

# 'E SET AT 10.5 MILLS

## ROTARY CLUB SUCCESSFUL YEAR

### Stores Close Dominion Day

On account of Dominion Day coming on Friday of this week, Cobourg merchants decided to keep open Wednesday afternoon and close all day Friday.

## CLAIMS \$3,216 LEGAL SERVICES

### Judgment Reserved in Case of T. F. Hall v. Estate of Late F. W. Wilson

Judge L. V. O'Connor reserved judgment Monday afternoon in the case tried before him in which T. F. Hall, K.C., of Cobourg, is suing the estate of the late F. W. Wilson, late proprietor of the Port Hope Evening Guide, for \$3,216, claimed by Mr. Hall for alleged legal services during the "Currie Trial."

Mr. Hall alleges that he was retained by the late Mr. Wilson as solicitor and counsel to act on his behalf in the libel action brought by Sir Arthur Currie. Frank Regan, of Toronto, appeared for Mr. Hall, and Archie Cochrane, K.C., for the defendants, Donald H. Wilson, Ralph C. Wilson and Ruth M. Wilson, executors and executrix of the estate of the late F. W. Wilson.

It is claimed by the defense that Mr. Hall's services were gratuitous, and that Mr. Hall had kept no record of books of any kind concerning his services, that the claim of \$3,216 was not made until two years after the action and one year after F. W. Wilson's death, that he had obtained no written retainer, and that Mr. Regan, chief counsel for the defense in the Currie trial, had received \$500 for his services as compared with the claim of \$3,216 made by Mr. Hall.

## THEFT CHARGES AGAINST FOUR

Smart Work by Local Police Officers Results in Arrests

## FATHER DUFFY IS VICTIM OF WAR AILMENTS

Celebrated Chaplain Was Born and Educated in Cobourg

### WAS DECORATED

Rev. Father Francis P. Duffy, celebrated Chaplain of the United States 42nd Division, and a native of Cobourg, died early Sunday of an intestinal ailment which was a consequence of the hardships he endured in his campaigning during the Great War. He was 61 years old.

Father Duffy, who was pastor of Holy Cross church, New York, succumbed to the effects of colitis and an acute infection of the liver.

Once described by Cardinal Hayes as "the ideal army Chaplain and the ideal parish priest," Father Duffy won fame and decorations from the United States and France for his devotion to his men under fire.

He was cited officially for heroism when his regiment, the 16th Infantry of the 42nd (Rainbow) Division crossed the Ourcq under heavy fire in a battle that lasted from July 28 to July 31. The regiment originally was known as the 69th of the New York National Guard.

For this display of bravery alone he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Croix de Guerre.

Father Duffy, who was born in May, 1871, at Cobourg, was a close friend of the late Joyce Kilmer, author. Kilmer was to have written the story of the old 69th Regiment, but death intervened and Father Duffy took over the task.

Father Duffy was educated at Cobourg Separate School, the Cobourg Collegiate Institute, St. Michael's College, Toronto, and St. Francis Xavier College, New York.

He received his theological training at St. Joseph's Seminary, Troy, N.Y., and at the Catholic University of America. He was ordained in 1896.

Following fourteen years as Professor of Philosophy in St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N.Y., he was appointed to organize the Church of Our Saviour in the Bronx. He was pastor of that church between 1912 and 1920, except for three years spent with the troops, and in 1921 became pastor of the Church of the Holy Cross.

## DEDICATION OF

## REPORT ADVISES HALT IN PAVING OF COUNTIES; EQUALIZED ASSESSMENT

### Rotary President



At the regular meeting of the Cobourg Rotary Club last Friday, A. R. Willmott accepted the gavel from the hands of Dudley Spragge, retiring president, and will guide the destinies of the Club for its twelfth year.

## FACTORY SMOKE IS BIG NUISANCE SAY RATEPAYERS

Council Receives Petition Complain of Smoke and Smell at Edwards & Edwards

### LITTLE BUSINESS

There was very little business before the council on Monday night, apart from routine matters. Reports of Committee were read and accounts passed for payment.

Among the communications was a request from St. Joseph's Orphanage for permission to hold a tag day in aid of the orphanage on August 6.

Cobourg Was Over-assessed by Judge O'Connor \$408,000 in 1931—New Equalization Is 72 Per Cent. of Assessment Revised by Cummings—According to Statute May Stand for Five Years Without Further Amendments

### ADJUSTMENT MADE

After its fitful fever in the last three years the equalized assessment of the United Counties of Northumberland and Durham is now only a problem of the past, quiescent and more or less satisfactory. It belongs in the category of "questions" that have been "straightened out."

Apparently the lant has been heard for a while of George Hooton's dispute. In its final phase it was a subject of controversy between Cobourg and the United Counties, the town contending that it has been over-assessed to the amount of \$408,000. Upon its reference to the government, when the town began proceedings to secede from the Counties, Hon. Mr. Price sent H. L. Cummings, a law clerk of Private and Municipal Bills, to Cobourg to investigate the town's complaint especially in regard to increases which were reported to be excessive.

Mr. Cummings' report was read to the members of the committee on Equalization of Assessment on Tuesday of last week by its chairman, Reeve (Dr.) Hess of Hastings. Its revised figures, confirmed by a letter from Judge O'Connor, were adopted as the equalized assessment for this year. According to statute they may stand at least five years without further amendment, but they possibly may be used for twenty-five years if the councils during that time are as complacent as their predecessors.

Confirmed by Judge O'Connor's complaint was justified by Mr. Cummings and the correction was acknowledged by Judge O'Connor in a letter to the council. Ratepayers may remember that the Council previously decided to deduct from the equalized assessment the assessments for business and income. Judge O'Connor's total was \$51,889,815.83. As revised by Mr. Cummings and with the business and income struck out the total is