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The real old Winter is with us now in all its glory. I have prepared for it with the finest stock of Overcoats ever shown in this town. Come in and see this fine range of Single and Double Breasted Ulsters with Convertible Collars. Every one of them is a masterpiece of the tailor's art. Everyone guaranteed to give satisfaction or you get your money back. Prices to suit everyone—\$7.50, \$9, \$12, \$15, \$18.

P. J. THOMPSON

## Holland Council.

The members elect on Monday, 15th Jan., pursuant to statutes, and each having made and subscribed the necessary declarations, the Council was organized. Reeve—William Hampton, Esq.; Deputy Reeve—A. G. Chisholm; Esq.; Councillors—Jas. McAvoy, Samuel Greenaway and George Davidson.

The standing committees for the year were appointed as follows: Finance—all the members; Roads and Bridges—Messrs. Hampton, Chisholm and Davidson; Printing & Supplies—Davidson, McAvoy and Greenaway; Messrs. R. T. McComb, Fred Smith, and 39 others petitioned Council to open sideroad 15, Con. 1, E.G.R., for light traffic and guarantee \$17.50 towards the expense. Mr. Davidson was authorized to expend \$50.00 for the

purpose and also superintend the expenditure of gratis money and work. The Reeve reported the sale of timber on con. 8, for \$6.50 which he paid over to Treasurer. The following officials were appointed for 1913:—John Armstrong, member of Board of Health; Dr. J. H. Bull, M. D. H. O., and James P. Hare, Secretary; Auditors—J. N. Perdue and Carson Price.

Road Commissioners—No. 1, A. G. Chisholm; No. 2, J. McAvoy; No. 3, Wm. Hampton; No. 4, G. S. Davidson; No. 5, S. Greenaway. Trustee Chatsworth Continuation School—John C. Baird. Sheep Valuators—Robt. Lougheed, David Connell, James Gillespie, James Allen, C. Farley. Assessor—M. R. Howey.

The Reeve and Deputy Reeve were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's surpluses and report at next meeting.

The Clerk was instructed to order seven copies of "The Municipal World" 1913 for Council and its officers.

Also to ask tenders from The Markdale Standard and The Chatsworth News for the Printing and supplies for 1913. Mr. Davidson was authorized to sell the timber on sideroad 15, also on con. 2, W.T.S.R.

A grant of \$10.00 was made to the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

The Ward appropriation for the year was fixed at \$150.00 each and Commissioners were empowered to expend a further amount of \$50.00 on the townline if found necessary.

Council meets again on Monday, 31st February.

James P. Hare, Clerk.

Not All Lovely

in the West

Alexander, Man., Jan. 28th, '13.

Editor Standard, Markdale.

Dear Sir,—

Enclosed you will find \$2.00, which you will kindly put to my credit on your books.

I am sorry that I let my subscription run so far behind, as we would not like to be without the Standard. We get letters from Markdale and surrounding country but we get lots of news out of the Standard about friends and acquaintances that otherwise we would never hear.

I see letters in the Standard from time to time from subscribers in the West but for the most part they have been more fortunate than I have been as I was completely laid up last summer but I am looking forward to a better crop next year.

Wishing the Standard and staff a most prosperous year, I remain,

Yours truly,  
Chas. R. Watson.

Grey County Has  
\$20,000 Deficit

Extraordinary Expenditure For Bridges Last Year Makes It Necessary for Council to Issue Debentures to Cover Deficit.

A matter of considerable interest is embodied in the County Treasurer's statement which was presented to the County Council last week. The latter states that in order to cover the deficit of 1912 it will be necessary to introduce a by-law to issue debentures to raise the sum of \$20,000 as this amount was paid over and above the estimates owing to principally the increased expenditure on bridges and on the administration of justice and on education. The Treasurer's letter is given herewith and speaks for itself.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Grey.

Gentlemen:—At the commencement of another year, I beg to draw your attention to our financial standing as it existed on the 31st day of December last.

The rate for the expenditure of 1913 was passed at \$86,416.37 but this did not include any appropriation for Bridge Expenditure. This amount (\$35,416.37) has been collected and all municipalities have paid their county rates in full. Out of this amount so collected the sum of \$20,322.49 has been paid to meet the deficit of 1912 caused by the extraordinary expenditure for the administration of Justice, and also for educational purposes, leaving only the sum of \$26,093.85 to meet the expenses of the present year. It will therefore be necessary to give the proposed by-law to raise \$20,000 by debenture issue, its first and second readings at the present session and its final consideration at the coming June session so that I may be placed on funds to overcome the shortage of 1912.

As no amount was provided in the rate struck for 1913 for Bridge expenditure, therefore whatever its expenditure may be, it will have to be added to my estimates for 1914 to be presented at the next June session.

I have the honor to be, gentle-

men, Your obedient servant,

S. J. Parker, Treasurer.

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## OWEN SOUND

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It is within the power of this County Council, I would earnestly bespeak that a strenuous effort be put forth (if at all possible) to secure railway communication between Owen Sound and the Town of Meaford and thereby facilitate proper transportation accommodation as between the eastern and western portion of this county. Steely should the aforesaid city and town combine with the strength of the whole county in a joint and determined effort to put forth in this behalf, this long-felt want of ours could be secured.

In conclusion, I respectfully solicit your best co-operation and assistance in transacting the business of the County.

Yours sincerely,

W. A. Mearns, Warden.

JAN. 29, 1913.

INCREASED CROP THREE-FOLD.

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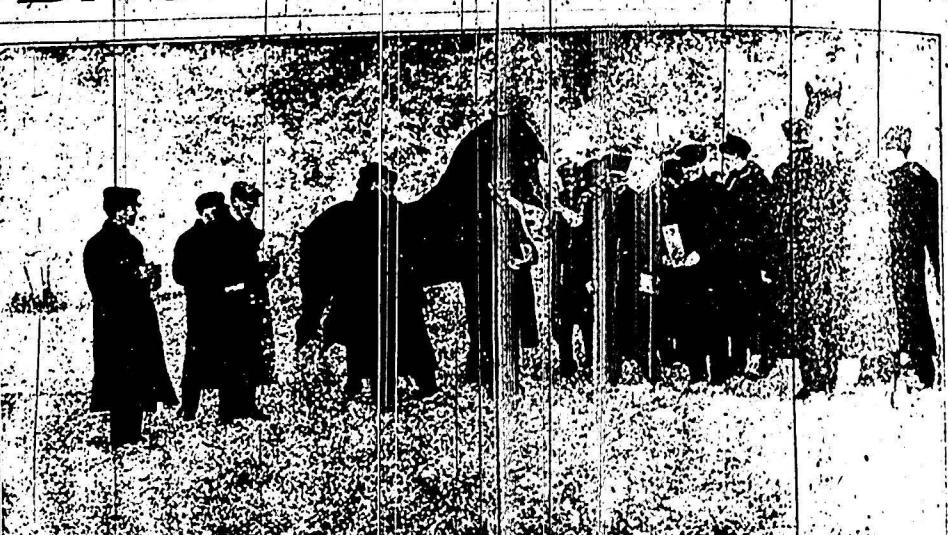
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H. G. DUFF and C.