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A meeting is being held in Old Council Chambers, Town Hall, Georgetown, on

TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 31st, at 8.30 p.m. for the formation of a Poultry Association.

Some twenty years ago, Georgetown had such an Association and the general feeling is that this should be revived as interest is very keen in this district. Some of the purposes of this Society would be educational lectures on the different phases of Poultry-keeping, judging competitions, culling demonstrations and good fellowship. All those interested in Poultry are asked to attend this meeting. . . . Please arrange to be there.

COUNTY ASSESSOR PLAN REVIEWED BY COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. E. V. Radbourne, County Assessor for the County of Grey, addressed Halton County Council at the regular meeting in Milton last Tuesday.

Mr. Radbourne was present at the invitation of Halton County Council to discuss with them a system of equalized assessment as adopted by Grey County and which Halton Council had considered might be suitable for Halton County.

Mr. Radbourne spoke of equalized assessment being, as a rule, a pretty tough proposition, and since there had been so many changes in recent years the Department of Municipal Affairs had decided to take a hand—not forcing but advising municipalities—trying to show them where it would be to their advantage to revise their equalized assessment.

Mr. Radbourne said that at one time Grey County had had an equalization forced on them and as a result agreed to appoint a county assessor. The assessed value of property at that time was determined mainly by scales value in the county. Following the equalization one municipality appealed and went to court. It was then the county realized that while a property might be considered fairly assessed according to prevailing prices, it was impossible to prove that value in a court of law.

Grey County then appealed to the Department of Municipal Affairs for advice and their present system of equalized assessment was the result. Mr. Radbourne said he realized there was bound to be a difference in assessment in different localities, but if all municipalities use the same basis from which to work this difficulty could be largely overcome.

Each assessor should have a yardstick, as it were, and the Department has offered considerable help among this line both in rural and urban centres by which the assessor may arrive at the actual value of property. Not only is it necessary for a county as a whole to have an equalized assessment but it is extremely advisable for all the counties in the province to have uniform assessment systems since the school grant is based entirely upon the county assessment.

Asked to specify the purpose of a county assessor Mr. Radbourne replied that one of his most important duties was to see that all municipal assessors used the same yardstick and the same basis from which to work.

"There are a lot of mistaken ideas about assessment" he went on to say, "raising an assessment does not necessarily mean an increase in cost to the taxpayer. The idea is not to increase assessment but to equalize it. If one man is not paying enough for his property then someone has to suffer for it. There are also many cases on record where taxpayers are actually assessed for property that no longer exists. A revised assessment would naturally detect and straighten out these discrepancies.

By this new county system local assessors would be provided with "appeal sheets" for every property owner, which, when properly filled in, would give complete and detailed information regarding his property, including the actual sale value. The assessed value would then be the percentage agreed upon throughout the county. Rural assessors would be required to classify farm land. There would also be a system of zoning. Land close to cities would naturally be of greater value than that further away and farms bordering provincial highways more than those on county roads.

The first step would be to appoint a county assessor who would have to be approved by the Department and his work should be considered as a full time job.

The treasurer of Grey County, Mr. Mercer, who accompanied Mr. Radbourne corroborated Mr. Radbourne's remarks and further stated that their present system of equalized assessment in Grey County was certainly a real system.

Acting upon a motion by the council it was agreed that \$12 should be paid Mr. Radbourne for his expenses. It was agreed that the matter of the equalized assessment be discussed by each municipality prior to the next county council session at which, it was agreed, a by-law should be prepared for the purpose of appointing a County Assessor.

Other business transacted by the council as follows.

Accounts passed for payment were, Finance \$2,208.75; Printing \$34.05; Agriculture and Reformation \$126.82; Hospital \$733.75; Total \$3,068.65.

It was moved by Mr. Craig, seconded by Mrs. Peitt, that the agricultural committee be authorized to purchase certain properties for reforestation, two of which are on option, involving 150 acres and one other for transplanting.—Carried.

Committee fees amounting to \$86.40 to members of the School Health Nurse Unit were passed for payment. And in regard to the school nurse, the Chairman, Mr. J. M. McDonald, said that the supervisor of school nurse units was at present away but as soon as she returns arrangements would be made for her to meet and address the county committee.

All members were present at the council meeting with the exception of the reeve and deputy-reeve of Trafalgar. Mr. C. H. Hillier occupied the chair in Committee of the whole. Council adjourned until their next meeting on November 14.

SPECIAL SPEAKER AND PRESENTATION AT BAPTIST THANKOFFERING MEETING

Rev. John Kaczowka, of Toronto, a Polish missionary, addressed the Thank-offering meeting of the Baptist Mission Circle last Tuesday evening. His inspiring message was "Nothing impossible with God." He gave instances of how prayers had been answered and challenged his hearers to more faith and more belief in the Lord.

After Mrs. Arthur Reeve, president of the Mission Circle, thanked Rev. Kaczowka for his excellent talk, a social time was held in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wood, who will be moving to Toronto as soon as a house becomes available. Rev. Ostrom on behalf of the Baptist congregation presented Mr. Wood with a Scofield Reference Bible. He expressed the regret of the church at the Wood's departure.

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