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YOUR INCOME TAX

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There was a good attendance at the Epworth League social on Saturday evening. A musical programme was given, also a debate on "Resolved that Canada is of more benefit to Great Britain than India." The affirmative was upheld by Miss Iva Downey, Miss Marguerite Bailey and Miss May Leggott, while the speakers for the negative were Wellington Graham, Miss Beatrice Priest and Miss Annie Rumble. A great many points were brought out on both sides, and the judges, Rev. S. R. Robinson, Miss Carey and Mr. T. McCormack gave their decision as a tie. Refreshments were served at the close.

The committee of management have purchased a new Wilks piano for use in the Methodist Sabbath School.

A large number of young people were entertained last Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Robson. The evening was pleasantly spent with games and music.

The Old And New Way

By ELDER H. R. HEISE,

Mr. Editor, If you will allow me a little space in your valuable paper, I will give your readers a little of my recollections of a life of three score and eight years. I was raised on the farm now owned by L. B. Heise, Victoria Square. Sixty years ago there was fifty acres of the farm of 125 acres cleared and under cultivation, the balance was heavily timbered with Beech, Maple and pine. My father would usually have about 6 men cutting sawlogs and chopping cord wood all winter. In the spring those men would burn the brush, after the larger chips had been drawn off for fuel. Then with wooden hand rakes the smaller chips would be raked into heaps, and I with a fire shovel would carry coal from one to another and burn them. The men would then plant it with potatoes for themselves. In the fall that land would be sowed with Fall wheat and dragged with a brush harrow. In the spring there would be clover and timothy seed sowed on the wheat and left in meadow for about eight years, when the hard wood stumps would be rotten enough to burn out. Then a gang of men would dig around the pine stumps, cutting every root, and then pull them with a lever machine. The stumps would be turned one unto another and burned until they were small enough to draw off and put into a fence. The land was then ready for cultivation. It would either be plowed in the fall or spring and the grain sowed broadcast and harrowed in. The field that was intended for barley, if fall plowed, would be ribbed in the spring with a one horse ribbing plow into harrow seams, then sowed. When haying time came the men would shoulder their scythes and go to the new land and mow down the grass. The next day it would be shook out, and when dry one man would commence a winnow by gathering in the hay the length of his fork. Another man would follow him and do the same and I would follow with a hand rake and gather up the fragments, and when we came back on the other side we would have one row done. It would be about lunch time. When the harvest commenced the grain would be cut on the stumpy fields with a cradle, and on the cleared fields with a new Canadian reaper built by Patterson Bros. My father would engage Peter Boynton of Dollar and his Brother William to do the cutting. They would cut eight acres in half a day; we would drive and the other would stand in a rack behind, and throw it off in sheaves. A man would be placed at each corner of the field, and a fifth one to commence on the second round to do the binding, and when the cutting was done the binding was done. Of course they put in more than eight hours a day then. Now as soon as Easter is past we hear the tractors humming over the fields with the cultivator whirling after them. Suddenly we hear a commotion in the air and looking up we see a machine going through the air. In the evening after milking his cows and separating the cream the farmer gets out his car and takes wife and family out for a run. When haying time comes he gets out his mower and cuts down a few acres. Then gets out the tedder and shakes it up then hitches to his side delivery rakes and puts it into winrows then hitches to his wagon and has the hay loader following to put it onto the wagon and drives to the barn, and with the hay fork takes the load off in a few minutes. When harvest time comes he hitches to his binder and with one active man he soon has his field in stocks. Who would wish to go back to pioneer days?

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Village Council

The Council met in the Clerk's office on April 7, 1921. Present the Reeve and Councillors, Hill, Lunan, and Batty. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The following communications were read from Mr. H. Morden asking for the loan of 12 rifles, for a short time, for the senior cadet corps. From Mr. Y. B. Tracy, asking the use of the skating rink for Tuxis Boys practice, from E. Norman and W. W. La Chance re erection of skating rinks from the Municipal Hydro Electric Association and the Ontario Municipal Association.

Mr. H. Moyle was present and addressed the Council on behalf of the subject noted in the Municipal Hydro Electric Communication which was laid on the table.

On motion it was decided to join the Ontario Municipal Association for the year with the clerk as delegate.

That Mr. Tracy's request for the use of the rink be granted.

That Mr. Morden's request for the loan of rifles be granted, he to give a guarantee for their safe keeping.

The Auditor's report was presented and on motion was adopted and the clerk was instructed to have 100 copies printed for distribution.

A by-law No. 305 to appoint a solicitor was given its several readings and passed.

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