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The County Rates.

To the Editor of THE CHRONICLE.
 DEAR SIR,—I understand that a number of people are filing fault with the present County Council for allowing the county rate to be increased this year, to a larger sum than last year. In fact, I have been asked this question several times, and for the purpose of making the matter plain to the ratepayers of the several municipalities of the county, I have considered it only fair to place the state of the financial condition of the county at the end of 1896 before the public. And as I was a member of the council of 1896 and 1897, I should certainly know the facts of the case. I would say at the outset that all the reeves and deputy reeves who sat in the council of 1896 could have plainly explained the matter to the ratepayers of the municipalities if they had taken the trouble to do so, as they knew perfectly well at the December session of 1896 that there was a deficit of \$4960, and in the face of this the Council voted an additional liability of a grant to the volunteer of the 31st battalion of \$999, making a total of \$5959, which deficit was left as a legacy for the present Council, and for which every member of the previous council was responsible. And to make the evidence of my statements indisputable I will publish herewith a letter from S. J. PARKER, Esq., County Treasurer, which was handed the Warden and was read in open council during the December session of 1896. I trust this statement of the facts will enable to place the blame for increasing the county rate where it belongs and not charge the present Council with putting the burden upon them as an act of their own. C. E. SING.

County Treasurer's Office,
 Owen Sound, Ont., Nov. 30, 1896.
 To the Warden and Council of the County of Grey:

GENTLEMEN,—In view of the probable request at the present session for further grants, I deem it necessary to draw your attention to the state of our finances at the present time.

For several years my estimates have received more or less pruning, and that without a corresponding diminution of the expenditure, resulting in a gradual over-lapping of our accounts, so that the rate provided for one year has been encroached upon to meet the deficit of the previous year. To day we have in the banks and on hand \$1105, and expect in a few days \$840 from the Ontario government on account of criminal justice expenditure for 3rd quarter of 1896. Our probable payments for the month of December, under every head, will aggregate the sum of \$905, leaving an unprovided balance of \$190, which must be met out of the rate provided for the expenditure of 1897. Any grants your council may make this session will increase the deficit by the amount of said grants.

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
 (Sgd.) S. J. PARKER,
 Co. Treasurer.

*Note—At the December session of 1896 the County Council made a grant of \$999 to the 31st Battalion, which, added to the Treasurer, of \$4960, would make the deficit \$5959.

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the letter of County Treasurer to the County Council at December session 1896.
 JNO. RUTHERFORD,
 County Clerk.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL AND EXPERIMENTAL UNION.

The program is to hand of the next annual meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and experimental Union, to be held at the Agricultural College, Guelph on the 8th 9th and 10th of December.

We notice that reports of the summary results of the year's co-operative experimental work in Horticulture, Agriculture, and Dairying will be presented and discussed at the meeting. In Agriculture alone, co-operative experiments were conducted on 2,835 different farms throughout Ontario in 1897. These include tests with leguminous crops and mixed grain for green fodder; grasses and clover for hay; commercial fertilizers for corn and mangels; and with leading varieties of grain, potatoes, roots, and fodder crops. From the Horticultural section the results of the co-operative tests with leading varieties of strawberries, raspberries, currants, and gooseberries will be given. The committee appointed to look after the dairy work will report on uniform tests made in several cheese factories and creameries during the past summer. The results of all these experiments in the different branches of Agriculture should prove both profitable and interesting to those in attendance at the meeting. The work throughout impresses us as being of a practical nature, and worthy of careful study by those interested in Agriculture.

Addresses are to be delivered by Mr. Geo. McKerron, Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, Madison Wisconsin, on "Economic Feeding"; by Dr. Jas. Mills, President Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on "Some of the Advantages of the Ontario Fruit Experiment Stations to the Fruit Growers of Ontario"; by a number of ex-students of the Agricultural College on "Important

Features in connection With Successful Farming, Under Present Conditions"; also by C. C. James M. A., Deputy-Minister of Agriculture, Toronto; G. C. Creelman B. S. A., Cobourg; L. G. Jarvis, Agricultural College, Guelph, and others.

The Christmas Fat Stock and Poultry Show is to be held in the Victoria Rink, Guelph, on the 9th and 10th of December. An opportunity will be afforded to those in attendance at the Union meeting to visit the Fat Stock Show on the evening of Thursday Dec. the 9th.

Arrangements have been made with the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railway Companies, for excursion rates from Dec. 6th to 13th inclusive.

All persons desiring to attend the meeting of the Experimental Union should write to C. A. Zavitz, Sec., Agricultural College, for a program of the meeting, which gives full particulars regarding excursion rates on the railways, and other matters in connection with the meeting.

FLESHERTON.

On Thursday evening last a good sized audience assembled in the Methodist church when a pleasing entertainment was given under the auspices of the Mission Band of the church. Mrs. W. H. Thurston presided in an efficient manner. Collection in behalf of the Band's work \$5.00.

Mr. George Hawke, of Flesherton Station was summoned before Magistrate Van Dusen last week charged with parloining a dog belonging to the party of hunters from Toronto who have been the guests of Principal Tomlinson for some days. Mr. Hawke returned the dog, acknowledged his guilt and through his counsel secured a settlement of the case by paying \$14.75.

The Union Thanksgiving service in the Presbyterian church was fairly well attended. Pastor Darroch of the Baptist church preached an appropriate sermon. A collection was taken up in behalf of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Mr. Thos. Grainger has announced himself a candidate in the field for the Artemesia reeveship, and Mr. D. McTavish for councillor in this ward.

Thanksgiving holiday movements. Dr. Carter, C. Rumstedler, A. M. Gibson, W. W. Trimble, W. Barnhouse and M. Richardson visited

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Toronto; Miss Kline was in Dundalk; Miss Sullivan was at Orangeville; Mrs. A. M. Gilson and Miss Janet were at Owen Sound; Dr. E. K. Richardson was home from Toronto Junction and Charlie Munshaw from Owen Sound.

Mrs. Jas. Osborn of Nottawa is visiting her daughter Mrs. W. J. Bellamy.

Miss Cripps of Thornbury was the guest of Miss Flora Moore last week.

Messrs. Smith, Harding, Burgess and Neilson returned to the city on Friday after having bagged considerable game.

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Christmas Groceries.

300 lbs Fresh Walnuts, regular 20c lb, our price 15c lb.
 200 lbs Fresh Almonds (soft shell) reg. 20c, our price 15c lb.
 300 lbs Fresh Filberts (hazel) reg. 20c, our price 12 lb.
 600 lbs Fresh Candy, reg 10c lb, our price 5c lb.
 Fresh Figs, 6 lbs for 25c.
 New Stock of Fine Cream Candy in fancy one pound boxes, reg 35c lb, our price 25c lb.
 Choice Fresh Chocolates, 20c lb.
 Fresh ORANGES and LEMONS.
 2000 lbs New Japan Tea in 30 lb air tight Tin Packages, regular 30c lb, the package for \$6.50. A special Bargain.
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