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## TAX RATE STAYS AT 46 MILLS

### Local Hockey Teams Tendered Banquet by Arena Board

To the Intermediates in Honor of their Winning the Group Championship—To the Juniors for their Fine Efforts this Past Winter—Col. Ballantine, Chairman of the Evening.

It was a jovial "gang" that assembled at the Hotel McGibbon on Thursday evening last for the complimentary banquet tendered to Georgetown's Intermediate and Junior Hockey teams by the Arena Board. Hockey players, hockey fans and others turned out in goodly numbers to do justice to an excellent chicken supper provided by the Arena Board in appreciation of the success gained by the local teams and the fine co-operation existing between the Club and the Board. Not since 1922 has there been such a "clannish" assemblage of Arena Board members and hockey players, and this points to an even better understanding between the two bodies in future seasons.

Flowerly speeches of a congratulatory nature and reminiscence of by-gone hockey days were the main features of the program, with Col. Jas. Ballantine, in his usual witty and happy manner, as master of ceremonies. Most of the addresses were of an impromptu nature, and as "Charlie" Burnside would say "nobody came prepared but him."

Mayor Joseph Gibbons was first to offer his congratulations to the Intermediate Hockey team for the outstanding success that they achieved in winning their group honours and continuing still further in the O.H.A. playdowns; and to the Junior team for the fine showing they made considering the handicaps they unfortunately ran into. Mayor Gibbons cited the hard work and efforts of public-minded men back in 1922, who conceived the idea for one of the best arenas erected in this part of Ontario, and said that hockey players and citizens generally, both now and in the years to come, would not forget the initiative put forth by these men. "If it had not been for these men, we would not have been backing a championship team here tonight," Mayor Gibbons said. While the Arena Board has come in for much criticism in the past, he wondered if the critics could have handled the management of this company as well. He said he hoped the fine co-operation would continue to exist between the Board and the teams, and congratulated the boys on the honours they brought this winter both to themselves and the town.

Other speakers included: "Ernie" Thompson, manager of the Intermediate Club for two or three previous seasons and a member of the executive; "Nat" Silver, popular president of the Georgetown hockey club and manager of the Junior team, who gave an interesting and detailed report of affairs concerning the club; Mr. L. G. Bell, an interested fan; G. "Mac" McGilvray, who has digested sport through these columns for nearly nine or ten years; Mr. G. W. McInnes, an interested citizen; Harold Cleave, reeve of Georgetown and one of our hockey "greats" of a few seasons ago; Frank Petch and Ernie Feller, two hockey fans that do not miss many games; Charlie Burnside, who said "his university education was neglected when he was a boy, and therefore he was not able to deliver such an eloquent address as Col. Ballantine and Mayor Gibbons, but that his mother had always warned him to go prepared." At this point he actively demonstrated his preparedness. "Ted" Erwin, president of the Arena Board; E. V. King, manager of the Arena; W. H. Kentner and Jas. Gray.

Mr. W. V. Grant, who was secretary treasurer of the first Arena Board and active in the organization of shareholders, was the next speaker of the evening. Mr. Grant outlined the events leading up to and the building of the Arena back in 1921-22. He showed, that how through the efforts of a few public-spirited men, a vacant lot, known as Buck's sand-pile, was changed into a winter playground for the youth of Georgetown by the erection of one of the finest and most up-to-date arenas in Ontario. Those who took an active part in the establishing of the Arena were the late Sam Nevin, Reeve Hartwell and Jas. Buck; Le Roy Dale, K.C., who was mayor at that time, Ed. McWhirter, W. H. Kentner and the speaker.

Mr. Norman was the contractor for the Arena, which was to cost \$15,000 and when completed cost \$35,000. Work was started in September or October of the year 1921 and the building completed during the fall and winter months. The speaker suggested that the Corporation retire the debenture debt against the Arena so that the arena could get out of the red after eighteen years with a shareholder probably pay dividends to the money subscribers, who have not, as yet, received any returns on their money.

Mr. Grant also gave a sketch of the early hockey, and said the game was played as far back as the time of the Romans. It was known as ground hockey and played with a sheepskin crook 200 years ago the Dutch played the game on ice, while still later ground hockey was played mostly by girls in England. In the late 70's

### Fair Board Held Meeting

COMMITTEES DETAILED TO REVISE PRIZE LIST

At a meeting of the Esqueping Agricultural Society executive held last Wednesday evening, plans were made for the revising the prize list for the 1940 exhibition. From the enthusiasm shown by the members at this meeting it augurs well for the support that they will give in planning a wider and more up-to-date list for this year's event.

Any special displays or programs will be welcomed by the Fair Board and additional prizes provided.

It was stated at the meeting that it was believed that Georgetown fair was undoubtedly the best show held in the county last year. Although the attendance was not as large as expected, it is hoped that the citizens will start now to get their exhibits ready and back this long established institution with even greater enthusiasm.

### LOCAL SINGERS WILL APPEAR IN U.S.A.

When the Grace Male Choir of Brampton, goes to Warren, Ohio, on May 11th, to compete in a musical festival, several local members of the Choir expect to make the trip.

Jack MacLaren, Bob Early, T. Warnes, and Roy Peck are the local members who belong to the choir's fine organization. It is also expected that Mr. T. S. Faram, director of the Georgetown Choral Society will accompany the Choir on its trip.

Hitler and Napoleon appear to have something in common — disastrous leadership at sea.

### Georgetown to Have a New Industry

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### Rev. Ross K. Cameron New Toronto Pastor

A former Georgetown boy, Rev. Ross K. Cameron was inducted as minister of Dovercourt Road Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on Thursday, April 25th.

A Worship Service was conducted by Rev. J. C. Innes of Knox Presbyterian Church of that city, after which Rev. Foreman related the steps leading to the call. Then Rev. R. C. McDermid, moderator of the Toronto Presbytery, inducted Mr. Cameron into the charge.

Dr. James Wilson addressed the minister and Rev. G. Bintlou, the con-



Rev. R. K. Cameron

A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Cameron is to be held today in the Dovercourt church.

After graduation from the University of Toronto and Knox College, Mr. Cameron served for several years at Rogers Memorial Presbyterian Church in Toronto. He has since been stationed at First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton. He also served for a time in the Streetsville Church.

His late father and mother resided in Georgetown for over 25 years, where he was pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church.

Marriage is a conquest, and divorce an inquest.

### ONTARIO BUSINESS SUMMARY

Following is the Ontario business summary as given by the Bank of Montreal:—

Retail trade has shown improvement over that of the previous month, but in the Easter season, owing to weather conditions, the heavy volume usually experienced did not materialize. Wholesale trade generally continues steady and well above the level of a year ago. Collections are fair to moderately good. In the manufacturing field, operations continue at the high level of the previous month. The heavy iron and steel mills are busy and war demands are keeping aircraft, machine tool plants and shipyards running at capacity and inducing expansion. Activity in agriculture and implement factories is reported to be almost double the level of a year ago and the motor manufacturing industry is considerably more active. Strong demand for automobile tires continues. Recent improvement in sales of rubber footwear is due principally to seasonal and domestic demand. Although some tanners have moderately curtailed output, the operations of shoe factories show little change from the month previous. Textile, woolen, hosiery and knitting mills are operating on full time, but some recent production has been curtailed. Paper and pulp industry newsprint production gained seasonally over last month's level. The flour-milling industry is experiencing substantially greater activity than last year. New construction projects are in satisfactory volume. Ore production for February totaled 252,406 ounces (\$8,834,210 U.S.) as compared with 229,852 ounces (\$8,044,820 U.S.) in February, 1939.

### Annual Report Peel - Halton Children's Aid Society

Detailed Report Given by Superintendent F. G. Thompson — Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year.

The annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society of the Counties of Peel and Halton was held in the Sunday School room of St. Paul's United Church, Milton, on the evening of April 24th, 1940. The President, Mr. Amos Mason of Acton, conducted the meeting which was opened with prayer by Rev. Canon Natfel of Milton. There was a good attendance of citizens from both Counties showing continued interest in the work.

Miss E. R. Anderson, Treasurer, submitted the financial statement, and the Superintendent, G. F. Thompson, reported on the field work of the Society.

The guest speaker of the evening, Mr. F. E. Mills, Director of the Toronto Children's Aid Society, also presented moving pictures of the Bolton Fresh Air Camp, which is situated in the County of Peel, and operated under the auspices of the Neighbourhood Workers' Association of Toronto. The pictures were most entertaining and instructive, showing what is being done in providing a holiday and a touch of country life for mothers and their families from the city.

Mr. Albert McBride, Warden of Peel County, spoke briefly, as well as Miss Oliver from the Hamilton Children's Aid Society.

The following officers were elected for the year 1940-41:—

Honorary Solicitors—W. I. Dick, K. C., Milton; A. G. Davis, K.C., Brampton.

President—J. J. Jamieson, Cooksville.

1st Vice-President—W. J. Abel, Brampton.

2nd Vice-President—Victor Hall, Hornby.

Hon. Secretary-Treasurer—George Harris, Burlington.

Secretary—G. F. Thompson, Milton.

Treasurer—Edna Anderson, Milton.

Executive—Mrs. R. L. Moseley, Brampton; Mrs. W. J. Hood, Brampton; E. D. Maguire, Clarkson; Miss Mildred Jarvis, Oakville; A. Mason, Acton; T. A. Hutchinson, Milton.

County Council representatives—Halton—Norman Gilbert, Bronte; A. Wilson, Georgetown; Peel—A. McBride, Terra Cotta; M. B. Thomson, Port Credit.

After the meeting light refreshments were served by the ladies of St. Paul's Evening Auxiliary, and a social hour spent together.

Following is the Superintendent's report as given at the annual meeting of the Society:—

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Another year has passed away and again it is my pleasure and duty to submit a report on the activities of the Society during the year ending March 31st, 1940. This is my eleventh report since taking over the work, and I believe, the twenty-sixth annual meeting since Children's Aid Societies were formed in the two Counties of Peel and Halton.

We little thought a year ago that our country was shortly to be at war, and one wonders what future changes may develop in our economic and social standards. Very shortly after the

### Georgetown Students Make Creditable Showing at Festival

Georgetown may well be proud of the showing made by its public and high school students at the Halton County Music Festival last Wednesday. Several medals, cups and shields were won by local groups in the competition.

Adjudicator G. R. Fenwick, Provincial Supervisor of Music was loud in his praise of the musical quality shown by the contestants, especially the work of rural students which has improved immensely since his adjudication two years ago.

A packed church at all performances was indicative of the interest aroused in Halton County. Several hundred attendants were turned away at both evening performances. Mrs. Wrigglesworth, Mrs. (Dr.) Paul and Mrs. Lambert were in charge of arrangements for the Festival and the time and effort expended by these ladies was greatly appreciated by the Festival Committee.

The ladies of the United Church also drew praise for the excellent meals and lunch counter which catered to the hungry out-of-towners on Thursday and Friday.

Following is the complete list of contestants:—

Class 13—Piano solo, 15 years and under, "Claire de Lune," MacDowell—1. Olive Jackshaw, Burlington, 80.

2. Flora Higgins, Milton, 79.

3. Betty Gibson, Acton, 77.

Betty Lankin, Oakville, 76; Joan Moulding, Oakville, 75; Margaret Beatty, Milton, 75; Ernest Oakes, Burlington, 74; Douglas Cole, Georgetown, 73.

Class 32—High School solos, girls under 18 "Lullaby," Mozart—1. Ariel Cleaver, Burlington, 82.

2. Eileen Joan Pickup, Oakville, 80.

3. Betty Paul, Georgetown, 79.

Pearl Fitzpence, Oakville, 78; Lois Merry, Milton, 77; Betty Sheppard, Burlington, 77; Margaret Ford, Milton, 74.

Class 39—High School double trio, unaccompanied, "A Celtic Lullaby," Robertson—1. Burlington H.S. (Mary Galloway) 81. Cup, donated by Burlington High School Board.

2. Milton H.S. (Mary Galloway) 80. Shield, donated by Oakville

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### Final Discussion at the Meeting Concerned the Paving of the Connecting Links, which was begun by County Council last year.

Moved by K. McDonald, seconded by T. R. Cave, that this Council express its appreciation to the County Council for the paving of a portion of the connecting links and last year, and earnestly request that they will continue the good work and pave the balance of the connecting links this year.—Carried.

Moved by the Mayor that this Council do now adjourn.

Members present: Mayor Gibbons, Reeve Cleave, Councillors Cripps, Costigan, Brown, Cave, McDonald, Mackenzie.

### T. WARNES CAME FIRST AT PEEL MUSICAL FESTIVAL

On Wednesday night, Mr. T. Warnes of Georgetown placed first in the lyric tenor class. His song selection was Schubert's Serenade, and he was awarded 80 points by the adjudicator, who was warm in his praise of "Mr. Warnes voice."

Friday night, the Georgetown Choral Society, under the direction of Mr. T. S. Faram won the cup in their class with a rating of 85%.

The Grace Male Choir also won the cup for winning the highest points of any entry in the Festival.

Although unsuccessful in the soprano solo for girls under 21, Miss Mary Feller made a creditable showing, and her teacher, Mr. Oapps, was well-pleased with her performance.

### FORMER GEORGETOWN MAN NOW WITH LOBNE SOOTS

Cecil "Tony" Stapleton, of Brampton, and formerly of Georgetown is now a member of the Lobne Soots Regt. of the C.A.S.P., having joined the regiment two weeks ago. "Tony," as he is familiarly known here, was, a few years ago an outstanding runner and gained honor for himself as a member of one of Brampton's Dominion championship lacrosse teams a few years ago.

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