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Reeve McIntyre Warden

At the first meeting of County Council for 1925, held at Milton yesterday, Reeve Donald McIntyre of Georgetown was elected Warden of Halton. He was the unanimous choice of the Council. Our citizens appreciate the honor conferred on our worthy Reeve.

Town Council

Council met on January 22nd with Mayor Dale in the chair, Reeve McIntyre and members of the Council all present.

A communication was read from Smith & Stone re their payments to the town.

Henry Corke addressed the Council re his payments to the town.

Moved by D. McIntyre, seconded by A. Duncan, that By-Law No.—to borrow the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars for the new current ordinary expenditure of the town for the year 1925 be now read a first time.—Carried.

Moved by W. H. Long, seconded by John D. Kelly, that By-Law No.—to borrow the sum of Forty Five Thousand Dollars for the new current ordinary expenditure for the year 1925 be now read a second and third times and finally passed and that the seal of the corporation be attached thereto.—Carried.

Moved by G. C. Campbell seconded by Wm. Ashburner, that the Clerk be instructed to advertise in the Norman eight page house for sale in the next two issues of the same.—Carried.

Moved by Wm. Barclay seconded by Wm. H. Long, that the Clerk be instructed to have H. G. Meir take action re Marshall-Hudson Mortgage.—Carried.

The Council adjourned.

High School Board

January 20, 1925.
Present F. R. Watson, chairman; E. Y. Barron, G. Kirk, H. L. Holt, A. B. Wilson.

Accounts passed:

G. M. Hendry.....	\$ 2 25
John Ford.....	20 00
D. J. Matthew.....	29 45
E. C. Thompson, insurance.....	229 00
W. T. Evans, insurance.....	97 87
W. W. Roe, insurance.....	92 87
F. R. Watson.....	8 85
N. Snyder.....	1 82
L. Y. Reid.....	8 45
J. W. Kennedy.....	8 85
Globe Furniture Co.....	189 25
Burden & Gouinlock.....	111 64

A communication was received from Miss Maud M. Peck, resigning from the staff.

The treasurer read his report for 1924.

A resolution was passed expressing sympathy with Miss Peck and the Board's appreciation of her services.

Annual Church Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation of St. George's Church was held in the Parish Hall on Monday evening, the Rector the Rev. P. Mayes, presiding. The various reports which were presented from the different departments of the Church's activities showed successful years work. The Rector reported a record number of communicants during the year and on Easter Day with an increased attendance during Lent and referred to the excellent work of the officials of the church in their different departments.

The Warden reported total receipts of \$1700.00 with \$1900.00 subscribed toward the Church Extension Fund and all apportionments and expenses met. Mr. R. McNally, Superintendent of the Sunday School reported an increased attendance with record giving to Missions and a faithful and devoted band of teachers. Mrs. Roe the Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary reported a most success-
ful year's work with receipts of \$480.00. The Daughters of the Church, St. George's Players, Choir, Chancery Guild, Junior Auxiliary, Girl Guides all reported a successful year's work.

Mrs. H. Corke and R. E. Edwards were appointed as Wardens. Mr. K. B. Edwards as Lay Delegate to the Synod, R. Corke as Venerable Clerk and the following as Board of Management. Mr. Elmer Thompson, Messrs. J. Prior, D. L. Herbert, W. P. Bradley, Bay Thompson and the Warden. The Sidesmen were re-elected with Mr. A. Norrington as Convenor. Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector and the various officials of the Church for their splendid work during the past year. The Rector was able to announce that during the past four years over \$18,500.00 had passed through the Church wadens accounts and congratulated the three officials concerned. Messrs. Corke, Crichton and Edwards upon the results of their efforts.

One Dollar a Pound for Tea Predicted Before Long
The tremendous increase in the popularity of tea as a beverage has been such that the producing countries have been unable to satisfy the demand. The price of tea has been steadily increasing for a number of years. Since, however, you can make from 250 to 300 cups of tea to the pound, even at the price of \$1.00 the cost per cup is only one-third of a cent.

Baptist Anniversary

Large Gatherings and Inspiring Sermons by Rev. J. L. Harton
Mark the Event.

Another milestone has been passed in the history of Georgetown-Baptist Church and the event was marked by largely attended services and inspiring sermons by Rev. J. L. Harton, B.A., on Sunday last.

At the evening service, after reading the 18th chapter of Corinthians, the speaker directed the thoughts of his hearers to "The power of the infinite love of God." The love of God in Christ Jesus is perpetual and undying and unites the hearts of men and women where education and science fail. Education, science, radio, etc., are wonderful blessings when used for the Glory of God. The great peace conferences of the powers at the Hague looked like a great achievement but failed to prevent war. Of everything man has conceived nothing ever met the need, save the infinite love of God. People do not take time to appreciate the love of God which is the most vital thing in life. The love of Jesus Christ is the power that makes life over and the tie that binds Christians together. It is God's greatest gift to a sinful world. What does it mean to you?

The special anthems by the choir and the organ voluntaries were features of the services. The solo by Miss Harton was especially appreciated.

Rev. Mr. Caldwell of the Methodist Church assisted at the evening service.

Norval

Norval Branch of the Women's Institute will hold their monthly meeting at the home of Miss McPherson, "Inverholme" Thursday, 6th of February. A paper on Nursing will be given by Catherine McPherson, R.N.

There will also be a good music programme. A cordial invitation is extended to all ladies to be present.

Norval Young People's Union met last Monday in the Methodist church. The program is a debate. Subject—"Resolved that the automobile has done more harm than good."

Correspondence

The following letter from Mr. J. W. L. Forster of Toronto, who spoke at the recent Anniversary at Norval, to Rev. Mr. Douglass will prove quite interesting to many of our readers:—

Dear Mr. Douglas.—

Thank you for the invitation to worship with the members of Norval congregation on Sunday 18th instant, on the occasion of their full anniversary as a Methodist Church.

The name, Norval, was given to the village by the first McNabb who settled in that vicinity. McNaibville was, I understand, only given in jest or compliment to the pioneer of its beginnings. His son, John and Harvey, I remember very well.

For many years an Anglican Church at the foot of the hill and a top supplied accommodation for worshippers. Service being held in the evenings, James Forster, my grandfather, gathered the few Methodists and others for service on Sabbath evenings in his own house in 1847. This house stood on the north side of the main street at that acute angle of the hill and about the present church. He being an ex-colonial preacher, the congregation increased until it was obliged to seek accommodation in the wooden school house on the top of the south hill.

A Methodist Circuit was organized at Georgetown in 1844, with several appointments where settlements made such services welcome. I have not been able to discover a circuit plan to indicate Norval's first appearance thereon.

The Rev. Wm. Phillip, the second appointed to Georgetown circuit in 1846 continued for three years. This makes possible the recognition of Norval on the Methodist official map in 1848. Under Mr. Willoughby's ministry, his successor in 1849, this recognition is more probable. He certainly ministered to this section of the circuit in 1851, for the Family Bible records my baptism by him in that year.

The Gooderham & Worts firm owned the mills, tannery and store at Norval. I have not been able to verify the date of the coming of James Gooderham to the charge of the mill and farm. He had a few years previously been enabled to purchase the new life-in-Christ.

The jut of this experience, which with him was deep and the touch, caused him to enter the ministry,

but fitness checked the prospect of this career so he made himself useful as a local preacher. He and my grandfather Forster became a very strong team in evangelistic work inaugurated in the village home. James Gooderham bought the lot on which the present church stands and built a brick church which now forms the basement school room under it. The mason engaged to build the foundation and Mr. Gooderham, together, rolled the large stone into place which Mr. Gooderham with prayer and the mason's trowel formally and duly laid as the corner stone of the House of God in this place. I do not know the exact date, but believe it was in 1851. I have a distinct recollection of James Gooderham's recital of details of the erection of the church. To his name the honor of the deed of the original Norval Methodist Church. I am told the members of the little society to which my father, Thomas Forster, be-

longed contributed a good amount of personal industry to the completion of the edifice and its appointments.

I can remember the candle clusters on the walls and the rounds of the sidesman to snuff them two or three times during service. The occasion of the installation of oil lamps was an event worthy of the repainting of the church interior, a church re-opening and a tea meeting to raise money to meet the cost.

The founders having moved away, my father, as the leader, Local Preacher Circuit, Steeple, Sunday School Superintendent, taught the good for its fires and leadership in most of its activities.

The influence of this church was positive. Migrants to the back settlements would be preyed upon and would return for the harvest month and bring to my father enthusiastic reports of new church centers established with rapturous warmth where they had located.

For a great many years, up to his leaving Norval in 1876, my father conducted an evening service but failed to prevent war.

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What I owe to this Norval Church and to the saints who worshipped here, for the spiritual impact that brought to me a life and an experience that can inadequately express in a hallored memory and an inspiration still.

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