

BORN.
—John ——, son of Mr. and Mrs. John ——, Feb. 1st.
MARRIED.
—William ——, of Guelph, on Monday,
February 1st, Miss Mary —— daughter of James
Valley, now of Waldron, N.Y.
DIED.
—Mrs. ——, at Guelph, on Friday, February 1st,
Peter —— aged 68 years.
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EDITORIAL NOTES

Since the end of December thirty-two persons have been fined under the fruit marks set for illegal marking and packing of apples. Information had been laid by the Inspectors of the Department of Agriculture. Of these persons, twenty-five were from the Province of Ontario, four from the Province of Nova Scotia, and three from the Province of Quebec.

At the Dominion Alliance Convention in Toronto last week, the question of granting Licences to Club Houses in or near the boundary lines of Local Option municipalities was freely discussed. It was stated quite emphatically that the policy of the Government was strongly opposed to granting any such license, and there is no probability of any club licenses being granted in any such localities.

Temperance people have no reason for being depressed at the attitude of Sir James Whitney. He is frank in his expression of conviction that more than a simple majority is requisite in the matter of local option if the best interests are to be served. In view of the many protests made against the three-fifths requirement, it is possible that Sir James may be compelled to reduce the handicap. Every step in advance in temperance legislation should be welcomed, and we cannot but think that a reduction of the required percentage, say from sixty to fifty-five percent, would be a step in the right direction.—Canadian Herald.

The annual convention of the Dominion Alliance held in Toronto last week was the most representative and largely attended for years. The proceedings were of a highly interesting character and showed very conclusively that there is a strong and widespread sentiment among the people of the province in favour of temperance. There were numerous inspiring addresses, and many questions of interest to the localities proposing to submit Local Option, and to those where Local Option comes into force on the first of May, were discussed and valuable hints and suggestions given. There will in all probability be a larger number of municipalities to vote on Local Option next January, than there was this year.

MUZZLE ALL DOGS BY SATURDAY

By-Law Passed in Accordance With Action of Provincial and Provincial Parliaments

PENALTIES FROM \$6.00 TO \$50.00

Promptly upon receipt of notification from the Department of Agriculture Reeve Hyndland called a special meeting of the Council, on Monday evening, when a stringent by-law to prevent dogs running at large within the municipality, without being properly muzzled, was passed.

The by-law provides that no dog shall be permitted to run at large, either accompanied or unaccompanied by its owner, without being properly muzzled with a metallic muzzle in conformity with the regulations issued by the Department of Agriculture, and to the satisfaction of the Sanitary Inspector.

The by-law comes into force on Saturday, 26th inst., and any dog found at large after that date, for which no owner can be found, is to be taken by the Sanitary Inspector and destroyed.

The penalty for infraction of the by-law is not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00.

The regulations of the Provincial and Dominion Parliaments having placed the enforcement of such matters in the hands of the Board of Health, the local Board met after the passage of the by-law by the Council and assented to the duties under proper resolution.

The Board of Health has therefore issued notice to the public, under the signature of T. Gamble, chairman, calling upon all citizens to comply with the by-law, and instructing the Sanitary Inspector and Constables to see that it is strictly enforced.

FIRST CARNIVAL OF THE SEASON

Large Attendance of a Merry Lot of Costumers and Skaters

The carnival on Monday night was the first of the winter and was quite successful. Although there was not a large number in costume, it was quite evident from the large crowd of spectators that interest was not lacking in the affair. The costumes were quite varied and representative, and included those of the little folk as well as the bigger ones. The prizes were awarded as follows:

1. Best Lady Skater in Costume—Hazel Mason.
2. Best Gentleman Skater in Costume—Gordon Hayman.
3. Best Couple Skated—Miss Jenny and Mr. Lawrence Williams.
4. Best Costume representing any Nationality—Mr. A. Morgan—French Officer.

5. Best Costumed Couple—Mrs. E. Johnstone and Mr. Gordon Hayman—Valentine and Turk.

6. Harrel Race—boys under 16—Adam Hildenbrand.

7. Best Fancy Skater—Will Taylor.
8. 15 Lap Race—Open to Members of Halton-Pool League—J. O. Clark.

Mr. W. J. Patterson, manager of the rink, expects to hold another carnival early next week, when it is hoped, the success of Monday night will be equaled.

FOUNDRY WANTS A LOCATION

Branch of American Business to be Opened in Canada

FIREBROAD WANTS NEW HOME

A meeting of the Council was held on Tuesday evening. All the members were present, Reeve Hyndland in chair.

The Committee on Finance passed the following accounts:

	\$117.15
Lake Erie Coal Co., Inc.	25.10
W. D. Anderson, teaming coal	20.00
J. Crawford, running dynamo	10.00
Hamilton Bagging Packing Co.	10.21
N. H. Hurst, working	11.11
W. D. Smith, feeding tramps	4.31
V. A. Anderson, working	3.00
W. McGehee, working at cent	3.00
O. G. Spight, rent polling booth	3.00
W. D. Smith, stationery and Municipal World supplies	1.00
G. McMillan, work	1.05
T. H. Easton, working	1.05
W. McGehee, work at cent	1.05

The report was adopted.

Information was received by members of the Council that W. E. Sampson, a manufacturer of foresees and shovels, was looking for a location for a branch foundry and machine shop in Canada.

Councilman Drews, interviewed Mr. Sampson in Guelph. His firm desires a loan of \$25,000 repayable in annual instalments of \$1,000. Will employ 30 hands first year, 50 the second and 75 the third. Wages of employees will average 35 to 50 cents per hour.

Full particulars were to be forwarded to Councillor Brown, but on Wednesday he received a letter from Mr. Sampson stating that his partner had opened negotiations with another town in the meantime, and while these were under way he could not afford to continue negotiations with Acton.

The Chief of the Fire Brigade requested the Council to list the supplies necessary for the year. These included another \$500 feet of hose.

It was reported that Engineer Hurst had repaired the defective suction hose so that it is now as good as new. Council then adjourned.

HOMES OBSERVATIONS

The high cost of living has become a much discussed topic in the press. Of course, it has long been deeply considered where it is most felt—in the homes of the average wage-earner. So acute has the matter become that the Ontario Government is proposing to increase the salaries of Government employees—Sir James Whitney declaring last week that the proposed increase in the cost of living will affect the wages of men with families.

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