be held. Members found it difficult to arrange their affairs so they could attend on such sudden notice.

Special envelopes will be procured and used in reporting contagious diseases, and Sanitary Inspector Douglas was authorized to order any placards he needed for his duties.

After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to inspect the isolation cabins and dumping grounds, with a view to seeing that one or more of them will be in readiness to shelter any emergency case that may require isolation and also to see that the scavenger and other parties using the dump grounds are complying with the regulations.

The meeting then adjourned. Dr. McAlpine's report, which was a highly satisfactory one, showing that proper measures had been taken by Board in all cases throughout the past year, appeared in the Post some time ago.

The Sanitary Inspector's report will appear tomorrow.

SOMETHING NEW IN HAT STYLES

The hatters have received their spring supplies and will no doubt present them to the public via the show window in the course of a few days. The style of the christy is in appearance very similar to the style of the same ten years ago, that is medium height in crown and exceptionally heavy roll. As was predicted, the low crowned hat had a very short reign.—Exchange.

BORN
LEE—In the Ross Hospital, on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Lee, of Calgary, a daughter.

THE HOME BANK OF CANADA
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One dollar a week deposited with the Home Bank at amount to Fifty-two dollars at the end of the year, with full compound interest to be added. How many wage-earners can say that they have not wasted, or lost, fifty-two dollars during the past year from the habit of carrying money carelessly in their pockets?

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