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Grey Presbytery Meets

Grey Presbytery of the United Church convened in Division Street Church Owen Sound, on Tuesday morning, with Rev. G. W. Rose, B. A., of Annan, presiding. A goodly number of ministers and lay representatives were present, though the state of the country roads precluded as large a gathering as is possible at other seasons of the year. It was announced that a new church had been erected and dedicated to the worship of Almighty God by the congregation of North Keppel. This is the first church to be erected in Grey Presbytery since the coming in of church union. It was also announced that some eight carloads of vegetables and clothing had been sent to the West from stations within the bounderies of the presbytery but in practically every case these car loads were from the local communities concerned, namely Chatsworth, Dundalk, Hanover, Hepworth Meaford, Owen Sound, Thornbury.

The devotional address was given by Rev. A. L. Atton, B.A., of Westside Church, Owen Sound. It was based on the directions that Jesus gave to His disiples, that they must begin their work at Jerusalem. It was a stirring presentation of many of the problems of the minister and the congregation which awoke sympathetic chords in every heart, and pointed out that where we have failed is the pointer to the path that we must pursue, and thus attempt to correct the errors of the past not by running away from them, but should seek to achieve victory and success by a consecrated effort to succeed just at the point where we have failed, or seemed to. Mr. Atton was heartily thanked for his helpful message.

Presbytery was honored with the presence of the president of the Toronto Conference, Rev. Hiram Hull B. A., who delivered his address immediately after the opening of the afternoon session. After dealing with matters relating to finance and the harmonious relationship that must exist between ministers and congregations in order to get the very best that is possible for their mutual satisfaction in church work, he passed to the new development of a very earnest desire on the part of all denominations of Protestantism in Montreal and in Toronto to promote the "Evangelization of Canadian Life" all over the Dominion. Already there has been a large gathering of some 15,000 persons in Montreal under the leadership of Bishop Farthing, and plans are now laid for a similar gathering in the Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto in the near future. Later, similar gatherings will be arranged for all across the continent. It was announced that the Moderator of the United Church, Dr. Richard Roberts, will conduct a mission in Owen Sound, to be announced later. Mr. Hull received the cordial thanks of the Presbytery in a motion moved by Rev. C. E. Kenny and seconded by Rev. W. H. Smith.

A number of interesting resolutions were passed at the afternoon session. There were in part a resolution asking that Professor Gordon be restored to his chair in the Montreal Theological College of the United Church; a resolution urging the members of our different congregations to give themselves more to prayer, that ministers should seek to gather together in groups for the enrichment of their own spiritual lives, and that congregations who feel that they might be benefitted by the visit of a sympathetic deputation should apply to the committee on Church Life and Work; a resolution asking the Ontario Legislature to repeal the beer and wine amendments to the Liquor Control Act; a resolution that our nomination for president of the Toronto Conference be Rev. W. H. Smith B. A., of Knox Church, Durham; a resolution that the Remit regarding the ordination of women be voted upon at the morning session of the next meeting of the Presbytery; a resolution dealing with the settlement of ministers which is to go to the Conference; a resolution setting apart the evening session of the September meeting of Presbytery for a Rural Conference.

A woman from Kentucky who ate a piece of pie at the World Fair in Chicago now asks for $15,000 damages, claiming there was a piece of wood in the pie and it cost $1,000 to have it removed from her throat. The doctors who took the wood out and piled it up are asking for their pay. Hence the suit.

ON THE SAFE SIDE

A Stratford railroader told this story: A man and his wife boarded the Stratford-Owen Sound train at Dobbinton, and because there is no ticket agent there, they had to buy their tickets from the conductor. The wife readily asked for a return ticket but when her husband did likewise she protested, "You're not so sure you'll be coming back," she said. Finally however, the man bought the return ticket. A passenger who had overheard the conversation made some casual inquiries of the couple. He learned that the husband was on his way to Owen Sound to undergo an operation.

Grey Gets Three Years To Pay Debt

Grey County has been granted a period of three years in which to pay off indebtedness to the province for highways constructed in the county last year. A deputation from the county waited on the department of highways and was assured that every assistance would be granted. The total amount to be paid will be $164,000 and there is available now over $26,000. The three-year spread will make it possible to keep the tax rate where it is.

It is expected the province will pave the four miles of King's Highways Nos.6 and 10 south of Owen Sound during the coming Summer. It has been part of the suburban area territory for several years. An effort also is being made to have the suburban area mileage substantially reduced, but another conference will have to be held with the department to deal with this matter.

Osprey Council

The second regular meeting of the 1935 Osprey Municipal Council was held at Feversham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. All members were present, all keen at working out the future destiny of the township. The minutes of the former meeting were read and endorsed. when the Reeve invited all present to present any matter of interest to thmselves or the council for discussion.

First came a ratepayer asking for the dog tax to be reduced. Just couldn't be did. Next, a reduction of the tax penalty; just the same, it couldn't be: the by-law was passed and there was no authority to change it. A few other matters were brought up, but as they were of minor importance, the members soon got down to the transaction of routine business, as follows:

By-law No. 8 was passed authorizing expenditure of $8,300 on roads for 1935.

The Reeve and Superintendent were delegated to attend the Good Roads Convention in Toronto.

Application was made to the Department of Highways for subsidy on $7,118.00 of expenditure in 1934.

The Clerk was instructed to advertise in the Dundalk Herald, the sale of lots 75, 76 and 77, Con. 2, N. These lots had come into the possession of the Municipality by the tax sale route some few years ago.

Mr. H. Adair and family were granted a relief allowance of $3 per week for a period of the pleasure of the Council.

The Clerk was allowed $2.50 and 10 cents per mile travelled. in writing applications for Old Age Pensions. This is a new work imposed on that individual by the new Government at Queen's Park.

General road accounts passed were: J. A. Davidson $4.20, J. Lougheed $4.20, H. Young $5.10, S. Smith $2 S. Sanderson $7.80, W. Muirhead $3 H. Thornbury $2, H. Short $3.75, R A. Coe, pay sheet from 1934 $100, D Sinclair $17.50, E. Robinson $1.45, R Hawton $3.60, D. Schwandt $14, J Essex, pay sheet $69.75, J. McKenzie, Superintendent $24.

General accounts ordered paid were E. Robinson, stamps $3; C. M. Heron stamps $3; Workmen's Compensation Board, for D. Winters $40; R. Londry $1.50; Municipal World, supplies for Assessor $28.78; Dr. R. W. Lindsay, professional services to Mrs. H. Adair $10; Herald Pub. Co., printing account $3.50; J. A. Davidson, as bailiff and collector $100; C. N. Long writing O. A. appplications $11.90.

Council adjourned to meet at Singhampton on Saturday, March 16th at 2:00 p.m.

—C. N. LONG, Clerk.

Help Needed By Canadian Blind

A delegation of the blind appeared before the Committee on Industrial and International Relations to present the case for pensions. Dr. Cotnam had moved a resolution in the House of Commons asking that the Old Age Pension Act be amended to admit the blind to the benefits of the pension at the age of forty, which was referred to the above named committee for consideration. The Committee has the power to call witnesses and otherwise examine into the need of help for the blind by the Federal Government. The members of the Committee were undoubtedly moved as witness after witness told of the affliction and need of our sightless citizens. A man over 70, P. W. Layton of Montreal, told of coming to Canada in early youth, of his efforts to get work as an organist. then finally going into the piano business and earning a competence. The last 20 years of his life have been devoted to the organization of the blind and in this work he has been assisted by his son and wife, who are sighted.

"If you want to know how terrible blindness is," Mr. Layton told the Committee, "shut your eyes and think you will never be able to open them again." Times are much harder now for the blind, than they used to be, he said. The highways are not safe for walking, even the railway tracks are safer. He stressed the danger to the blind of the sloped approaches to the sidewalk from the many garages which led the blind into the very path of the motor.

"'Where are the blind?' I am asked," said the witness. "They are at home, hidden away because they have not clothes fit to wear on the street, nor can they beg though when blindness comes to the bread-winner, earning capacity goes and in all too many cases the home is broken up."

There are approximately 8,000 blind persons in Canada and only a small percentage are able to earn their own living. The aged witness used notes written in the raised characters of Braille, and once he paused and said, "Excuse me, I have lost my place in my notes."

A blind piano tuner from Winnipeg, Mr. Johnson, told the Committee that opportunities of the blind earning their way by teaching music, playing for entertainment or tuning were greatly reduced by the general use of the radio.

Captain Baker, V.C., one of the 116 soldiers in Canada totally blinded in the Great War, very ably presented a closely reasoned case for the blind answering the many questions which members of the Committee asked him. Mr. Baker, as managing director of the Canadian National Institute for the blind, is possibly the greatest authority in Canada on the subject.

Canada has been very behind-hand in her treatment of the blind. In thirty of the forty-eight United States, pensions are paid ranging from $1.00 a day in Pennsylvania to $50 a month in California. Japan and Russia train and employ their sightless citizens. Great Britain Irish Free State, Australia and New Zealand all pension the blind, as do Scandinavian countries and France. I feel the Committee is favorable, but members of the delegation told me that the Finance Minister was cold. I would be willing to donate the Cadet vote for the purpose.

The interminable unemployment insurance bill is still with us. To begin with it is named wrongly, it should be called the 'employment insurance bill.' This bill does not touch the present unemployed but it does, of course, provide insurance against future unemployment for 78 days; but this, after 40 weeks of work, during which time the employee, the employer and the government all make a contribution, the first two being for equal amounts, the last-named for less than half the sum paid by the other two. It is, undoubtedly a cheaper method than direct relief and much less ruinous to all human and spiritual values, which accounts for the unanimous vote it received in the House of Commons.

Viewed as an instrument of recovery, the unemployment insurance bill is likely to prove diappointing. The carrying out of it requires that savings be made by the employee, employer and government, which savings will be invested at interest in production, that benefits may be paid as provided in the Act. But our present misery is caused from an unbalance between production and consumption of goods. Thus every additional dollar that goes into savings, and through savings into production (if possible) takes from the amount of money spent in the consumption of goods and adds to the present alarming disequilibrium While recovery depends on the power of the people to buy and use goods.

Part four of this much-discussed Act, is called National Health, but actually only provides for the setting up of a data collecting agency in regard to health matters. Many members of the Opposition protested strongly the inadequacy of the Act in regard to health. I showed that the health schemes of Sweden made the best hospital care available at 70 cents a day, with no further cost for the service of specialists. That an appendicitis operation in Sweden costs no more than $8 and clinics operating in connection with all the large hospitals cost two crowns, or 30 cents a visit. I pointed out that sickness insurance was established in Sweden in 1891. It is clear that Canada is far behind many countries in the care of the sick.

There was a good deal of talk regarding the responsibility of doctors and of their fees. Dr. Howden, St. Boniface, Man., contended that the doctors were getting the worst of it, things getting so bad in Winnipeg that finally the medical profession threatened to strike. At present in several municipalities in Greater Winnipeg no medical man can achieve more than $100 a month, though he may do from $200 to $500 worth of work.

Mr. Spencer, Battle River, reminded the House that for many years the fee paid a country doctor was at the rate of $1 a mile and though he made several calls on the same journey, the total fee was put in for each. He said things might be different now. Humphrey Mitchell, Hamilton, stated an appendicitis operation cost around $150, but Dr. Howden interrupted to say "$15 today," with Mitchell retorting "That is about all it is worth.'

The Prime Minister, at some length sought to prove that gathering the data was the first step towards health insurance and that he could do nothing other than he had done. It is not an unusual attitude for him to take.

—AGNES MACPHAIL.

House of Commons, Ottawa,
February 23, 1935.

J. E. Crone Passes

Mr. John E. Crone died at his home in Markdale on Monday, after an illness covering a period of years, at the age of 70 years. Mr. Crone was one of the most highly respected men in Markdale and was very widely known through his long connection with the firm of F. T. Hill & Co. Everyone who has intimately known Mr. Crone will mourn his passing. His sympathetic nature and Christian attributes were apparent to all and "his good works do follow him." The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon, with interment in Markdale cemetery.

St. Johns' W.M.S.

The W. M. S. met in the school room of the United Church on Thursday of last week with Mrs. W. I. Henry in the chair and Mrs L. W Thom at the piano. Hymn "Oh Master let me walk with Thee" was sung and Mrs. J. Heard read a leaflet on "Friendship."

Mrs. F. W. Duncan gave a synopsis of Chapter 3 of the study book. Mrs W. J. Scott took the chair and called for the minutes of the last meeting which were read by the secretary, Mrs. C. Chapple. The following heralds were appointed. Mrs. J. Heard Temperance; Mrs. Cargo China; Mrs. J. S. McMillan, Japan; Mrs. Turney, Africa; Mrs. J. J. Thompson, India; Mrs. F. W. Duncan, Corea; Mrs. J. Wright, Trinidad; Mrs. Inkster, Canada. The Cor. Sec., Mrs W. Turney, read a very interesting letter from Mrs. Gauld, Formosa. Mrs. J. Wright supply sec. stated it would require $7.00 for material for the supply work and plans were made whereby the money would be raised for that purpose. It was suggested that Christmas cards could be used to make needle books with flannel in which needles could be fastened and these put in the bale when packed in the spring. The pageant netted the society $14.05.

Mrs. Cargo's groupe will be responsible for the next meeting. The Benediction closed the meeting.

Proton Wins The McDougall Trophy

PROTON 4, FLESHERTON 1

Monday night's hockey game took on much the same face as that of last Thursday evening, only in a reversed form with Proton taking the lead instead of Flesherton, and thus closing the Semi-Pro. league games for another year, with Proton winning the cup by 3 games out of four.

Both teams tried hard to win but it just seemed to be Flesherton's off night.

The first period closed as it opened, with no score on either sides ,but the second period saw Proton slam in 3 goals, L. Lyons shot from his own blue line and caught Ferris off guard followed by Acheson barging through the Flesherton defence and scoring on an open net. Then Lyons who seemed to be in good working order slashed in another to close the period with Proton 3, Flesherton 0.

The third period proved to be a more thrilling work out with Proton playing guard and Flesherton team playing 4 men up. Akitt, Flesherton's right defence managed to sneak one in only to be followed up by Acheson getting one for Proton. ending the last game of the series with a score of Proton 4 Flesherton 1.

Proton—goal, Blackburn; defence Hodgins and Lyons; forwards, R. White, R. Acheson, J. Bannon; alternates, G. Acheson, H. Sims, S. Lyons and E. Blackburn.

Flesherton—goal, Ferris; defence; Akitt and McKillop; forwards, Dargavel, Piper and Patton; alternates Johnson, Welton, Smith and Stuart.

Flesherton 4, Proton 0

Veiwed by the largest crowd in the Flesherton arena for more than four years the Flesherton Tigers flailed Proton Bears down to a 4—0 victory thus realeasing the strangle hold Proton had on the Tigers for the cup from last game.

Both teams played a clean game being held down by two referees Boyd of Flesherton and Beckler of Dundalk, as they handed out several penalties and clanged their bells for off sides and other troublesome scrambles.

As both teams stepped on the ice a great uproar was let loose, and the old arena rocked on its base. The Flesherton boys all decked out in new sweaters were determined not to disgrace there looks the first time they had them on, and the Proton boys were raring to get their hands on the old trophy that they thought was sure to come to them with this game and with both minds running along the same channel the bell clanged for the face off.

As the puck dropped to start the first period both teams became live wires, but Flesherton seemed to have the greatest voltage for during the period both Patton and Dargavel tickled the strings behind Blackburn and leaving Proton behind at the end of the first period with a 2—0 tally.

The second period just mocked the first and resulted in Smith Flesherton starring forward slamming in no less than two goals with the same puck and so the period ended still uneventful for the Proton Bears, but two up for the Flesherton Tigers, leaving the score at the end of the second period 4—0 in favour of the home boys.

The third period was nothing but a waste of wind and time for both and ended with the score still 4—0 for Flesherton. This leaves Flesherton with still a fighting chance at the end of the third game of the five, having won one and lost two with the fourth game to come.

The receipts of the game amounted to $36 50.

" My wife says that if I were to die she wo ld remain a widow."

"Evidently she thinks there's not another man in the world like you."

"On the contrary, she says she's afraid there may be, and that she'd get him."

Artemesia Coucil

The Council of the Township of Artemesia met at Council Chambers, Flesherton, on Monday the 11,inst.

All the members were present the Reeve in the Chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion adopted.

Communications presented and read were Ontario Temperance Federation with blank resolution regarding repeal of the beer and wine amendments to the Liquor Control Act. The secretary of The Municipal Association asking the Council to enroll as a memebr thereof. Grey County Educational Association regarding Medical examination in Public Schools these communications were laid on the table. Accounts presented and passed were; the Clerk Registering B. M. and D. 1934, $16.00, C. C Middlebro' legal services $7 .00, Municipal World Dog tags $12.40, and $19.90 for stationary, County Office Supply Co. Assessment Rolls $19.61. Accounts for direct relief aggregating $60.25, were ordered to be paid, claim and valuation for sheep killing from J. F. Jamieson $6.00.

The Collector was instructed to strike from his Roll $5.00, being statute labour returned in error against Alex Hergott. Pay sheet for work on roads was presented and payment ordered Div. 1, $1.65, Div. 3. $36.13, Div. 4, $112.00; refunds as follows were ordered Geo. Goodwill, $2.54, Geo. Cairns $2.00, Mrs. F. $2. 54, Geo. Cairns $2.00, Mrs. F. Lyons $1. 54.

The Council adjourned.

Good Herd Of Cattle

As fine a herd of fat cattle as one would care to lay eyes on was shipped from here on Saturday by Clayton Sprott of Badjeros. There were 32 in the lot, and it required four hours to drive them ten miles to town. A stock car was loaded at the local yards and the balance were taken to Toronto in Breadner's truck. Clayton is a good feeder and the condition of these cattle proved it, and quite a number of farmers and townspeople as well went up to the stock yards to admire the herd. We understand the cattle brought their owner 5¾c in Toronto. Clayton has ordered a carload of young cattle from Winnipeg, to arrive some time next week. He has been following his custom for some years past. The average weight of the bunch shipped on Saturday was 1165 pounds.—Dundalk Herald.

BARN LOSSES IN ONTARIO GREATLY REDUCED IN 1934 SAYS MARSHALL HEATON

E. P. Heaton, Ontario Fire Marshall, speaking at the annual convention of the agents of a fire insurance company, held in Toronto last week, made the following important statement regarding barn losses.

"There were 1,163 fires in 1931 with a total loss of $3,000,000 on which insurance companies had paid $2,300,000 or 76 per cent. of the losses reported. In 9134 there were only 582 barns burned with a loss of $1,000,000 on which insurance companies paid $807,000, or 80 per cent. of the total."

He left it with his audience to say why in three years there was a decrease to half the number of fires and about one third the total losses.

"I can safely say," he remarked 'that the Wawanesa Mutual, as a great farmers' company, through excellent management and a wonderful staff of agents, has had much to do with this improvement. You deserve great credit for stepping into this province a few years ago to improve a class of business that few companies want.'

A writer says men don't swear near as much as they used to. Maybe so, but we saw a man trying to crank a frozen car the other morning and he wasn't saying, "Tut, Tut."

Man—It's not safe to flirt with this dancer. Her husband's got a title.

Friend—Titles don't mean anything to me.

Man— Maybe. But he's got the heavyweight title.

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