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County Rate Reduced by One-Tenth Mill

Two Full-Time Provincial Constables to be Placed in Halton after August 1st—Late Judge Elliot Bequeathed Portion of his Law Library to Halton County.

Halton county council met in Milton on Tuesday, July 18th, at the court house. Following routine business at the morning session, council adjourned to pay a visit of inspection to the county gravel pits, also to inspect various country roads where pavement construction work is at present in progress.

At the afternoon session reports of the standing committees were considered by the whole, with Mr. Davis in the chair, and later passed by council. Moved by Mr. Byers, seconded by Mr. Allen, that leave be granted to introduce a by-law to levy a rate for the expenses of the county of Halton for the current financial year, and that same by-law be now read a first time. Carried. The above by-law, No. 729, was then given the required three readings and passed by council.

This by-law empowered council to raise the required money by 1/10th of a general rate of 1.40 and a levy of 2.01 mills for payment of debt, and also to coupon interest, said levies to be on the equalized assessment of the county. In addition one mill shall be levied for current expenses on county roads and collected from each municipality, being a total of four and five-tenths of a mill—reduction of one-tenth of a mill from 1938.

The following sums shall be collected from the various municipalities: Milton, \$1020.08; Nelson, \$4491.54; Esqueping, 1743.69; Trafalgar, 11869.20, making a total of \$19,124.51. In addition there shall be collected from the four townships the sum of \$43,169.94, representing the cost of high school education, as follows: Esqueping, \$9,907.90; Nassagaweya, \$4,130.44; Nelson, \$12,187.41; Trafalgar, \$16,944.09, an increase of approximately \$3,000 over last year, due to a greater number of students from these townships at present attending high schools in this county.

A communication from Milton high school ran in part as follows:—The following resolution was passed by the Milton high school board, and the members be appointed by the county council to the Milton High School board. Kindly take this matter up at your next council meeting.

As a result of this request it was moved by Mr. Irving, seconded by Mr. Allen, that the following be appointed to the Milton High School board for the years 1939-40-41 and 1939-40, respectively. Carried.

The following accounts were passed by the council: Hospitals, \$11,000; county buildings, \$474.56; printing, 198.21; agriculture, railways and legislation, \$494.30. Moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Allen, that a grant of \$125 be given to the Halton Mouldboard association. Carried.

Mr. T. F. Hutchinson, solicitor representing the executors of the estate of the late Judge Elliot, addressed the council with reference to a bequest contained in the will of John Wilson Elliot, late County Court Judge of the county of Halton, by which he bequeathed the portion of his law library located in the court house, in the town of Milton, to the council of the county of Halton, for the use of judges, magistrates and members of the legal profession for reference purposes, or in trials. These books were now presented to the council pursuant to the terms of the will.

It was moved by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Kerns, that this council accept the bequest of the late Judge Elliot, in presenting to the county council a number of legal volumes, and that the council be authorized to have the county stamp placed on them and arrange for their safe keeping. Also that a copy of the special paragraph in the will of the late Judge Elliot be forwarded to his Honour Judge Munro, present judge of the county of Halton.

The communication endorsed by Halton county council and which came from Ontario county, ran in part as follows:—

"Whereas the cost of administration made up a large percentage of our high taxes, the county of Ontario respectfully urge upon the Provincial government: 1, that such legislation be enacted as will bring about the abolition of the grand jury as a factor in our administration of justice; 2, that the panel of the petit jury be reduced from twelve to eight members; 3, that the number of jurors summoned be reduced from forty-eight to thirty-six."

A communication from the department of the attorney-general informed the council that a redistribution of provincial police would take place after August 1st, when two full-time provincial officers would be allocated to the county of Halton, and it was expected that proper provision of office convenience would be made for them in the court house at Milton.

The agricultural committee recommended their report that a grant of \$25 be given to J. E. Whitlock to help defray expenses for school fairs in the county. It also recommended that the following amounts be paid to the corn borer inspectors: John McOrrmack, Nelson, 144.75; R. L. Anderson, Nassagaweya, \$94.90; L. F. McEwen, \$154.53; W. Cameron, \$108.45. Mr. Gordon, chairman of the agricultural committee, made special mention of the efficient manner in which Mr. Campbell had carried out his work, and of the neat and fully furnished report, which he had sent in.

The meeting was adjourned.

EDITORIAL

Friends and business associates of the Editor of this newspaper, Mr. J. M. Moore, were indeed sorry to learn of his illness last week. While we had hoped to report Mr. Moore's condition greatly improved with this issue, we find there is not much change—but all hope for a speedy recovery. The many enquiries for Mr. Moore at this office have been appreciated, both by his family and business associates.

GOLF NEWS

On Saturday the club tournament for the Foulis Cup was played, with a low gross score of 81 for eighteen holes made by Eyrson Douglas, who was the winner of the cup. The runners-up were Bert Willoughby with 83 and Sam MacKenzie with 83. There have been the best scores this year and for the past few years the best scores for play for this cup.

Last night the winners for the mixed foursomes were Miss Hettie Lawson and Mr. Bob Carruthers. At this time a presentation was made to Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Smith, who are soon leaving for their new home at Hanover. On behalf of the lady members Mrs. Nodwell presented Mrs. Smith with a table lamp and on behalf of the men, Mr. Foulis presented Mr. Smith with a golf club. Refreshments were then served by the ladies and a game of bridge followed.

HALTON JUNIORS ANNUAL FIELD DAY DRAWS RECORD ATTENDANCE

The eighth annual field day of the Halton Juniors was held recently at Huttonville Park with between six and seven hundred in attendance.

The softball tournament brought out entries from Acton, Milton, Norval and Palermo in the Junior Farmer section, and from Acton, Norval and Palermo in the Junior Institute section. All of the games were keenly contested, with the championships being won by Milton in the Junior Farmer tournament and by Norval in the Institute section.

In the Inter-Club relay competition was again keen, with Acton Juniors securing the first honours in both the boys and girls divisions. The programme also included a number of novelty races which were won as follows: softball throwing, girls—Dorothy Church, Acton; kicking the shoe, girls—First, Anna Graham, Norval; soda biscuit race, boys—First, Russell Watson, Freeman; fifty yard dash, boys—Gordon Steen, Norval; plate race, couples—First, Anna Jackson, Harold MacIntyre, Acton; wheelbarrow race, couples—First, Grace Smith, Gordon Steen, Norval.

The event was brought to a successful conclusion with a dance in the evening to Norm Wilkinson's Orchestra of Hamilton.

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE SAILED FOR ENGLAND

Agriculture Minister Hon. P. M. Dewar sailed on Tuesday from Quebec for a six week visit to Great Britain which will combine a vacation and a study of the marketing of Ontario products in the Old Country.

Mr. Dewar will pay particular attention to the marketing of Ontario cheese, apples, bacon and beef. He will visit cattle and horse breeders in Scotland and England and study the co-operative movement in the two countries.

Mr. Dewar said that while the trip was mainly business, he would not charge any expenses to the government. He plans to return September 2nd. Provincial Secretary Harry C. Nixon will assume the agriculture portfolio in Mr. Dewar's absence.

McMULLIN—HERRINGTON WEDDING

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Corey Herrington, on Wednesday, July 19th, when their eldest daughter, Jean, and Mr. John McMullen of Acton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert McMullen of Sarnia, were joined in marriage by the Rev. Mr. Baxter, pastor of Georgetown Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed on the lawn under an arch of evergreens, wedding bells and coloured streamers. The bride given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of Queen's blue chiffon, with white accessories, and a corsage of pink Tulleman roses. She was attended by Miss Ethel Rickard, of Georgetown, dressed in biged chiffon with white accessories and a corsage of bronze Tulleman roses. The groom was attended by Mr. Wm. Darby of Acton.

The wedding took place in the presence of a large number of relatives and close friends of the bride and groom. Following the luncheon the happy couple left for a short honeymoon to Western Ontario. They will make their residence in Acton.

And then, again, there are people who are good because wickedness costs money.

Election Talk Still in News from Ottawa

Defence Purchasing Board and Central Mortgage Bank are Preparing to Be Business-Trade Treaties being Renewed with New Zealand and West Indies.

Ottawa, July 25th.—Talk of elections continues to stir the air at Ottawa, with observers indulging in the interesting but uncertain occupation of trying to decide how political winds are blowing, what chances this or that party has of increasing its membership, and what will be the approximate lineup in the next house of commons. However uncertain prospects may be, the discussions on elections are nevertheless a relief from the anxieties over affairs abroad, because whatever the severity and sometime bitterness that may attend an election, it is one of the great bulwarks of our democratic institutions. It is going to remain a constant around in regular course of the liberties we enjoy as a democracy.

From Toronto word came a short time ago that Premier Hepburn of Ontario will take no part in the next federal election. He is not going to make an election speech, he has already stated "that Ontario Legislators are perfectly free to take whatever action they please." Despatches from Quebec seem to show that in that province the National Union members will follow their own individual inclinations in the federal election campaign. Premier Duplessis has frequently stated that he is in the provincial not the federal field of politics. The idea current some months ago that the premiers of Ontario and Quebec might form a bloc in the federal field no longer credited by political observers, remains a distant possibility.

The defence purchasing board, the personnel of which was recently named, is getting rapidly down to business. Under the chairmanship of R. C. Vaughan, vice-president of the Canadian National Railways, the board has taken up office in the Parliament buildings, and is setting about gathering its office staff and studying the present situation of defence equipment contracts. It is quite clear that there will be no delay in getting the machinery of the board in working order. The board will make the best use of where more than five thousand dollars is involved, and will also look over the operation of other contracts which have already been let. In the estimates last session, \$3 million dollars were appropriated for national defence purposes.

On a floor of the new Bank of Canada building, the new central mortgage bank is also getting down to work. The board of this bank was appointed at the same time as the defence purchasing board. While, however, the board is not yet in full swing without much difficulty as in its main function it carries on and expands work already being done by the national defence department, the bank has a more complicated body to organize. It has to deal with the whole of Canada, and the bank's operations are important throughout the Dominion. An important forward step was taken a few days ago by the appointment of D. B. Mansur as general superintendent of the new bank's operations. He has been inspector of mortgages for the State Assurance Company. The general policy of the Bank of Canada, in the hands of the directorate, of which the governor and deputy governor of the Bank of Canada, and the deputy minister of finance are members with three other members recently appointed. An important duty of the new bank now before it is to get in working order the lending companies, insurance and trust companies as members of the bank. In cooperation with the bank, these companies will make their agreements with the mortgage debtors under contracts approved by the bank.

The members of the bank may get a little while in getting the appraisal machinery in working order, that is, the machinery which will help in one of the major aims of the bank, to get the whole mortgage structure of the country down to a position where mortgages will have over eighty per cent of the appraised value of the property and where farm mortgages will not bear interest higher than five per cent and urban mortgages over five and a half per cent. Many regulations will be issued, defining clearly the central mortgage bank, and getting the whole new mortgage system under full sail will take a little time, but it is expected that great strides will be made before the first of September. The object before the board, however, is to get everything in working order before the autumn payments of mortgages become due and then and thereafter the provisions of the new act will apply.

New Trade Treaties

Government officials are now engaged in preliminary steps for the renewal with whatever changes experience has shown to be needed, of our trade agreements with New Zealand and the West Indies. In the case of New Zealand there are new import regulations in that Dominion which will be discussed. The balance of trade with British West Indies, however, of a much more varied kind than imports, but the trade is closer to equilibrium. Imports in this case, however, are higher than exports, the figure for twelve months ending April of this year being thirteen and three quarter million dollars, while exports aggregated about 14 and a quarter million. These figures include not only the islands but British Honduras and British Guiana. The largest item of import is sugar. Other commodities imported include fruits, bananas and grapefruit, tea, rice, vegetables, rice, ginger and spices, cocoa, beans, and coffee.

In the NEWS of the Week

There is every indication that municipalities throughout Ontario will soon be cooperating with the Attorney General's department and the provincial police in a move to make travel on highways much more safe than it is now. Mounting casualties during the present season have focussed attention on the careless speeder and the driver who violates the common rules for safety. Demands are coming from all sections of the province that something be done to put a stop to deaths and injuries which have already reached huge proportions this year.

Attorney General Conant has announced what he intends to do. He is going to have more patrolling done by the provincial police on the highways. There is going to be stricter enforcement of the law. But Queen's Park foresees that the provincial police cannot remedy the situation by their own efforts; that the help of the various municipalities is going to be essential to get results.

One of the key factors in the situation is said to be a hesitancy on the part of some towns and communities to get after the tourists who tear through at sixty and seventy miles an hour. Because these people bring large sums of money into the communities they visit, there are several sections in Ontario where officials are reluctant to check them up rigidly, lest their municipalities get a reputation that will make these tourists take another route.

It may not be far wrong, however, to predict that these same municipalities will realize that tourist revenue is not nearly so important as the loss of human lives. Then will come the stricter enforcement of the highway act toward which Mr. Conant is looking.

Another interesting development in the trend towards encouraging more immigration to Canada is seen in the remarks of Sir Edward Beatty of the Canadian Pacific Railway made on the eve of his departure for home. The C.P.R. head declared he planned to urge Canadian authorities to make it easier for skilled workmen from Central Europe to gain access to Canada, providing at the same time for the protection of workers in this country.

Members of school boards in certain districts seem disposed to resent Premier Hepburn's latest scheme of federalism. He proposes to introduce at the next session of the Legislature a bill to limit school board expenditures and give civic councils authority to veto expenditures of these boards where they exceed a certain proportion of the tax rate.

Another signpost pointing to a general election is observed in the decision to spend \$2,000,000 to enlarge Toronto's post office. When the Conservative government was in power, they were not so generous to "Tory Toronto."

Jim Curran of the Soo Star has all along contended wolves will not attack human beings. Despite Curran's valiant championship of the harmless character of his pets, many remain sceptical. On the other hand, the view has long obtained that the brown bears of Ontario are not vicious and will run from, rather than after, man. To dispel this cherished illusion, three farmers in the Bancroft-Maynooth area declare that last week they had chased for nearly half a mile, by a full grown bear. The bear had a couple of cubs by its side when disturbed, but it is not said they engaged in the chase.

After a slow start, the tourist traffic from the United States to Canada has assumed normal proportions. Officialdom now believes that the figures for 1939 will exceed those of last year.

BALLINAFAD

Rev. and Mrs. A. O. W. Foreman are holidaying with friends in Muskoka. The service Sunday morning was under the auspices of the W.M.E.S. Mrs. J. F. Sutcliffe, formerly of Georgetown, but now of Toronto, had charge of the service and gave a very interesting and inspiring missionary address.

The members of the W.A. met for their July meeting at the home of Mrs. F. W. Shortill. The devotional exercises were taken by Mrs. R. McEnery. The roll call was answered with the naming of your first teacher and where you started to school, which proved most interesting. After the business period, Mrs. A. Street and Joanna Shortill conducted very enjoyable contests. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Mrs. J. Robson of Guelph is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. F. W. Shortill.

The Mission Band held their annual picnic on Monday afternoon at Mr. Alex. McKay's. The social time was very much enjoyed.

Miss Ellen McKay of Georgetown spent the week end with friends in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Felker and family of Litchford were Sunday visitors with Mrs. George McEwen.

Mr. Wm. McMullan has a stock of corn on display in his showroom, grown on the farm of Mr. Ward Roddell, Esqueping, which measures 10 ft. 9 in. in height. The corn is a remarkable height for this time of the year.

Mrs. Dann Badly Hurt in Motor Accident

CRASH OCCURRED ON NO. 7 HIGHWAY NEAR BRAMPTON

A bad motor accident took place on No. 7 Highway about a mile and a half west of Brampton on Saturday night last, when a car driven by Mrs. Gertrude Dann of Georgetown collided with one driven by Robert Gilbert of Toronto.

Mrs. Dann was the most seriously injured, suffering lacerations about the face and head, requiring many stitches. As no windows were broken in the car it is thought Mrs. Dann struck the rear-view mirror by the force of the impact when the cars collided. She was attended by Dr. H. H. Hetherington of Brampton and removed to Peel Memorial Hospital. Last reports are that she is recovering nicely and may be able to return to her home in a few days.

Also in the Dann car were Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Robb, Georgetown druggist, and Mrs. Robb's sister, Miss Atkin, who escaped with a bad shaking up and minor cuts and bruises.

Mrs. Dann and Mr. and Mrs. Robb were returning from a business trip to Brampton prior to going on vacation to Muskoka.

According to police, there were eight adults in Gilbert's light coach, yet all escaped serious injury when the car somersaulted into a deep ditch after the collision, suffering only minor lacerations and bruises.

Gilbert was charged with reckless driving by Traffic Officer Ray Hodgson of Brampton.

Plan to Spend Civic Holiday in Georgetown

There will be no need to go away from home on Civic Holiday week end, Aug. 5 - 8 - 7, in order to find entertainment. This year the Georgetown Lions Club are providing an outstanding week-end that will go down as one of the biggest attractions the club has yet undertaken. There will be two days of hilarious entertainment with the third day set aside as a day of remembrance, when a memorial service will be held in Greenwood Cemetery on Sunday afternoon. This service will take the form similar to the one held during the Centennial celebrations in 1937, and it is expected two bands will take part.

The Saturday previous will be headlined by a sports program and a mammoth garden party. Copper Cliff Midget baseball team is scheduled to take part in the sports program, while the parade of decorated bicycles, doll carriages and soap-box motor cars, etc., is expected to be one of the best in a long time. So boys get your "jalopy" ready and be in the parade. The garden program is filled with outstanding talent and will no doubt surpass the grand affair of last year in variety and colour. It will be a program you can't afford to miss.

On the holiday proper, Monday, Aug. 6th, another sports program and beauty contest will take place in the afternoon, with the grand musical pageant, depicting the aims and scope of Lomism being held in the evening, in which ten bands are expected to take part. Those who remember the pageant staged at the centennial will appreciate this fine type of program and will tell their friends. Both Saturday and Monday evening's performances will be climaxed by a dance in the drill hall.

But why are the Lions Club and everyone else taking such an interest to see that Georgetown will have a big week end of entertainment? It is not only the fact that they are providing this program for your enjoyment, but the proceeds (which they hope will exceed any previous attempt) are for CHILD WELFARE in Georgetown and surrounding community. So worthy is this service club of your support, that we appeal to all to help the Lions to help the underprivileged by attending at least some part of these attractions.

Fire Protection to be Given in Trafalgar Township Water Area

UNTIL RATEPAYERS VOTE ON ACCEPTING OAKVILLE'S OFFER OF ANNUAL PROTECTION FOR \$1600

An offer by Oakville Council to provide fire protection to the Trafalgar Township water area for an annual fee of \$1,600 was approved last week by a special fire committee of that district.

The committee, however, felt that no new agreement should be made with Oakville Council for fire protection until residents of the Linbrook fire area have an opportunity to vote on the question. If the ratepayers adopt the recommendations of the committee, a ten-year agreement will be made with Oakville.

Until the vote is taken the committee asks that the present protection agreement be continued. This calls for farmers of Linbrook to pay Oakville Fire Department \$10 for every alarm sent in, as well as a fee to cover the cost of fighting the fire.

The motion to have Oakville give protection on a yearly fee was passed by a vote of 15 - 11. An amendment to have Linbrook fire committee look after its own fires and discontinue any agreement with Oakville was defeated by the narrow margin of 13 - 12.

The committee, which has been estimating the cost of buying its equipment or taking protection from Oakville, was composed of Rev. J. A. M. Bell, principal of Appleby School, Christie Armstrong and Gordon Leaver. The committee spokesman at the meeting was Rev. Mr. Bell. The committee outlined the cost of purchasing the necessary equipment and also the cost per year of maintenance, as follows: Equipment, \$9,235; cost of maintenance, including interest on debtments necessary to buy equipment, \$2,988.

Answering a question as to how this \$1,600 would be paid Mr. Bell said there would probably be an assessment on all burnable property in the fire area who wanted to come in, of about 3 1/2 mills, which would mean \$7 added to the taxes. Value of property in the county, in water area, and others desiring protection was given as \$344,000 and \$39,000 respectively. The Appleby School figure was given separately as about \$40,000.

At this point Mr. Bell moved that the Oakville offer be accepted. Noel Eaton seconded. The motion was then thrown open to discussion.

"I'm going to offer an amendment to Mr. Bell's motion," said Alec Phillips, "that we turn down Oakville's offer and act as a water commission and do as we deem best." Following a long argument as to whether the amendment was in order Chairman Tom Pickett ruled that it was. Put to a vote, the amendment was defeated by 13 to 12. Mr. Bell's motion of acceptance of the Oakville terms was passed by the meeting by 15 to 11.

"If we have to wait for Trafalgar to give us protection and get equipment, we'll have to wait a long time," said Col. W. G. McKendrick.

Formerly Oakville did fire protection for those who paid \$10 per year, in the township. This fee guaranteed that the brigade would go, but the cost of going to and fighting the fire was borne by the property owner having the fire.

The new plan is that Oakville will go to township fires for \$1,600 a year; the cost of fighting the fire to be extra.

CORRESPONDENTS WANTED

The Herald is desirous of obtaining Country Correspondents at all points not represented at the present time. Kindly apply early and paper and stamped envelopes will be supplied to you at once. If you desire news from your district, please use that year district is represented as now.

IS IT NOT NEEDED?

We understand that the County Council is delaying the projected parking work on some parts of the connecting links through Georgetown, which is a portion of the pavement to be laid later this year from the 7th Line through the town to Church and Main Streets, the link from Queen St., along King St. to Glen Williams is to be laid over.

The laying of pavement on King St. to Glen Williams is very urgent, as the condition of this roadway is in a terrible state of repair. Although the street has been oiled recently, this does not take care of the large holes and ruts in the surface.

It is hoped that the County Council will see fit to pave this connecting link in the future, or may yet reconsider and do it this year, as Georgetown motorists have had a long siege of bad roads, and would be glad of the pavement.

THE BEST WHEAT CROP IN YEARS

Halton county's fall wheat crop "is perhaps the best in years," according to the weekly crop report issued by the Ontario department of agriculture. "The crop is general, the sample excellent and harvesting is in full swing," the report stated.

Outsets of early oats and barley will commence this week, the department announces.

"As a result of the rainfall the latter part of June, prospects for spring grain have improved considerably, although the crop will be below normal in the lower half of the county," the report continues. "Additional rainfall is badly needed at the present time for pastures, corn and root crops and also by new seeds."

THE BLIND IN CANADA

Figures made available by the Canadian National Institute for the Blind after reports from the various divisions were received at the close of the fiscal year, March 31, 1939, showed that there were 1,896 more blind people registered on that date than in the corresponding date the year before. There were the names of 10,821 blind people on the register this year and 9,435 last year. The figures for both years by divisions are as follows:

Maritime Division	1,291	1,656
Quebec	2,748	3,196
Ontario	2,087	3,348
Central Western Div.	1,162	1,308
Western Division	1,177	1,215
Newfoundland	235	331

"The 'Mounties' are renowned far and wide as the police who 'always get their man.' Through over half a century of zealous, loyal service they have surrounded themselves with an aura of glamour and romance unequalled in the world. This reputation gathered even greater lustre earlier this year through the undaunted yet efficient manner in which they had secured our sovereignty during the Royal visit. These scarlet-coated riders of the plains will have an important role in the grandstand spectacle at the Canadian National Exhibition this year.